

Mod Wreath Earrings

Project E7039

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Whimsically-shaped Arcos and Minos par Puca beads nestle into an abstract wreath design, forming a fun pair of earrings with a mod holiday flair.

What You'll Need

Czech Glass Arcos par Puca, 3-Hole Semi-Circular Beads 5x10mm, 30 Pieces, Opaque Coral Red

SKU: BCT-762

Project uses 24 pieces



Czech Glass Minos par Puca, Cylindrical Beads 2.5x3mm, 120 Pieces, Opaque White Luster

SKU: BCT-773

Project uses 16 pieces



FireLine Braided Beading Thread, 4lb Test and 0.005 Thick, 15 Yards, Crystal Clear

SKU: XCR-1280

Project uses 8 feet



Silver Plated Head Pins 1.5 Inches Long 22 Gauge Thick (50 Pieces)

SKU: FHP-5315

Project uses 2 pieces



Silver Plated Surgical Steel Earring Hooks Hypo-Allergenic (x100)

SKU: FEA-3005

Project uses 2 pieces



Recommended Tools:

[XTL-0109] Beadsmith Extra-Fine Thread Snips - Cuts Textiles, Yarn, And More!, [XTL-3006]

Beadsmith English Beading Needles Size 12 (4 Needles), [XTL-5600] Xuron Sharp Flush

Cutter Pliers - Wire/Soft Flex, [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 on how to do a basic right angle weave if you aren't familiar with the stitch.

1. In this project, you will be doing a variation of modified right angle weave with two hole beads. Cut a length of Fireline thread about 4 feet long and thread a size 12 beading needle.
2. Through their top holes, string 1 red Arcos par Puca bead curving to the right, and 1 curving to the left, so the two beads form a circle. Repeat this pattern three more times, so you have 8 beads strung that look like 4 pods in a row. Bring your thread around so the beads form a loop and tie an overhand knot, leaving an 8 inch tail on the end of the thread. Double knot the thread for strength. Now the inner holes of the Arcos bead loop are connected.
3. Sew through the middle hole of the adjacent Arcos bead, so your needle points inside of one of the four Arcos pods.

4. String 1 white Minos par Puca bead and sew through the middle hole of the adjacent Arcos bead, so the Minos bead sits inside the pod.
5. String 1 Minos bead and sew through the middle hole of the first Arcos bead in the next pod, so the bead sits between the two pods.
6. Repeat steps 4-5 three more times. There should now be Minos beads inside all 4 pods, and in all 4 corners between the pods.
7. With your needle exiting the middle hole of an Arcos bead toward the inside of the last pod, sew up and out of the outer hole of that same bead, changing direction with your thread.
8. String the first hole of 1 red Arcos bead and slide it down so it cups the white Minos bead in the corner. Then point your needle down through the last hole, so your thread bridges across the outside curve of the bead. Pull tight, then sew through the top holes of the 2 Arcos beads of the adjacent pod.
9. Repeat step 8 two more times, so you have three corners finished.
10. Before you string the last Arcos bead to finish the fourth corner, take 1 silver head pin and slide it through the middle hole of the bead so the head is cupped inside the curve. Now repeat step 8 once more, attaching the last corner bead with the head pin coming out of it.
11. Tie off and weave in your thread tails.
12. Using pliers, make a simple wire loop with the head pin. Cut off the excess wire with flush cutters.
13. Open the loop of an earring hook the same way you would open a jump ring and slide it onto the simple wire loop from the previous step. Close the loop.
14. Enjoy your earrings!