

HONEYCOMB EARRINGS

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SUPPLY LIST

- Size 11/0 Miyuki Delicas - Qty: 1g of each
 - Color A: DB-206, Salmon
 - Color B: DB-2138, Light Orchid
 - Color C: DB-1595, Matte Sea Opal
 - Color D: DB-1491, Pale Yellow
- 14mm Hexagon ring connectors - Qty: 4
- Wire guardians - Qty: 6
- Ear wires - 1 pair
- 6mm jump rings - Qty: 6
- Fireline beading thread, crystal
- One-G beading thread, pink

TOOLS

- Flush cutters
- Chain nose pliers
- Beading needle, size 10 or 11
- Thread burner (optional) or scissors

INTRODUCTION

In this tutorial we will guide you through embellishing honeycomb-shaped ring connectors with Delica beads and creating brick stitch bees and flowers to join together in spring-inspired dangle and drop earrings!

WATCH THE VIDEO

There is a YouTube video walking you through this tutorial at:

<https://youtu.be/WNMRyIlfKvk>



This step-by-step tutorial is accompanied by a how-to video guide, showing all the steps to complete stitching the earrings.

HOW TO EMBELLISH THE HONEYCOMB

For this part of the tutorial, work with the Delicas in solid-colored rows; eg. Ombré light to dark, or as desired.

Step 1. Start with 25 inches (64cm) of Fireline beading thread. Leaving a 3-inch tail, tie a double knot onto the component.

String an 11/0 Delica. Feed the tail thread up through the Delica and pull the working and tail thread apart to tighten the bead over the knot.

Pick up the next bead (new color). Pass behind the component, then come around the front and back up through the bead.

Repeat this twice more to brick stitch a total of four Delicas (in four different colors) onto the inside of the component.

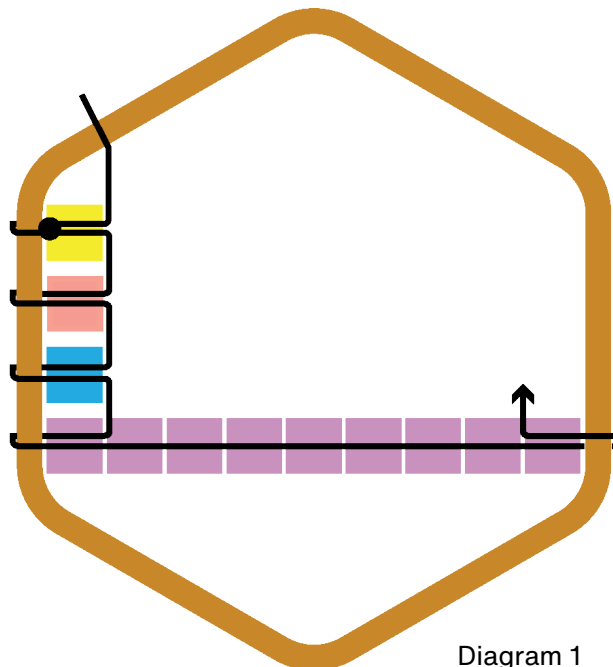


Diagram 1

Step 2. String eight Delica (matching the color to the bead in that row). Pass behind the opposite side of the component, then come around the front and back up through the 8th bead. See Diagram 1.

Step 3 - Rows 2 & 3

String another Delica (matching the color to the bead in that row). Pass behind the component and then come around the front and back up through the bead.

String seven Delicas (same color). Go through the opposite Delica on the other side.

Turn and pass through the Delica above. String eight Delicas. Pass behind the component, then come around the front and back up through the 8th bead. See Diagram 2.

