

Beaded Raindrops A Herringbone Stitch Earrings Design



Time Required: 1 hour

Skill Level: Beginner

What you'll need:

Size 6/0 Czech Glass Seed Beads

Three Colors

Size 10 Czech Glass Seed Beads

One Color

Wildfire Beading Thread .006

Size 10 Beading Needles

Ear Wires

Optional Wire Guardians

Tools Needed:

Chain Nose Pliers

Flush Cutters or Precision Scissors

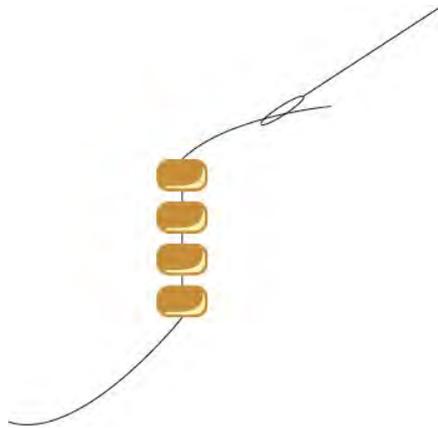
Bead Mat



Instructions

Step 1 Measure and cut 36 inches of Wildfire .006 Beading Thread from the spool and thread a size 10 beading needle. Bring the needle down the thread approx. 10 Inches, then fold thread over. This project is worked with a single strand.

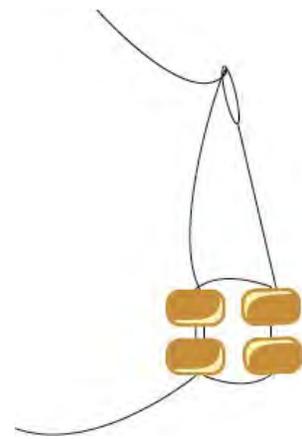
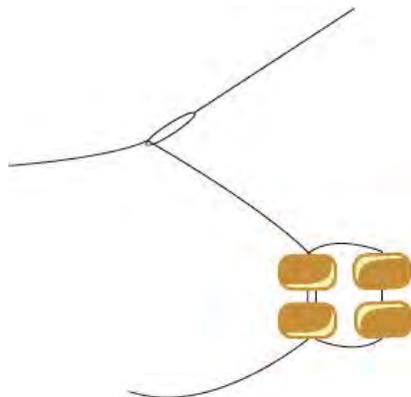
Step 2 Ladder Stitch: String four, Size 6/0 Czech Glass Seed Beads and bring them down to the bottom of the thread, leaving a six-inch tail.



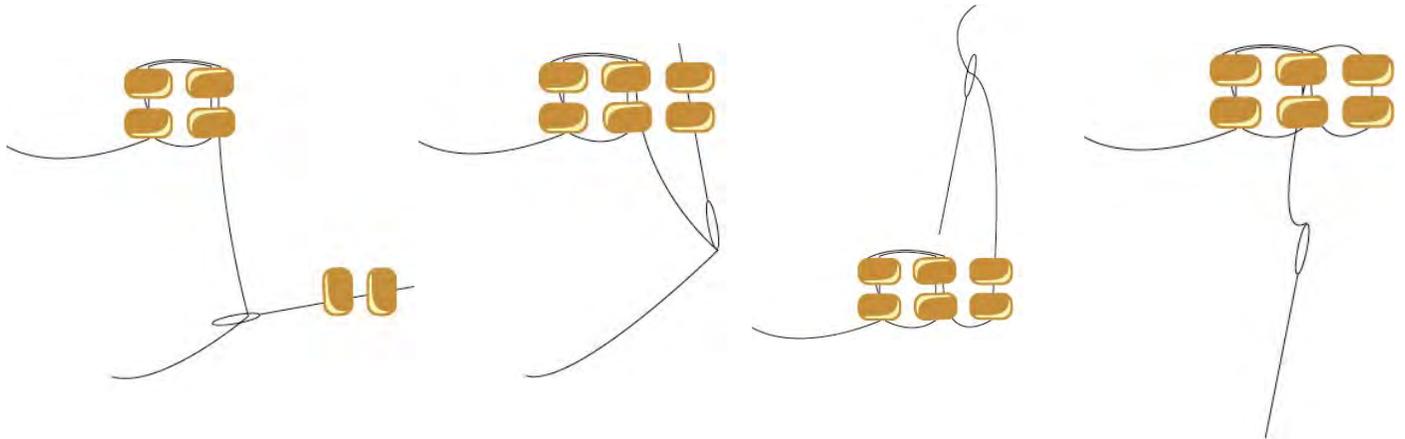
Step 3 Go back through the first two beads added. Pull tight to form a square.



