

# Michael's

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STARFLOWER

## *Mandala Earrings*



*John Bead*  
ESTABLISHED 1954

## Materials

John Bead Czech Glass Seed Beads

Size 6/0 Groovy Grape SKU 10627170

Size 11/0 Turquoise Green SKU 10627255

Size 11/0 Golden Yellow SKU 10627254

Size 6/0 Purple SKU 10627220

Size 11/0 Silver Metallic SKU 10627221

Beading Thread, Wildfire .006 SKU 10470337

Jump Rings SKU 10338102

Ear Wires SKU 10474092

## Tools

Size 10 Beading Needles, SKU 10332394

Precision Scissors, SKU 10591717

Chain Noise Pliers, SKU 10121794

Bent Nose Pliers, SKU 10121795

Bead Mat, SKU 10348546

Time: 1 hour

Level: Intermediate

These Starflower Mandalas make a thoughtful gift. Symbolizing eternity, wholeness, friendship, and peace, they can be created in any colors you like. They will be unique, special, and loved by you and your gift recipient.

For this class, we will learn the simple repeating technique that layers this piece together. You can even make them reversible by using different colors for the front and back of the design.

This pattern is worked in a circle that builds onto itself using a netting technique to create and join the points of a star.

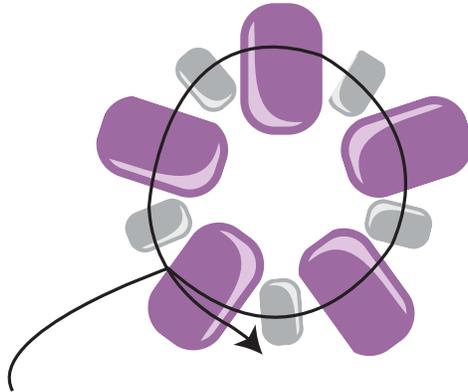
Color A, Size 6/0

Color B, Size 11/0

Color C, Size 11/0 (Optional)

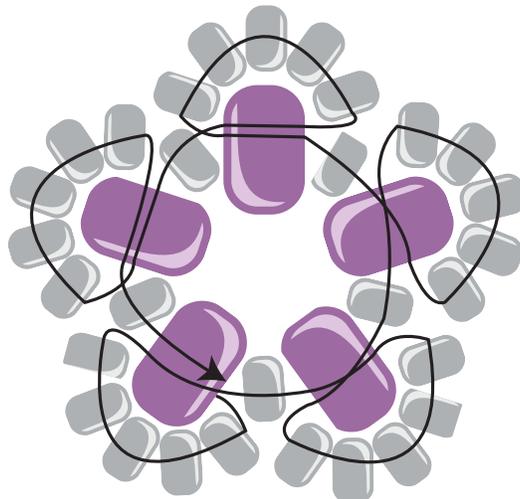
## Step 1

Cut a length of beading thread 36" [91 cm] and thread a size 10 hard beading needle. Leave a 10" [25 cm] tail. Pick up [1(A), 1(B)] five times, Go through the first bead added. Leave the tail thread aside for now.



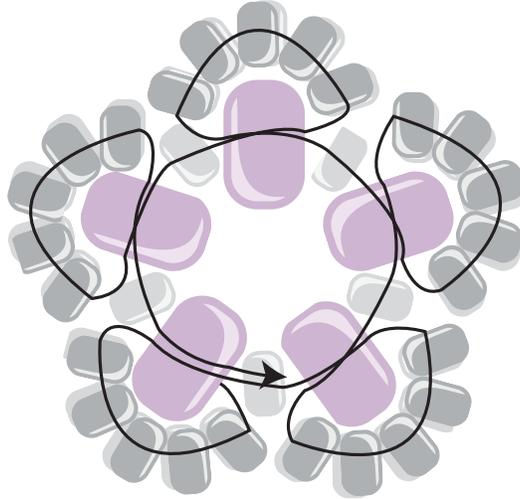
## Step 2

[Pick up 5(B) and go through the (A) bead your thread is exiting, looping around the bead. Go through the next (B) bead and the next (A) bead in the circle] five times. Bring the tail thread up into its nearest loop and exit the third bead.



