## ALEXANDRIA EARRINGS <br> by Leslie A. Pope

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Easy stash-buster earring project!
Skill level: Beginner and up
Techniques: Stitching with two-hole beads, using pliers
Finished length: 2.5 inches (excluding the ear wire)

## MATERIALS - for a pair of earrings

## 12 GemDuos

24 size $15^{\circ}$ seed beads
4 Cymbal Sykia GemDuo endings
4 Cymbal Plaka GemDuo bead substitutes
8 Cymbal Mitakas GemDuo sides
Pair of ear wires
2 size 5 mm open jump rings
12 " of small link chain
6 lb . Fireline
Size 11 beading needle
Scissors
Pliers/Wire Cutters (for jump rings and chain)

## DESIGNER TIPS:

Check all holes of any multi-hole beads to make sure the holes are clear before stitching.
Fig. 1. On $20^{\prime \prime}$ of Fireline, string a stop bead leaving a $4^{\prime \prime}$ tail. String a GemDuo, Sykia END, GemDuo and $15^{\circ}$. Sew back through the GemDuos and END.

Fig. 2. String a $15^{\circ}$ and sew back through the GemDuo. Sew out through the open hole of the same GemDuo. String a Mitakas SIDE (A) and $15^{\circ}$. Sew back through the SIDE and GemDuo. String a Plaka SUB (B) and sew through the next GemDuo. String a SIDE (C) and a $15^{\circ}$. Sew back through the GemDuo and the SUB (B). Reverse direction and sew through the open hole of the SUB.

Fig. 3. String a GemDuo (A) and sew through the SIDE (B). String a $15^{\circ}$ and sew back through the SIDE, GemDuo and SUB. String a GemDuo (C) and sew through the other SIDE (D). String a $15^{\circ}$ and sew back through the SIDE and GemDuo (D-C). Reverse direction and sew through the open hole of the GemDuo.

Repeat steps in Fig. 2 and 3 once more. The earring should have two GemDuo SUBs.
Fig. 4. String a $15^{\circ}(A)$ and sew back through the GemDuo. String an END (B) and sew through the next GemDuo. String a $15^{\circ}(\mathrm{C})$. Sew back through the GemDuo, END, GemDuo and $15^{\circ}$ (C-A). Repeat thread path once more (not illustrated).

Secure working thread and trim excess. Remove the stop bead, secure the tail thread and trim excess.
Use pliers to attach an ear wire to one END. Use wire cutters to cut chain into one-inch lengths. Use pliers to attach chain to a jump ring and link jump ring to the other END.

Repeat all steps above to complete the second earring.

## ALEXANDRIA EARRINGS ILLUSTRATIONS

Figure 1


Figure 2


Figure 3


Figure 4