Step 4 Go back through the third and fourth beads added.



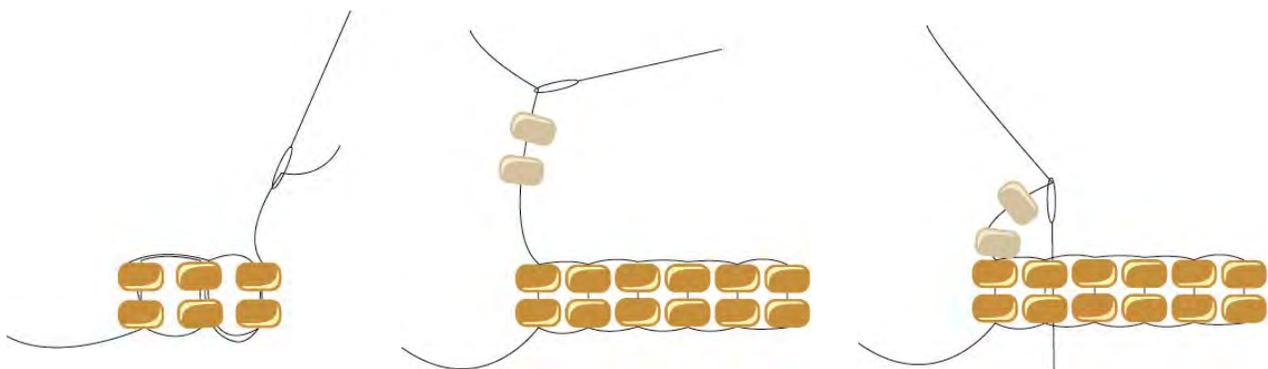
Step 5 Pick up two more size 6/0 seed beads. Turn and go back through the third and fourth beads. Pull tight.



Step 6 Turn and go through the last two beads added.

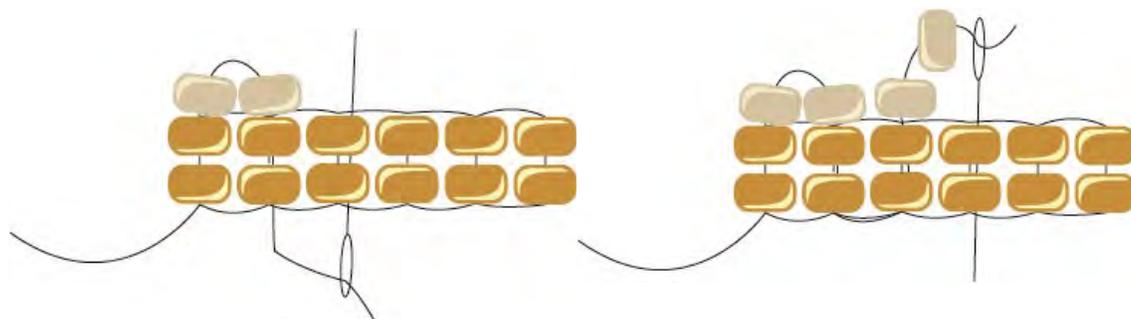
Step 7 Repeat Steps 5 and 6 until you have six stacks of two.

Step 8 Begin first row of herringbone stitch. Pick up two size 6/0 Czech glass seed beads in a contrasting color. Go through the second stack of beads in your ladder column.

