

## Vintage Americana Earrings

### Project E2081

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The Semi Glazed Toho seed beads have a wonderful matte-like quality but still provide a dimensional luster finish. The beadwork in these earrings is inspired by the look of a 1970's Vintage America, where denim ruled fashion and the American Spirit was flying high.

### What You'll Need

Toho Seed Beads, Round 11/0 Semi Glazed, 8 Gram Tube, Soft Blue

SKU: JSK-0406

Project uses 1 Tube



Toho Seed Beads, Round 11/0 Semi Glazed, 8 Gram Tube, Dark Red

SKU: JSK-0409

Project uses 1 Tube



Toho Seed Beads, Round 11/0 Semi Glazed, 8 Gram Tube, Navy Blue

SKU: JSK-0407

Project uses 1 Tube



Toho Round Seed Beads 11/0 PF557 'Galvanized Starlight' 8g

SKU: JSK-0277

Project uses 1 Tube



22K Gold Plated Closed Jump Rings 6mm 21 Gauge (20)

SKU: FJR-4041

Project uses 2 pieces



22K Gold Plated Open Jump Rings 4mm 21 Gauge (x100)

SKU: FJR-5240

Project uses 2 pieces



22K Gold Plated Surgical Steel Hypo-Allergenic Earring Hooks (100)

SKU: FEA-3010

Project uses 2 pieces



Beadalon Gold Plated Quick Links 20mm Round (22 Pcs)

SKU: BMB-1756

Project uses 2 pieces



Beadalon Gold Plated Quick Links 25mm Round (18 Pcs)

SKU: BMB-1758

Project uses 2 pieces



Crystal Fireline Braided Beading Thread .006 In. 15 Yards

SKU: XCR-1280

Project uses 1 Spool



**Recommended Tools:**

[XTL-3006] Beadsmith English Beading Needles Size 12 (4 Needles), [XTL-0106] BeadSmith Cordless Thread Zap II Thread Burner Tool, [XTL-5511] Beadsmith Jeweller's Micro Pliers Chain Nose Flat Nose, [XTL-5514] Beadsmith Jewelry Fine Round Nose Micro Pliers

**Instructions**

By following the instructions below, you will make one earring. Repeat all instructions to make the second earring. Before beginning this project please watch our video: [How to Bead Weave Circular Brick Stitch Around a Ring](#).

1. Based on what you saw in the video, thread your needle with a length of thread that you are comfortable working with. You may need to tie off and add more thread.
2. Take the 20mm quick link and make one row of brick stitch using the soft blue seed beads all the way around the ring.
3. Using the dark red, complete another row on top of the soft blue seed bead row you just added.
4. Using the navy blue, complete the third row of circular brick stitch.
5. To complete the final row of gold seed beads, please watch our video: [How to Bead Embroider a Picot Edge](#). In this video you will see the technique of how to add a picot edge to a bead embroidery piece, however it is the same for this piece. As you come around to the "top" of this circle you will need to add your 6mm closed jump ring, and capture it in the stitch.
6. Tie off and weave in your thread for this top piece.
7. You will repeat the above process with the 25mm quick link. One row of soft blue, one row of dark red, and one row of navy blue. When you come to the gold picot edge, you will weave all the way around, however the top ring and this bottom ring share three gold beads in the picot edge. You will weave as usual, just use the gold beads that are used in the top ring as well. Make sure to choose three gold beads that are centered so that your earring hangs properly. (See Photo for Reference)
8. Tie off and weave in your thread.
9. Open one 4mm open jump ring, attach it to the closed jump ring and the earring hook. Close the jump ring.
10. All done!