

Brick Stitch Hoop Earrings

Supplies

Choose one color or a mix of colors:
John Bead 6/0 Czech Glass Seed Beads
John Bead 8/0 Czech Glass Seed Beads
John Bead 11/0 Czech Glass Seed Beads

Time: 1 Hour

Skill Level: Beginner

Rhodium & Hamilton Gold Drop Earrings SKU 10548492
Wildfire Beading Thread .006 SKU 10470337

Optional Supplies

Boutique Card Stock (for making earrings cards)
SKU 10541730
Kraft Frame Box by Celebrate It 6x8x1, Jewelry Gift Box
SKU 10406320

Tools

Size 10 Beading Needles SKU 10332394
Precision Scissors SKU 10591717
Chain Nose Pliers SKU 10121794
Beading Mat SKU 10348546

Optional Tools

Earring Display Card Punch SKU 10222800
Sliding Paper Cutter SKU 10202471



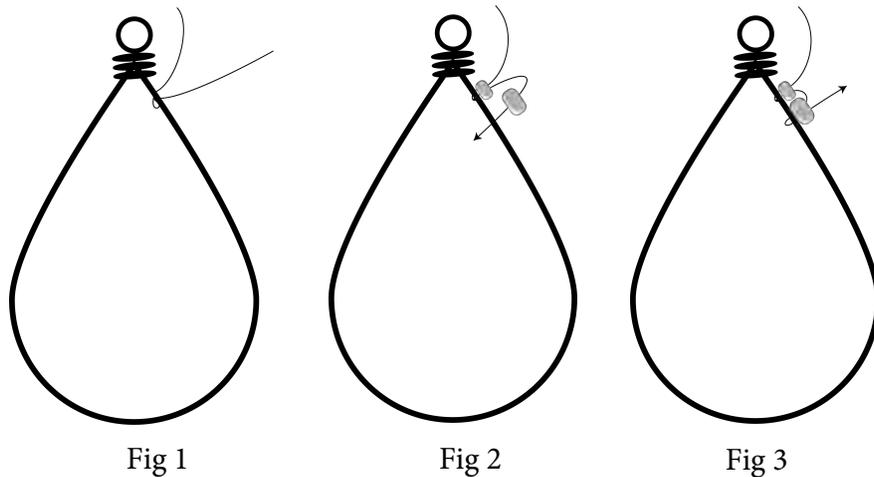
To begin, it is helpful to remove the built-in ear wire that comes pre-attached to the hoop component. Use your chain nose pliers to gently slide the ear wire's loop open in a lateral direction and remove. Set aside.

Cut a 30" strand of wildfire thread. Thread your needle and slide it down approx. 7 inches. Fold the thread over. This stitch is worked on a single strand.

With the other end of the thread, tie a double knot onto the hoop component, up next to the top wrapped loop. Tie this knot leaving a 6 inch tail. Figure 1

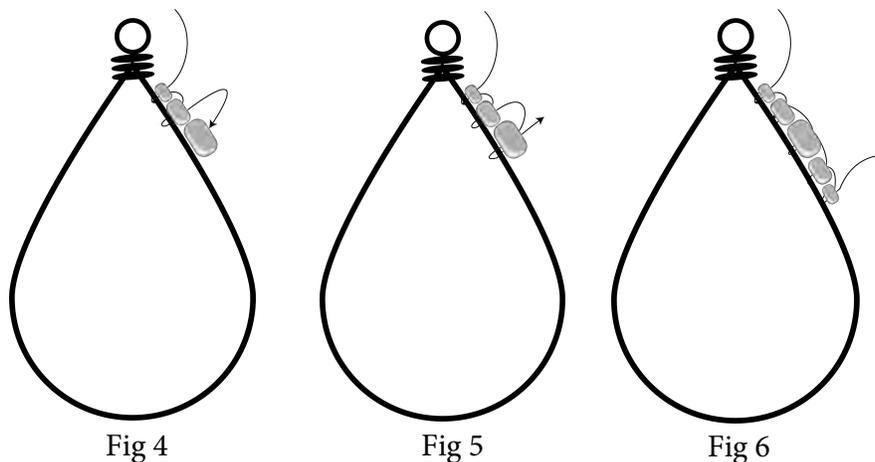
With your needle, pick up a size 11/0 bead and move it to sit against the hoop frame. Bring the tail thread through the bead. Now pick up a size 8/0 bead and needle behind the hoop frame. Figure 2

Loop around the frame and come back up through the 8/0 bead. Figure 3



Next, pick up a size 6/0 bead and loop around the frame, then come back up through the size 6/0 bead. Figures 4 and 5.

Repeat this step, graduating the bead sizes up and down as shown in Figure 6.



Continue the pattern around the hoop. Figure 7

To weave in the tail and working threads, turn and go back down through the adjacent bead your thread is exiting. Figure 8

Loop around the frame under the bead and come back up through the same bead. Repeat with the next, adjacent bead. Figure 9. Repeat with the next bead after that and trim.

Repeat the steps shown in Figures 7 through 9 on the other side, with the beginning tail thread.



Fig 7



Fig 8

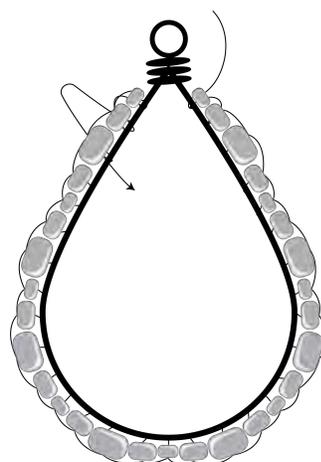


Fig 9

The last step is to reattach the ear wire. Using your chain nose pliers, close the loop back tightly.

Creating Gifts

During class, the instructor will demo some ideas creative ways to display these earrings as a gift. We will use the sliding paper cutter to create earring cards that fit the jewelry boxes and use the earring punch tool to create the place to hook them through.