

Key West Soutache Earrings

Project E1076

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Fresh and chic, the resort ready Key West Earrings are the perfect accessory for summer. To create these earrings you will learn how to do Soutache Bead Embroidery, a very old and lovely art form.

What You'll Need

Head Pins, 1.5 Inches Long and 22 Gauge Thick, 50 Pieces, 22K Gold Plated

SKU: FHP-5215 Project uses 4 pieces



Jump Rings, Closed 5mm Diameter 20 Gauge, 20 Pieces, Gold Plated

SKU: FJR-07011
Project uses 4 pieces

Swarovski Crystal, #5810 Round Faux Pearl Beads 6mm, 50 Pieces, Pink Coral

SKU: SWP-6049 Project uses 6 pieces



Swarovski Crystal, #5810 Round Faux Pearl Beads 4mm, 50 Pieces, Ivory

SKU: SWP-4045 Project uses 4 pieces



Toho Round Seed Beads 11/0 995 'Gold Lined Rainbow Aqua' 8 Gram Tube

SKU: JSK-0148 Project uses 60 pieces



Toho Round Seed Beads 8/0 262 'Crystal/Gold Lined' 8 Gram Tube

SKU: JSH-0086 Project uses 8 pieces



The Beadsmith Soutache Braided Cord 3mm Wide - Linen White (3 Yard Card)

SKU: XCR-0301 Project uses 12 inches



The Beadsmith Soutache Braided Cord 3mm Wide - Aqua Blue (3 Yard Card)

SKU: XCR-0316
Project uses 12 inches

The Beadsmith Textured Metallic Soutache Braided Cord 3mm Wide - Matte Gold /3 Yards

SKU: XCR-0342
Project uses 12 inches

NYMO Nylon Beading Thread Size D for Delica Beads Grey 64YD (58 Meters)

SKU: XCR-8903

Project uses 120 inches







The Beadsmith Ultra Suede For Beading Foundation And Cabochon Work 8.5x8.5 Inches - Chamois

SKU: XCR-4214

Project uses 2 inches



Earring Findings, Bali Style Earring Hooks with Ball 21mm, 25 Pairs, Gold Plated

SKU: FEA-4030

Project uses 2 pieces



Crafter's Pick The Ultimate Permanent Glue Cement Adhesive 4 OZ

SKU: XTL-1026

Project uses 1 bottle



Recommended Tools:

[XTL-5700] Fiskars 5 Precision Tip Scissors - Super Sharp, [XTL-3006] The Beadsmith English Beading Needles Size 12 (4 Needles), [XTL-5600] Sharp Flush Cutter Pliers - For Cutting Beading Wire, 1 Piece, [XTL-5511] The Beadsmith Jeweller's Micro Pliers Chain Nose Flat Nose, [XTL-5032] The Beadsmith Wire Looping Pliers - Concave And Round Nose

Instructions

By following the instructions below, you will make one earring. Repeat all instructions to make the second earring. Soutache bead embroidery is really one of those techniques that is best learned visually. Because of this, we have created a series of videos to show you how to do this technique from the very first step to the finishing touches.

- 1. To make this pair of earrings, please follow the instructions in the following videos. Switch out the materials listed in this project for those used in the videos using the photographs for color placement reference.
- 2. How to do Soutache Bead Embroidery: Part 1 How to Make a Shaping Stitch
- 3. How to do Soutache Bead Embroidery: Part 2 How to Create a 2-Sided Join
- 4. How to do Soutache Bead Embroidery: Part 3 How to Add a Side Bead and End a Stack
- 5. How to do Soutache Bead Embroidery: Part 4 How to Make a Bead Bridge and Attach a Jump Ring
- 6. How to do Soutache Bead Embroidery: Part 5 How to Add a Backing
- 7. How to do Soutache Bead Embroidery: Part 6 How to Add a Simple Beaded Edge
- 8. How to do Soutache Bead Embroidery: Part 7 How to Finish a Soutache Pair of Earrings