

VOURKOTI WAVELET EARRINGS

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Cymbal[™] VOURKOTI elements twinkle at the top of these delicate Wave bead earrings.

MATERIALS

60 size 11° seed beads 10 faceted microspacers 18 SuperDuos 20 Wave Beads 2 VOURKOTI Cymbal bead ends 2 ear wires Size 11 beading needle 6lb. Fireline[™] Scissors/Pliers

Skill level: Confident beginner and up
Technique(s): Stitching with 2-hole beads
Finished length: 1 ¼" (excluding the ear wire)



TIPS

- Check that all bead holes of multi-holed beads are clear before stitching.
- When stitching, use a firm but not overly tight tension so the beadwork does not cup or curl.

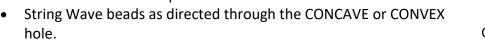




FIGURE 1

Step 1. Thread 24" of Fireline on a needle. String one 11° and one SuperDuo five times. Sew through all the beads again, and knot both threads leaving a short tail to weave in. Continue through one 11° and one SuperDuo away from the knot. Step up reversing direction through the top hole of the same SuperDuo.

FIGURE 2

Step 2. String one Wave bead (concave hole), one Wave (convex hole) and sew through the next SuperDuo. Repeat this step four more times. Sew through all the beads once more, exit the second Wave added and step up by reversing direction through the top of the same Wave.

FIGURE 3 (**NOTE:** The diagram is rotated to position the direction as the top of the earring.) **Step 3.** String a VOURKOTI end and sew through the following Wave.

Step 4. String one 11°, one microspacer, one 11° and sew through the next Wave. String one SuperDuo and sew through the next Wave.

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Step 5. Repeat Step 4 three more times. Sew through to exit the first microspacer added in this round.

FIGURE 4

Step 6. String three 11°s and sew again through the microspacer in the same thread direction to form a picot over the microspacer. Continue through the next five beads and exit the following microspacer.

Step 7. Repeat Step 6 four more times and exit the first picot 11° added in this round.

FIGURE 5

Step 8. Following the previous thread path, skip the middle 11° and sew through the next 11°, pulling thread tight to pop the middle 11° of the picot. Continue through the next five beads and exit the next picot 11°.

Step 9. Repeat Step 8 four more times to pop the center 11° of each picot. Secure the working thread within in the beadwork and trim the excess. If you have not done so already, secure and trim the tail thread.

Step 10. Insert an ear wire into the VOURKOTI loop.

Make a second earring!

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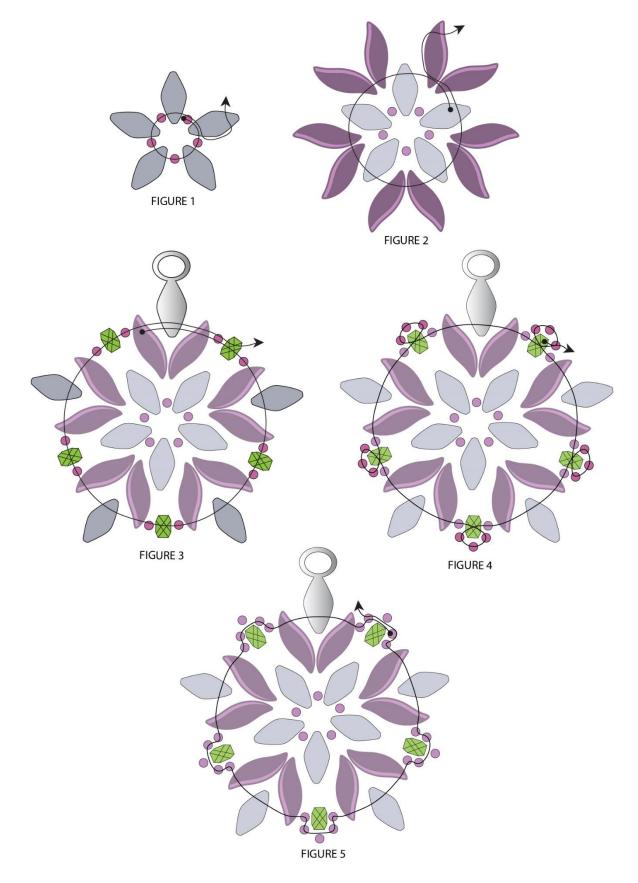
VOURKOTI WAVELET EARRINGS COLOR COMBOS

24kt gold plate – VOURKOTI Cymbal ends Duracoat galvanized gold – size 11° rounds Red luster – SuperDuos Chalk orange luster – Wave beads Full apricot – faceted microspacers Antique brass – VOURKOTI Cymbal ends Duracoat galvanized muscat – size 11° rounds Opaque beige – SuperDuos Violet rainbow – Wave beads Bronze pale gold – faceted microspacers

Antique silver – VOURKOTI Cymbal ends Duracoat galvanize silver – size 11° rounds CzechShield labrador – SuperDuos Chalk blue luster – Wave beads Chalk blue luster – faceted microspacers

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