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# VALENTINE'S HEART EARRINGS



Celebrate love with these fun heart-shaped earrings  
made with brick stitch and Delica beads.

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**Let's use brick stitch and Delica beads to weave some fun patterned hearts!**

**I've created this project with three sizes of hearts, which we'll stitch together for some stylish statement earrings.**

**Make your earrings for some Valentine's flair - or wear them all year round! Have fun experimenting with different color variations!**



## SUPPLY LIST

- Size 11 Miyuki Delica beads in 4 or 5 colors, you'll need a 1-2g of each but exact quantities are included on page 6.
- 6 x 3mm or 4mm fire polish or bicone beads
- 2 x wire guards
- 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/z5Y1ngYV1uI>



## MAKING THE HEARTS

### STEP 1

Follow the charts to make two of each heart. Once complete, weave in your tail threads on each but leave your working threads attached.

I recommend using brick stitch as it makes the shaping easier. However you can also use peyote stitch if you prefer. If you are new to brick stitch I have explained the basics below.

You can use any colors that you wish, but my suggested colors are on page 6.

When following the charts, you can either start at \* or at the widest point, whichever you prefer. As this is a small project, I personally prefer the logic of working from left to right.

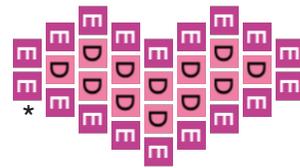


Chart 1  
(Small heart)

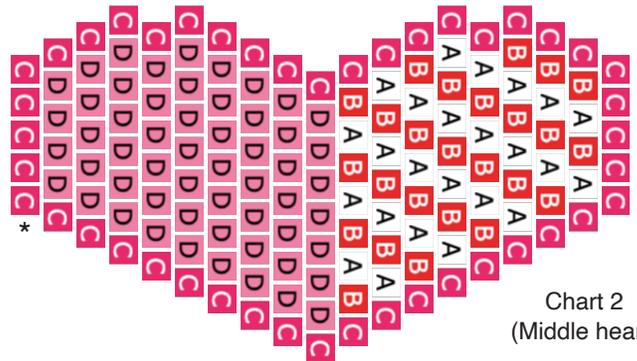


Chart 2  
(Middle heart)

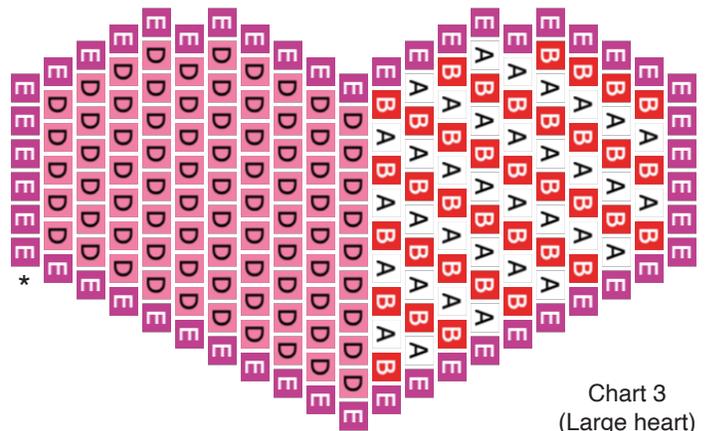


Chart 3  
(Large heart)

### STEP 2 - STARTING BRICK STITCH

I like to start brick stitch with ladder stitch. Begin with a comfortable amount of waxed thread.

We will start with the far left of the chart (see \* on charts). Pick up 2 x Delica beads in the correct colors. Pass through the first bead again to create a circle of thread.

Pass through the second bead again to secure and pull snug so that the beads stack together (ladder stitch). See Diagram 1.

### STEP 3 - CONTINUING BRICK STITCH

Generally, brick stitch is worked by picking up a bead and passing under the loop of thread connecting the beads in the previous row (thread bridge) and then passing back through the new bead. This action is continued on each thread bridge along the row. See Diagram 2.

You always pick up 2 beads at the beginning of a row (regardless of increase or decrease) and then continue by picking up just 1 bead each time.

