

Beaded Dreams Earrings

Project E657

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The sleek black glass cabochon in this earring is mesmerizing as it catches the light and even slightly reflects the neatly done bead embroidered rows around. This classic style is perfect to be worn day or night.

What You'll Need

Miyuki Delica Seed Beads, 11/0 Size, 7.2 Grams, Metallic Bronze DB022

SKU: DB-022

Project uses 1 tube



Antiqued Brass French Wire Earring Hooks 22mm /10 Pairs

SKU: FEA-3061

Project uses 2 pieces



Antiqued Brass Open Jump Rings 4mm 22 Gauge (x100)

SKU: FJR-5450

Project uses 2 pieces



Toho Round Seed Beads 11/0 201 'Gold Lustered Amethyst' 8 Gram Tube

SKU: JSK-0078

Project uses 1 tube



Toho Round Seed Beads 15/0 49 'Opaque Jet' 8 Gram Tube

SKU: JSO-0032

Project uses 1 tube



Toho Round Seed Beads 15/0 84 'Metallic Iris Green/Brown' 8 Gram Tube

SKU: JSO-0042

Project uses 1 tube



Glass Cabochons - 13mm Round - 'Jet Black' (4 Pieces)

SKU: SPCB-1302

Project uses 2 pieces



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

SKU: XCR-4201

Project uses 1 piece



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

SKU: XCR-4210

Project uses 1 piece



Japanese Nylon Beading K.O. Thread for Delica Beads - Black 50 Meters

SKU: XCR-9702

Project uses 7 feet



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

SKU: XTL-1026

Project uses 1 piece



E6000 Industrial Strength Glue Adhesive (0.18 fl oz)

SKU: XTL-1054

Project uses 1 piece



Recommended Tools:

[XTL-3006] BeadSmith English Beading Needles Size 12 (4 Needles), [XTL-5700] Fiskars 5

Precision Tip Scissors - Super Sharp, [XTL-0106] BeadSmith Cordless Thread Zap II Thread

Burner Tool

Instructions

Remember to double these instructions to make your matched pair of earrings.

1. Using a toothpick or small piece of wire, spread a layer of E6000 glue on the flat underside of your 13mm round jet black cabochon. Flip over and place onto your Lacy's Stiff Stuff. Place near the edge but make sure you leave at least a 3/4" border of Lacy's Stiff Stuff all the way around the cabochon. Press into place, make sure no glue spills out from beneath the cabochon, and let dry for at least an hour.
2. Trim your cabochon out of the Lacy's Stiff Stuff, again making sure to leave yourself at least a 3/4" border.
3. Thread your size 12 beading needle with 7 feet of KO black thread.
4. Please watch the video: How to Backstitch in Bead Embroidery. Following what you learned in the video, backstitch a row of 11/0 Toho gold luster amethyst seed beads right up against the black cabochon. After you complete this row, backstitch a row of 11/0 Miyuki Delica metallic bronze beads and another row of 11/0 Toho gold luster amethyst seed beads. Tie off your threads.
5. Thread your size 12 beading needle with 3 feet of KO black thread.
6. Now please watch the video: How to Create a Bezel Row in Bead Embroidery. Following what you learned in this video, stitch a bezel row using 15/0 Toho Metallic Iris Green/Brown beads between the black cabochon and the first row of gold luster amethyst beads. Tie off your thread.
7. Trim your Lacy's Stiff Stuff foundation right up to the edge of the last row of beads (make sure to not cut their threads). Spread a layer of Crafters Pick Glue on the underside, directly over your threads. Flip over and press on top of your brown ultra suede backing. Let dry and then trim the backing. There is a video which shows how to do this entire step: Bead Embroidery: How to Trim the Foundation and Attach the Backing.
8. Thread your size 12 beading needle with 4 feet of KO black thread.
9. Please watch the video: How to Bead Embroider a Picot Edge. Using the skills you learned in the video, bead embroider a picot edge so that the base of the edge is using 11/0 Miyuki Delica metallic bronze beads and the tips of the edge are using 15/0 Toho opaque jet black beads. Bead embroider all the way around the edge so that you are stitching the backing to the foundation and creating a finished look. Tie off your thread.
10. Open a 4mm jump ring and link it through one of the gaps in your picot edge, just thread it under the thread bridge and then close the jump ring back up. Open another 4mm jump ring and link it to the one you just previous placed as well as the loop at the base of your earring hook. Close the jump ring back up.
11. All done!