




SPRING GARDEN EARRINGS®

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Technique: Circular peyote stitch

Materials:

- C=CALI 
- A=size 8/0 
- B= 4mm crystal (optional) 
- A few size 11/0 seed beads
- Ear-wires
- Beading thread of your choice
- Size 10 needles



Step 1 - Thread a needle with half a yard (around 20 inches or 45cm) of thread. String 10 beads: 1(A), 1(C), 1(A), 1(C), 1(A), 1(C), 1(A), 1(C), 1(A), 1(C) see Fig 1. Pass the needle through all the beads again and tie the ends into a circle with a square knot. Leave a tail of 2 inches (about 5cms). Come out of the C and go up through the middle hole of the same Cali bead (Fig 2).



Fig 1.

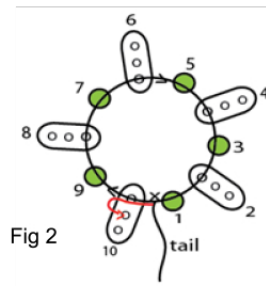


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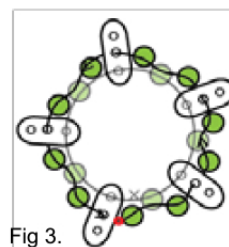


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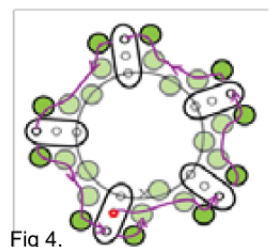


Fig 4.



Fig 5.

Step 2 - Coming out of the C bead (●) pick up an A bead and sew through the A bead from the circle, then pick up another A and sew through the middle hole of the C bead, keep adding 1A in peyote stitch until you have finished this round as shown in Fig 3. Then, coming out of the C bead (●) go through the 2A from the previous round; then string 1A and pass the needle through the top hole of the C bead. Pick up 1A sew through 2A, pick up 1A go through the C bead keep adding 1A at a time in peyote stitch until you have finished this round. See Fig. 4.

Step 3 - There are 2 ways to make the flowers: without the crystals or with the crystals.

Without the crystals: Coming out of the A bead (●) sew through 3A beads, then string 3A beads and sew through the next 4A beads; keep repeating adding 3A beads and going through the next 4 until you have finished this round. To make the earrings, finish the flower knot twice weave through a few beads until you get to the top of the middle size 8/0 bead and string 7 size 11/0 seed beads, string them through the hole of the earwire and sew through the size 8/0 bead, knot twice, weave through a few beads and cut excess thread. See Fig 6.

To make the earring with the crystals: Coming out of the A bead (●) pick a 1B and sew through the next 3A beads, then string 3A beads and sew through the next 1A bead, string 3A beads sew through the next A bead, add 1B, sew through the next A and keep repeating the sequence until you have finished this round. As shown in Fig 7. To make the earrings add the 7 size 11/0 seed as explained in previous step, the only difference is that I have knotted the thread twice.

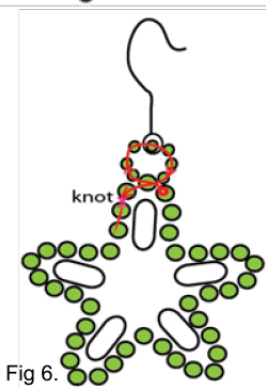


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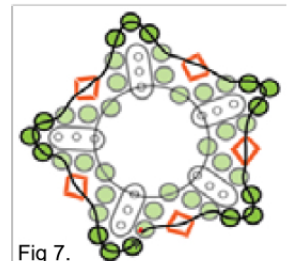


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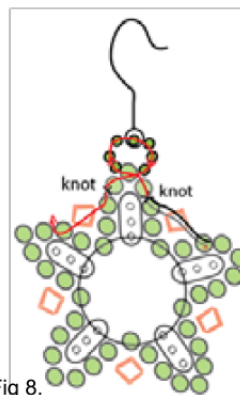


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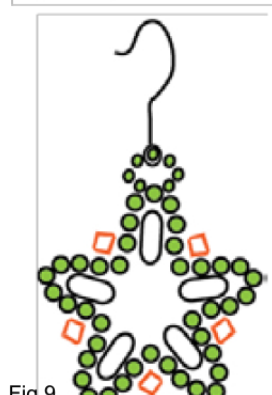


Fig 9.

through the next A bead, add 1B, sew through the next A and keep repeating the sequence until you have finished this round. As shown in Fig 7. To make the earrings add the 7 size 11/0 seed as explained in previous step, the only difference is that I have knotted the thread twice.