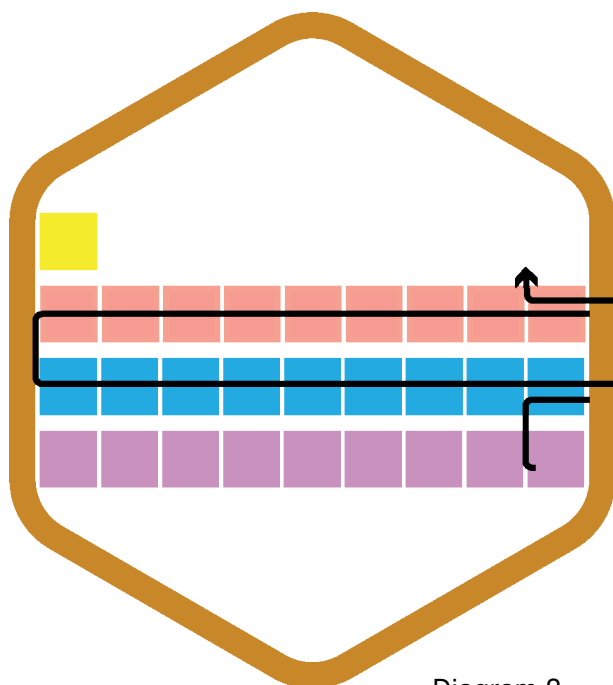


Diagram 2

Step 4. Brick stitch three more beads

Brick stitch one last Delica (matching the color to the bead in that row), then string seven Delicas and pass through the Delica on the opposite side. See Diagram 3.

Step 5. Secure the last row

Tie a knot with the tail thread. Weave back through the beads and trim the remaining thread.

Repeat Steps 1 through 5 to complete three more Honeycomb components.

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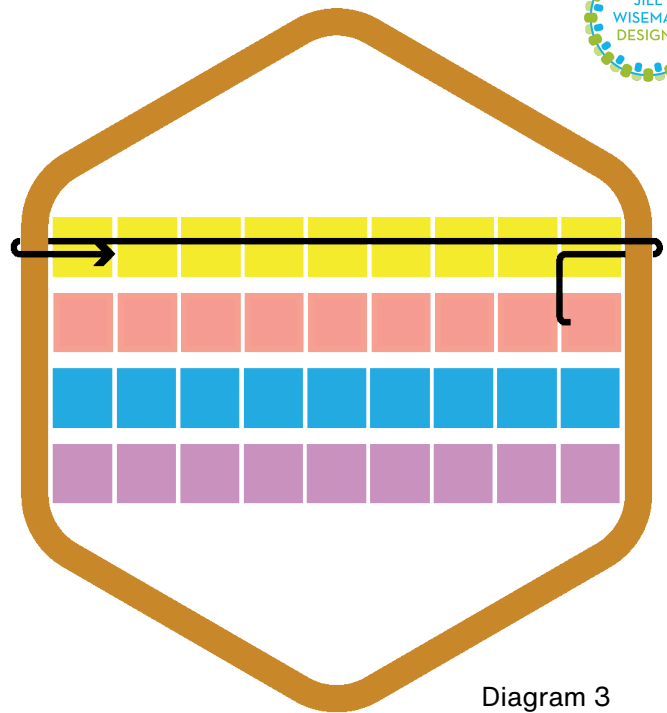


Diagram 3



Step 6. Creating the brick stitch components

For this section of the tutorial, work with this Delica legend.

- Color A: DB-206, Salmon
- Color B: DB-2138, Light Orchid
- Color C: DB-1596, Matte Sea Opal
- Color D: DB-1491, Pale Yellow

Start the bee with 50-inches (127cm) of One-G beading thread. Leave a 25-inch (64cm) tail. Work the rows identified between the bars using single-column peyote stitch.

The tulip can be worked with 35-inches (76cm) of One-G beading thread leaving a 15-inch (38cm) tail.

Step 7. Creating the brick stitch rows

Using brick stitch technique, work the rows above using the working thread. Use the tail thread to work the bottom half of the pattern.

Tip: In the video tutorial that accompanies this project, we walk you through creating the bee step-by-step.

We also have a detailed PDF illustration and earlier video project that shows brick stitch with a single-column peyote start in detail.

