



"Kashmir" earrings

Gorgeous, easy and fast to make earrings, inspired by patterns found on oriental textiles.



Material (for one pair of earrings)

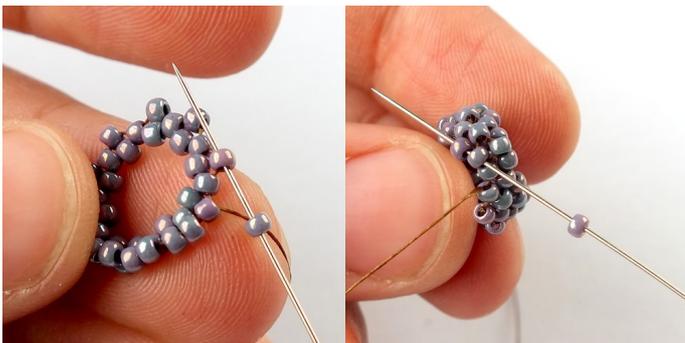
- Matubo Superduo (32 pcs)
- 15/0 Japanese seed beads (approx. 1 gram)
- 11/0 Japanese seed beads (approx. 2,5 grams)
- 3mm round beads (20 pcs)
- Matubo 8/0s (2 pcs)
- 8mm round glass beads (2 pcs)
- Beading needle and thread (Nymo, Fireline)

Difficulty: Intermediate



1) String 20 11/0s, slide them to the end of the thread and tie a square knot to form a circle.

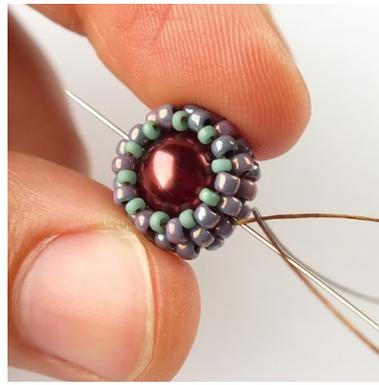
2) Add three rows of peyote stitch with 11/0s.



3) Then add one row of peyote stitch with 15/0s.



4) After the row is finished, weave through beads to get to the middle row of 11/0s (like shown in the picture).



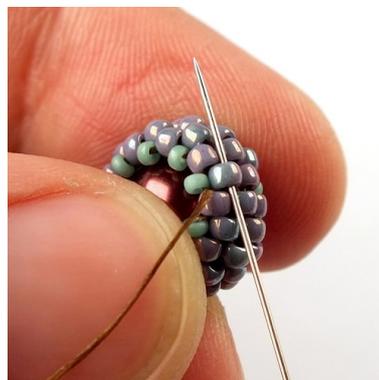
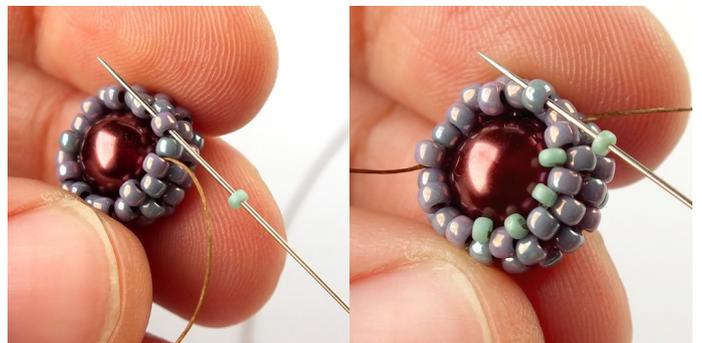
5) Put the 8mm bead inside. Align it so the hole faces the exact spot where the thread exits. Then pass through the 8mm bead.

Note: You'll get the best results with 8mm glass beads. Gemstone beads will work too and they look gorgeous, but be aware that they might slightly vary in shape and size and sometimes they won't fit into the bezel.



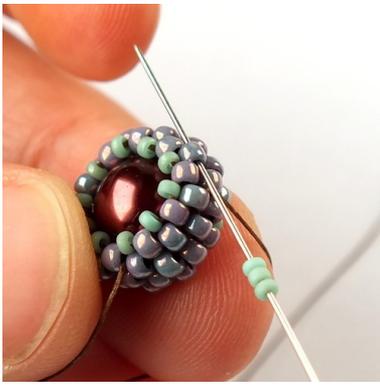
6) Then weave through beads to get to the other side

7) Then add one row of 15/0s to close the bezel.

