## Skyward Sparrow Earrings

## Project E8035

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A sterling silver sparrow soars against a soothing sky of circular brickstitch in this earring design using graduated blue hues of Miyuki 11/0 delica seed beads.

## What You'll Need

Sterling Silver Charm, Flying Sparrow Bird 19mm, 1 Piece, Silver
SKU: PND-3807
Project uses 2 pieces


Large Circle Open Frame Link, 25mm Diameter / 18 Gauge Thick, 1 Piece, Sterling Silver SKU: FCO-109
Project uses 2 pieces


French Sparkle Ear Wire, with Loop End 21 mm Long, 4 Pieces, Sterling Silver SKU: FEA-016

Project uses 2 pieces
Miyuki Delica Seed Beads, 11/0 Size, 7.2 Gram Tube, 730 Opaque Light Sapphire
SKU: DB-730
Project uses 1 tube


Miyuki Delica Seed Beads, 11/0 Size, 7.2 Grams, Opaque Agate Blue DB1137
SKU: DB-1137
Project uses 1 tube


Miyuki Delica Seed Beads, 11/0 Size, 7.2 Grams, Cyan Blue Opaque DB1138
SKU: DB-1138
Project uses 1 tube


Miyuki Delica Seed Beads, 11/0 Size, 7.2 Grams, Opaque Royal Blue AB DB165


SKU: DB-165
Project uses 1 tube


FireLine Braided Beading Thread, 4lb Test and 0.005 Thick, 15 Yards, Crystal Clear SKU: XCR-1280
Project uses 8 feet


## Recommended Tools:

[XTL-3006] Beadsmith English Beading Needles Size 12 (4 Needles), [XTL-0373] Tulip Premium Scissors, Gold Handle 5 Inch, 1 Pair, [XTL-5514] Beadsmith Jewelry Fine Round Nose Micro Pliers, [XTL-5511] Beadsmith Jeweller's Micro Pliers Chain Nose Flat Nose, [XTL-4003] Beadsmith Bead And Pearl Knotting Fine Point Steel Awl, [XTL-4000] Beadsmith
 Bead And Pearl Knotting Tweezers

## Instructions

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

1. If you are new to circular brick stitch, please watch the video: How to do Circular Brick Stitch on the Interior of a Form. Using what you have learned in the video, begin by cutting 4 feet of beading thread, or as much as you are comfortable working with, and thread your needle. Tie the thread onto your link as shown in the video.
2. Follow along with the video to create seven layers of brick stitch, working your way inward on the link in the following order: Royal Blue $A B$, Cyan Blue, Light Sapphire, Agate Blue, Light Sapphire, Cyan Blue, Royal Blue AB (see photo for reference). Tie off and weave in your thread.
3. To attach your earring hook and bird charm, use pliers to open the bottom loop of your earring hook the same way you would open a jump ring. Slide on your brick stitch link by gently fitting the loop of the earring hook between two Royal Blue seed beads along the edge of your link. You may find it helpful to use an awl or tweezers to gently create a space between two of the beads along the edge of your link in order to fit the loop of your earring wire onto the hoop. Then slide on the loop of your charm so that the charm lays against the brick stitch facing forward as shown in the photo (if your charm comes with a jump ring, remove it first). Enjoy!
