

MINI HOLIDAY WREATH EARRINGS



This super simple project uses easy beading techniques to create cute holiday earrings.

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We go back to basics for these simple yet fun earrings celebrating the season!

Use glass pearls and two sizes of seed beads to weave these wreaths. Choose festive colors and pops of winter berries and finish with a bow!



SUPPLY LIST

- 4mm pearls or druks - qty: 26
- 15/0 seed beads in wreath color - qty approx. 1g
- 11/0 seed beads in berry color - qty approx. 0.5g
- 15/0 seed beads in bow color - qty approx. 0.5g
- Ear wires
- Beading thread e.g. One-G, KO

TOOLS

- Size 11 or 12 beading needle
- Scissors
- Synthetic wax

WATCH THE VIDEO

You can follow the YouTube video where I walk you through the entire process here:

https://youtu.be/KizkB_H-oR4

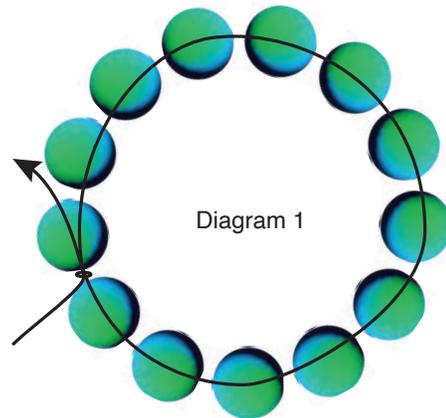


MAKING THE WREATH

STEP 1

Start with just over an armspan of thread (approx. 90-100cm/35 inches). It's possible to add in extra thread later, if you prefer to work with a slightly shorter thread (see the video for tips).

If you are using KO or One-G, then wax your thread well. Pick up 13 x 4mm pearls, leave a tail thread of approx. 10cm. Tie the ends in a knot and then reinforce by passing through all the beads again. See Diagram 1.

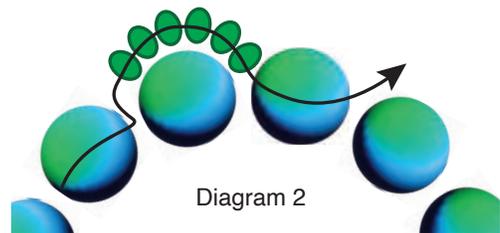


STEP 2

Pick up 5 or 6 x green/main color 15/0. Skip the next pearl in the ring and pass into the one after. See Diagram 2. Repeat around.

When you reach the beginning, repeat around again, this will add beads over the pearls you missed on the first round. See Diagram 3.

You can add another two rounds in this way, like I did. Or you can add even more for a more embellished wreath!



STEP 3

Now we will add the berries. These are done in a very freeform way. My suggested options are below - I used a mix of the two methods working around the wreath until I was happy with the result.

- Pass through to exit from the second or third seed beads in a group over a pearl. Pick up 1 x 11/0 red/accent color bead, pass into a 15/0 in a nearby group - See Diagram 4.
- Exit from a pearl, pick up 2 x 15/0, 1 x 11/0 (accent color) and 1 or 2 x 15/0, skip the next pearl and pass into the pearl after. See Diagram 5.

You want the berries to sit on one side of the wreath - this will be the front - or on the edge.

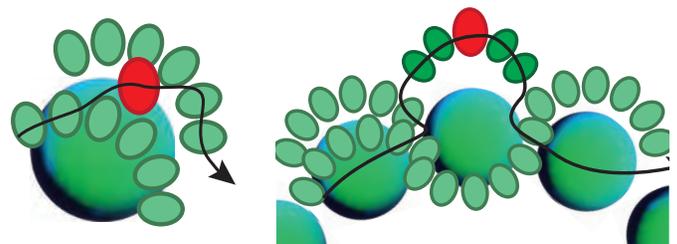
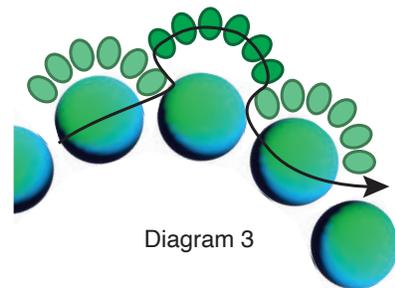


Diagram 4

Diagram 5

STEP 4

To create the bow, Exit from a pearl. Pick up 5 x 15/0 (bow color).

