

Boho Bee Earrings

Project E6001

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This adorable pair of bohemian earrings feature two individually bead-embroidered turquoise cabochons connected with a bee make for an effortlessly chic look.

What You'll Need

Chinese Turquoise Dyed Howlite Gemstone Round Flat-Back Cabochons 18mm (2)

SKU: SPCB-2036

Project uses 4 pieces



Toho Round Seed Beads 11/0 8DF Transparent Frosted Cobalt 8g

SKU: JSK-0322

Project uses 1 tube



Gold Tone Hypo Allergenic Bullet Clutch Earring Backs With Pad (50)

SKU: FEA-1017

Project uses 2 pieces



Toho Round Seed Beads 15/0 25C 'Silver Lined Ruby' 8 Gram Tube

SKU: JSO-0204

Project uses 1 tube



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

SKU: JSK-0277

Project uses 1 tube



22K Gold Plated Open Eye Pins 21 Gauge 1 Inch (x50)

SKU: FHP-6250

Project uses 2 pieces



TierraCast 22K Gold Plated Pewter Honey Bee Beads 9.5mm (2)

SKU: BMB-3580

Project uses 2 pieces



22K Gold Plated Flat 4mm Glue On Earring Posts (20)

SKU: FEA-1618

Project uses 2 pieces



22K Gold Plated Closed Jump Rings 5mm 19 Gauge (20)

SKU: FJR-4012

Project uses 4 pieces



Lacy's Stiff Stuff Beading Foundation for Cabochons 4.25 X 5.5 Inches

SKU: XCR-4210

Project uses 1 piece



Beadsmith Ultra Suede For Beading Foundation And Cabochon Work 8.5x4.25 Inches - Violine

SKU: XCR-4382

Project uses 1 piece



E6000 Industrial Strength Glue Adhesive (0.18 fl oz)

SKU: XTL-1054

Project uses 1 tube



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

SKU: XTL-1026

Project uses 1 tube



Recommended Tools:

[XTL-5514] Beadsmith Jewelry Fine Round Nose Micro Pliers, [XTL-5700] Fiskars 5 Precision

Tip Scissors - Super Sharp, [XTL-5511] Beadsmith Jeweller's Micro Pliers Chain Nose Flat

Nose, [XTL-3006] Beadsmith English Beading Needles Size 12 (4 Needles)

Instructions

By following the instructions below you will make one earring. Repeat all instructions to make the second earring.

1. Begin by gluing one turquoise cabochon to Lacy's Stiff Stuff using E6000. For instruction, please watch our video: How to Glue a Cabochon onto Lacy's Stiff Stuff for Bead Embroidery. Cut around the cabochon so that you have a workable surface all around. I like to give myself about a 2"x2" square.
2. Cut a piece of Nymo thread about 3 feet. Using the gold 11/0 seed beads, do a backstitch row around the cabochon. Tie in your thread.
3. Cut another piece of Nymo thread about 3 feet. Now using the 15/0 red seed beads, you are going to create a bezel row. Tie in your thread.
4. Now you will need to trim the foundation and add the purple ultra suede backing. Use Crafter's Pick glue.
5. Using the 11/0 blue seed beads, you will create a beaded edge all the way around the cabochon. As you are going around and meeting where you've started, attach one closed jump ring into the centered thread bridge. Go back through the loop a few times for security, then tie in your thread.
6. You will repeat steps 1-3 for the second cabochon. This time, instead of creating a beaded edge, cut another piece of Nymo thread about 3 feet. This will be an alternating row- pick up one 11/0 gold bead, and one 11/0 blue bead and embroider those two at a time. Once you've completed this row, tie in your thread.
7. Cut another piece of Nymo thread about 3 feet. Now using the 11/0 gold seed beads, create one more row all the way around. Tie in your thread.
8. Repeat step 4.
9. Repeat step 5 to create your bezel row and attach your closed jump ring.
10. Now you will need to create the center part of your earring. Take one gold eyepin, and string on one blue bead, one gold bead, and then one blue bead. String on the blue, and then one blue bead, one gold bead, and one blue bead. Create a loop on the end of your eyepin.
11. Open the loop on the top of your eyepin as you would a jump ring, and attach it to the closed jump ring of the smaller cabochon. Close the loop to secure the piece.
12. Repeat the previous step, but with the bottom loop on the eyepin and with the larger cabochon.
13. Flip the earring over, use E6000 to glue on the earring post to the top center of the smaller beaded cabochon. Please see photo for reference.

14. Add your earring back, and you are finished!