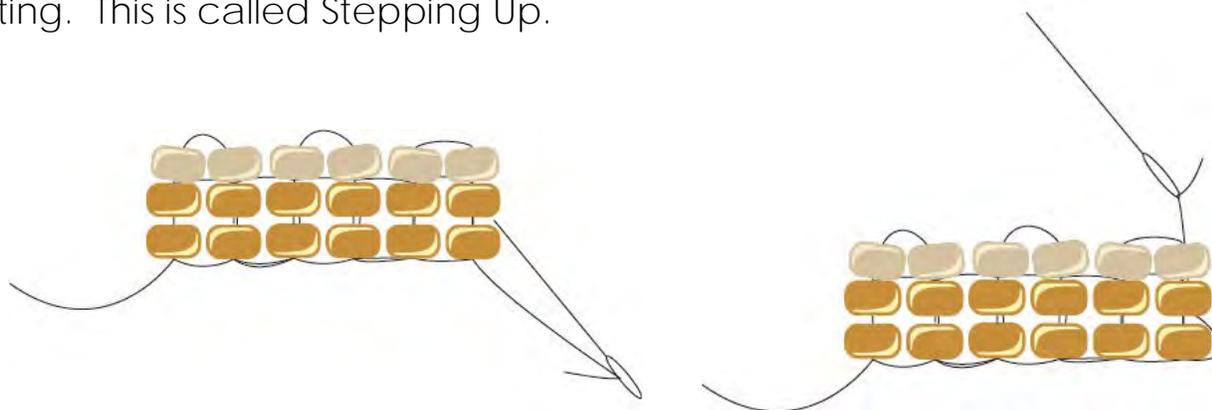


Step 9 Turn and go through the third stack of beads in your ladder column.

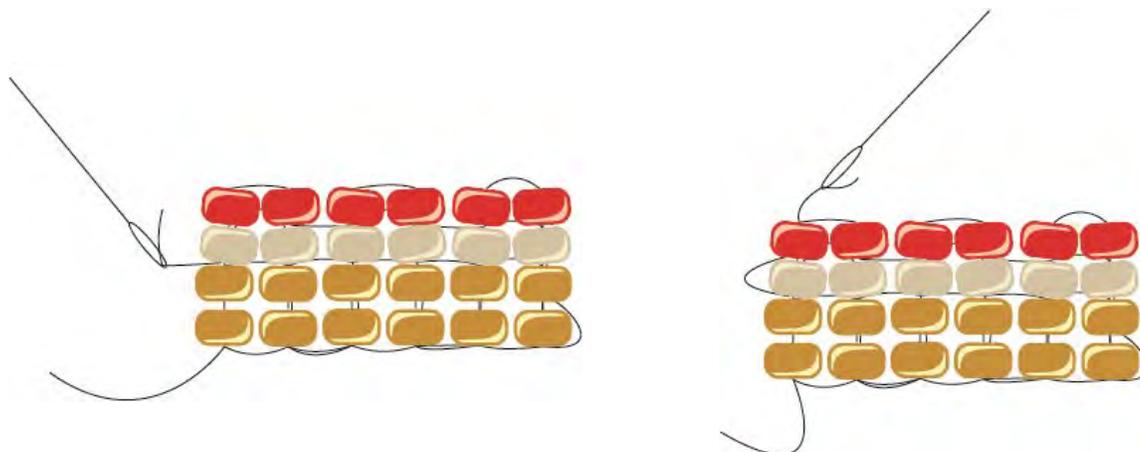
Step 10 Pick up two more size 6/0 seed beads. Go through your fourth ladder column. Continue as in step 9, coming up through the next column, adding two beads, and going down through the next column.



Step 11 Turn and go through the two beads above the bead your thread is exiting. This is called Stepping Up.



Step 12 Begin second row of herringbone stitch. Repeat Steps 8 - 11 with your second contrasting color. Step up at the end of this row.