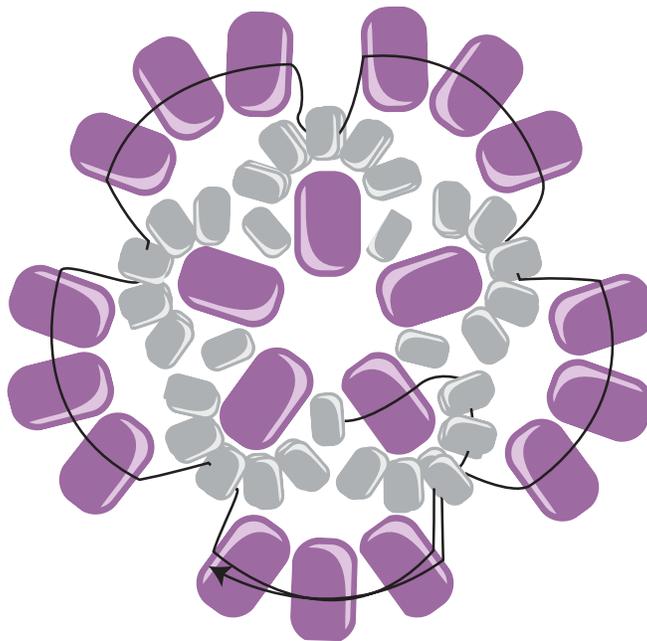
### Step 3

Repeat Step 2, placing the new layer of 11/0 beads above the former. Go through the next (B) bead.



### Step 4

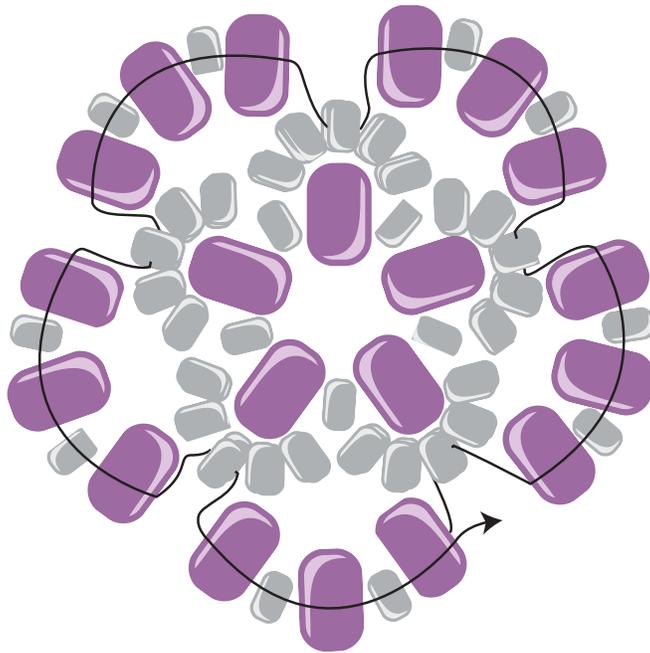
Go through the next (A) bead and continue up through three (B) beads. [Pick up 3(A) beads. Go through the third (B) bead on the next loop] five times. Continue through the third (B) bead you started from and then go through the first three (A) beads added.



## Step 5

Flip the piece over, so that the side with the unjoined loops is facing up. [Go through the third (B) bead of the unjoined loop, go through the next (A) bead, pick up 1(C) bead, go through the next (A) bead, pick up 1(C) bead, go through the next (A) bead] five times.

If you're not using a Color C bead, simply replace the above steps with B where it says C.



Weave in the working thread by following the thread path around the outside beads until you're exiting an 11/0 bead. [Tie a half hitch knot, go through the next bead] twice. Trim the remaining working thread.

## Step 6

Thread a needle onto your tail thread. It should be exiting the (B) bead where it was left off, at the point beads in a loop. Pick up 4(C) beads.

Go through the point bead on the reverse side then come back through all four (C) beads. Go through the (B) bead on the front side, entering the opposite side of the exiting thread. Go back through the four (C) beads. Repeat on the reverse side. Go through all four (C) beads again, the point (B) bead on the front side, and then weave in through the beads around the outside. [Tie a half hitch knot exiting from an 11/0 bead, go through the next bead] twice and trim.