You can find that project here:

[Sugar Candy Earrings Project](#)

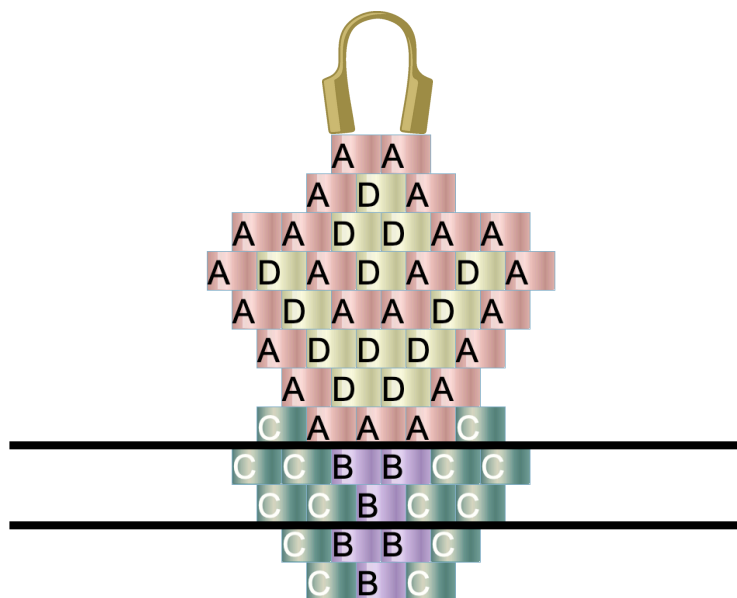
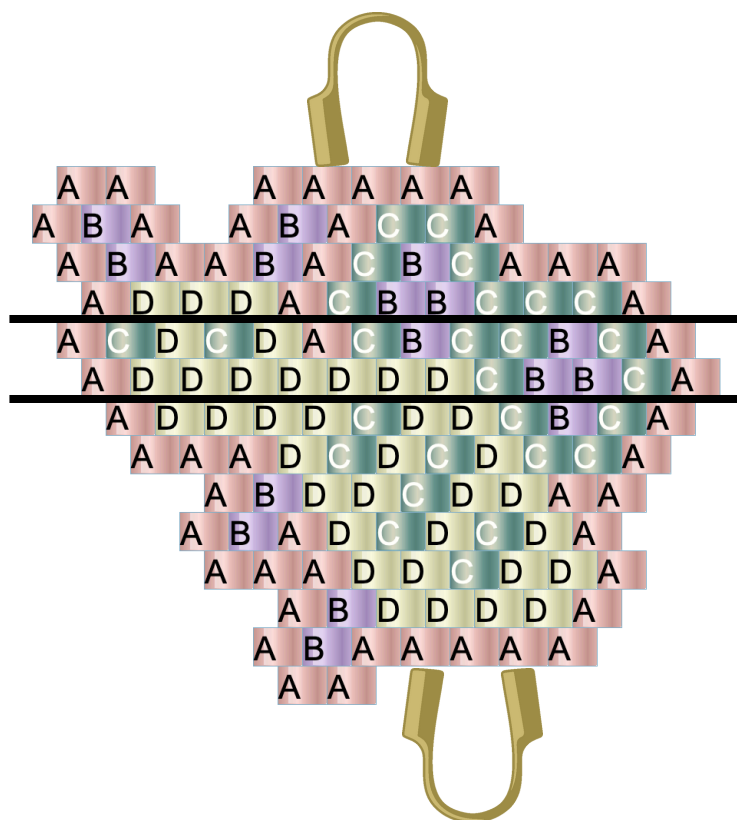
Step 8. Attaching wire guardians

On the bee, you can use the remaining thread to stitch on and reinforce the wire guardians in the positions indicated, or as desired.

Step 9. Linking together for dangle and drop

To link together your earring elements, open a 6mm jump ring and link the brick stitched pieces by the wire guardians to the honeycomb component. Attach an ear wire to the top component.

Enjoy the beautiful earrings you've created!





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