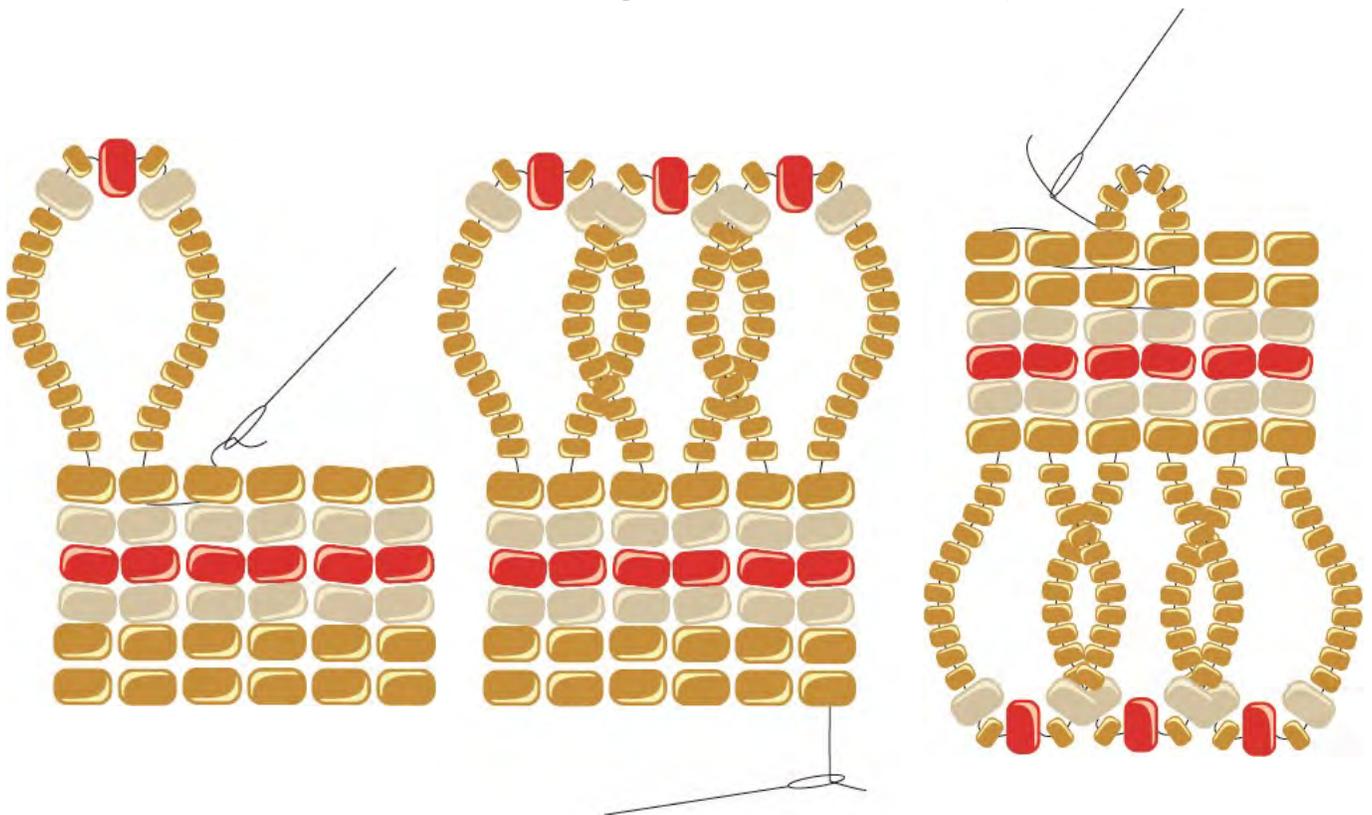
Step 13 Repeat Steps 8-11 in your first contrasting color.

Step 14 Repeat Steps 8-11 in your main color.

Step 15 Pick-up eleven, Size 10 Czech glass seed beads, one size 6 bead (in first contrasting color 1), one size 10, one size 6 (in second contrasting color), one size 10, and one size 6 (in first contrasting color), then eleven more size 10 beads. Go through the next size 6 bead in your last herringbone stitch row. Turn and go through the next bead in the row of herringbone stitch.

Step 16 Repeat Step 15 two times. Continue through all the beads above.

Step 17 Weave to exit one of the two center beads of the top row. Pick up six, size 10 seed beads (or optional wire guardian instead of the seed beads). Go down through the next 6/0 bead. Come back up through the 6/0 bead and all the 10/0 bead above, reinforcing this connection. Repeat once more.



Step 18 Weave in your working and tail threads by following your existing thread path for a few stitches. Trim remaining thread using flush cutters or precision scissors.

Step 19 Using Chain Nose Pliers, laterally open the loop on an ear wire. Attach to the top loop or to wire guardian and close the loop in the same, lateral motion. Repeat for the second earring.

