



SITIA DANGLE EARRINGS

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Elevate these classic peyote tube earrings with Cymbal Metal Elements and wire wrapped accent beads.

MATERIALS

- 1g size 11 Delicas
- 2 SITIA Cymbal™ endings
- 2 Ball head pins – 2" long (22 or 24 gauge)
- 6 Eye pins – 1 ½" or 2" long (22 or 24 gauge)
- 6 size 3mm accent beads (fire polish, pearls or rounds)
- Pair of ear wires
- 6 size 5mm open jump rings
- 6lb. Fireline
- Scissors
- Round- and chain-nose pliers
- Wire cutters



Skill level: Advanced beginner and up

Techniques to know: flat, even-count peyote, zip up connection, wire wrapping

Finished length: 2 ½" excluding the ear wire

TIPS

- Be careful not to skip any beads when retracing a thread path.
- The SITIA ending has a top loop and a bottom hole. The ending will be attached upside down (see illustration on the right).

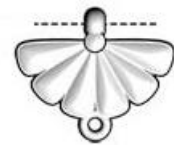


FIGURE 1 – PEYOTE STRIP

Step 1 (Rows 1 and 2). String a needle on 26" of thread and add a stop bead leaving a six-inch tail. String 24 Delicas.

Step 2 (Rows 3-8). Stitch 6 rows of flat peyote. Each row should have four beads across.

FIGURE 2 – PEYOTE TUBE

Step 3. Zip up the flat peyote beadwork into a tube. Stitch in a crisscross pattern through each protruding bead of Rows 1 and 8, i.e., bead 1 to bead 2; bead 2 to bead 3, etc. (bead numbers are designated in the diagram).

Step 4. After connecting the last bead, sew through the next bead in the tube. Secure the thread by sewing through the tube created following the established thread path until you reach the other end of the tube. Trim the excess thread. **NOTE:** You can add half-hitch knots if prefer, however, the thread should stay secure within the tube.

Step 5. Remove the stop bead from the tail, string on a needle, secure the thread as in Step 4 and trim the excess.

Step 6. Slide the peyote tube onto an eye pin, make a small, wrapped loop and trim any excess wire [Photo 1].

ACCENT DANGLES

Step 7. Slide one 3mm bead onto a head pin, use round-nose pliers to make a small, wrapped loop and use wire cutters trim excess wire [Photo 2]. Repeat this step two more times to make three dangles.

EARRING ASSEMBLY

Step 8. Use pliers to open a jump ring. Add the dangles to the open ring, attach the ring to the bottom loop of the tube (the eye pin simple loop) and close the jump ring [Photo 3].

NOTE: Before beginning Step 9, make sure that your SITIA ending is oriented in the position as shown in the Tips.

Step 9. Use pliers to open a jump ring. Attach the tube and the SITIA loop. Close the jump ring. Add a second jump ring to the SITIA hole and close the jump ring. Add an ear wire to the jump ring. [Photo 4]

Repeat all the steps above to complete a second earring.

DESIGN OPTIONS

- Make a longer peyote tube without adding dangles.
- Make a shorter peyote tube and use larger accent beads or more dangles



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SITIA DANGLE EARRINGS ILLUSTRATIONS by LESLIE A POPE

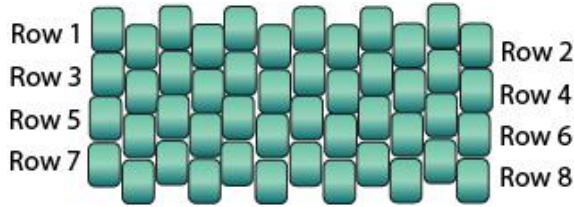


FIGURE 1

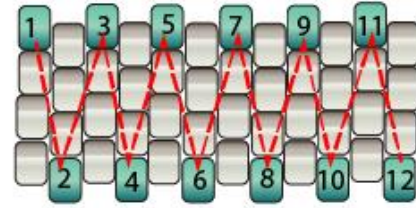


FIGURE 2



PHOTO 1



PHOTO 2



PHOTO 3



PHOTO 4

SITIA DANGLE EARRINGS COLORWAYS

SITIA bead ends – Antique silver
Light pinks mix – size 11 Delicas
Violet chalk luster – 3mm fire polish
Findings – Silver plate

SITIA bead ends – 24kt gold plate
Limeade mix – size 11 Delicas
Pastel olivine – 3mm fire polish
Findings – Gold plate