Note: the middle bead will have quite a few thread passes, if you are using Miyuki beads you may wish to use an 11/0 bead for the 3rd bead picked up or have a thinner needle to hand.

Pass through the pearl and then through the first 3 beads picked up. Ensure this loop of beads sits to the front of your wreath See Diagram 6.

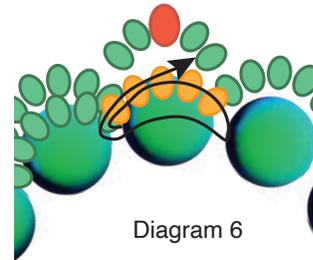


Diagram 6

STEP 5

Still working in the bow color, pick up 8 x 15/0, pass back through the central bead in the direction you just came - see Diagram 7.

Pick up 8 more 15/0 and repeat to create the other side of the bow. See Diagram 8.

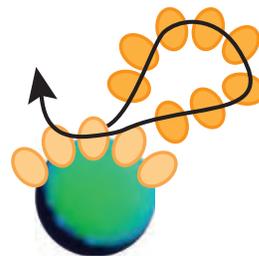


Diagram 7

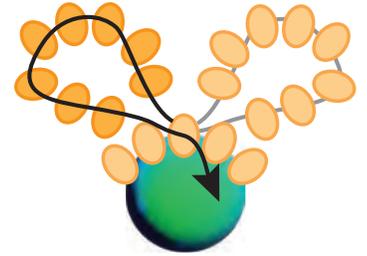


Diagram 8

STEP 6

Now pick up 6 or 7 x 15/0. Skipping the last bead picked up, pass back through the remaining new beads and through the central 15/0 beads, as in the previous steps.

Repeat this once more to create the second part of the ribbon. You can make this side the same length or one bead longer or shorter - it's up to you!

See Diagram 9.

STEP 7

To attach the earwire, weave through to exit from the pearl that the bow is attached to. Pick up 6 x 15/0 (main color) and your earwire - ensuring it is facing the right way.

Pass back into the pearl. See Diagram 10. You want this loop to sit comfortably on the top of the pearl.

Reinforce once or twice more, then you can weave your threads securely into the wreath and trim.

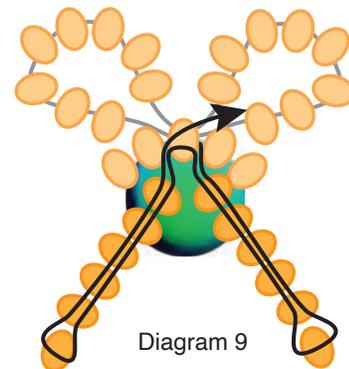


Diagram 9

STEP 8

Make a second wreath to match and your earrings are ready to wear!

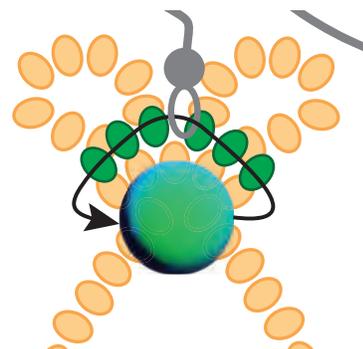


Diagram 10

DESIGN IDEAS

- Experiment with festive colors! Purple and silver, different shades of green or even all metallics!
- Go BIG! Why not scale up this project with 6mm pearls and size 11/0s and 8/0s for a matching pendant or tree ornament?

COLOR PALETTE 1 - TRADITIONAL

- 15/0 - Transparent Green AB 15-0179
- 11/0 - Silver-Lined Ruby 11-0011
- 15/0 - Duracoat Medium Gold 15-4202
- 4mm Czech glass pearls Iridescent Green



COLOR PALETTE 2 - GOLD

- 11/0 - Galvanized Yellow Gold 11-1053
- 8/0 - Duracoat Galvanised Silver 11-4201
- 11/0 - Duracoat Galvanised Purple Orchid 11-5108
- 6mm round glass beads, Aztec Gold





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