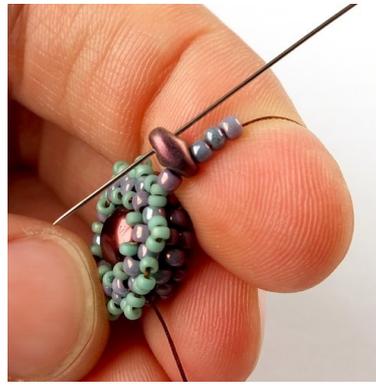


8) After the row is finished, go back to the 11/0s.

You can go to the second row (like I did in this tutorial) or you can do in the middle row (like I did with the green/orange earrings on the front page of the tutorial).



9) Add three 15/0s and pass through the next 11/0 in the same row.



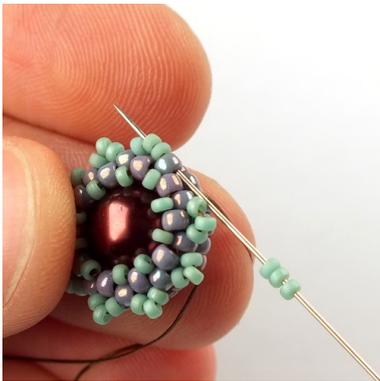
14) Pass back through the other hole of the new Superduo.



10) Repeat step 9, until you reach the end of the row.



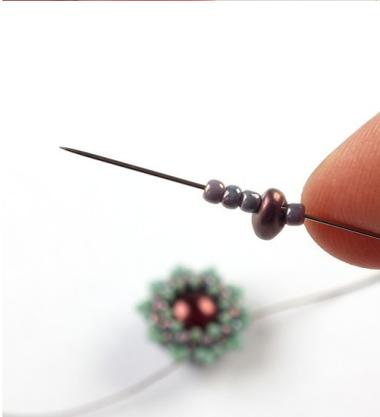
15) Add one 11/0 and pass through the "middle" 15/0 from the next group of three.



11) At the end of the row make the step-up by passing through the first two 15/0s you added (the thread should exit from the middle one).



16) Pull snug. You should get a "picot", like this.



12) Add one 11/0, one Superduo and three 11/0s ...

17) Repeat steps 12 - 15, until you reach the end of the row.



13) ... and let them slide down to the rest of an earring.



18) Now weave through the first picot - you want the thread to exit from the three 11/0s above the Superduo.

19) Add one 3mm round and pass through the three 11/0s on the top of the next picot (it's almost impossible to pass through them all at once, so you can do that "by parts", like shown in the pictures).



20) Repeat step 19, until you reach the end of the row.



21) At the end of the row make the step-up by passing through the first two 11/0s on the first picot (so the thread exits from the middle 11/0).



22) Add five Superduos and then pass through the middle 11/0 from the next picot.



23) Pull snug. The "fan" will form.

24) Add two 11/0s and then pass back through the upper hole of the last Superduo.



25) Add one 11/0 and then pass through the upper hole of the next Miniduo.

Repeat until you reach the end of the fan.



26) Now the thread exits from the upper hole of the last Superduo. Add two 11/0s and pass through the "middle" bead on the nearest picot (the same bead you exited from in step 21).



30) Add three 15/0s and pass through the next 11/0.

31) Add one 11/0, one Superduo, one 11/0, one 8/0 and one 11/0 ... slide all the beads down and then pass back through the upper hole of the new Superduo.



27) Now pass through the lower holes of all the five Superduos ...



28) ... through the next "middle" bead (the bead you exited from in the end of step 22) ...



32) Add one 11/0 and then pass through the next 11/0 on the "fan".



29) .. and then through the next two 11/0s (these from step 24), upper hole of the next Superduo and then through the next 11/0.



33) Add three 15/0s and pass through the next 11/0 (like in step 30).



34) Pass through the upper hole of the next Superduo and then through the next two 11/0s ...



35) ... and then go through the nearest 3mm round and continue by weaving through all the beads on the edge of the earring ... until you get back to the point where the fan begins ...



36) ... now you are exiting from the last 3mm round ...



37) ... and now continue by weaving through the last row of the "fan" ...



38) ... but when you get to the top, skip the 8/0 bead. Keep weaving until you get back to the point you started from in the step 35. Tie a few half-hitch knots and cut off all the remaining thread.



Repeat steps 1 - 38 to make the second earring. Use jump rings to attach an earring component of your choice.