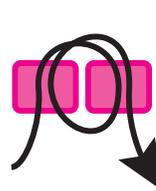


Diagram 1

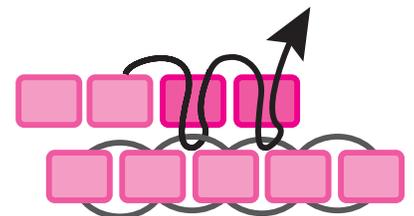


Diagram 2

## STEP 4 - INCREASING

Pick up the first two beads of the new row (remember, we always pick up 2 beads at the beginning of a row in brick stitch).

To create an increase at the start of a row, pass under the thread bridge between the two beads in the first row.

Pass up through the second bead picked up, passing towards the first bead. Pull snug and the beads will settle in position. See Diagram 3.



Diagram 3

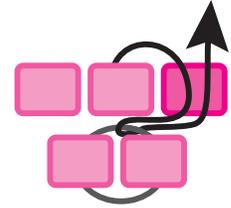


Diagram 4

To create an increase on the end of the row, we will stitch two beads to the final thread bridge. So for the final bead in the row, pick up the bead and pass the needle under the thread bridge (this will already have a bead attached to it) and pass back through this new bead. See Diagram 4.

## STEP 5 - DECREASING

To decrease at the beginning of a row, pick up the first two beads of the new row. Skip the first thread bridge and pass the needle under the next thread bridge. Pass back through the second bead. See Diagram 5.

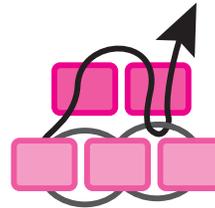


Diagram 5

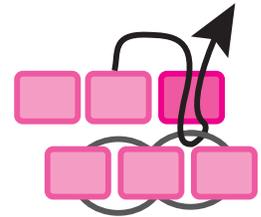


Diagram 6

To decrease at the end of the row you simply stitch just one bead to the final thread bridge as with regular brick stitch. See Diagram 6.

## STEP 6 - MAKING YOUR EARRINGS

Start with the largest heart. Using the working thread, weave through to exit from the top central bead (see Diagram 7).

Pick up 1 x fire polish or crystal pass into the central bottom Delica on the middle-sized heart.

Pass back into the fire polish/crystal and back into the Delica on the large heart, but from the opposite side.

Reinforce by repeating this figure-of-eight thread path once more. Then weave in your thread and trim.

Repeat this method to join the middle-sized heart to the smallest heart. Design note: I flipped the hearts so that the stripes on the larger two sat opposite!

**Tip:** Use the same size fire polish/bicone for all three joins, OR graduate it by using a 4mm for the bottom and 3mm for the top two.

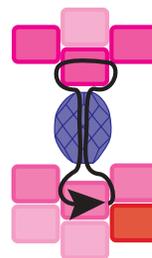


Photo 1

## STEP 7 - ATTACH THE EAR WIRE

To attach the ear wire, exit from the top middle Delica bead in the small heart. Pick up 1 x fire polish/crystal and a wire guard. Pass through the second side of the thread guard and into the fire polish.

**Tip:** It helps with the shape if you gently squeeze the ends of the wire guard to close it up a bit.

Pass into the central Delica again (from the opposite side, as before). Reinforce this thread path once or twice more. Then weave in your thread and trim.

Use chain nose pliers to attach the ear wire. Repeat these steps for the second earring and your Valentine's Earrings are ready to wear!

**Tip:** Double check all your hearts match! Count the rows on each side to make sure your heart is definitely even and symmetrical! It's surprisingly easy to mess up and end up with a heart that's longer on one side!



Photo 2



## DESIGN IDEAS

- Experiment with colors! Use traditional red, white and pink or go crazy with different colors!
- These hearts work well as charms on their own. Use them for simple earrings, pendants or bracelet charms.

## COLOR PALETTE

- 4mm bicone Rose AB2X or 3mm and 4mm fire polish Pomegranate Ice or a similar red
- Silver plated findings
- Delicas in the following:

| Bead  | Count | Name                             |
|---|-------|----------------------------------|
|  A   | 116   | DB-0200 White                    |
|  B   | 122   | DB-0791 Opaque red               |
|  C   | 88    | DB-2117 Duracoat carnation       |
|  D  | 294   | DB-2116 Duracoat light carnation |
|  E | 136   | DB1840 Galvanized hot pink       |



### Brick Stitch Valentine's Heart Earrings

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