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*The Statement  
Earrings!*



*John Bead*  
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# Materials

John Bead Czech Glass Seed Beads in Size 10/0  
Opaque Black SKU 10416630

John Bead Czech Glass Seed Beads in Size 8/0  
Barley Ivory SKU 10549078

Creations U-Shape Jump Ring Connectors SKU 10630309

Gold Finish Jump Rings SKU 10443092

Gold Plated Fishhook Earwires SKU 10474119

22 gauge Round German Style Wire SKU 10121782

Assorted Tassels SKU 10547394

Wildfire Beading Thread .006 SKU 10470337

Size #10 Hard Beading Needle SKU 10332394

Precision Scissors SKU 10591717

Beading Mat SKU 10348546

Chain Nose Pliers, Round Nose Pliers, Bent Nose Pliers, Wire  
Flush Cutters SKU 10334538

Masking or Scotch Tape

Skill Level - Intermediate

Time to Complete - 1 Hour

In this class we will take brick stitch to the next level to create these fantastic statement earrings! This class will focus on how to build brick stitch onto shaped forms. The embellishment is a new spin on square and brick stitch that is a great, staple technique for your beading tool box.

We will also do a quick review of wire wrap to create two, wrapped links that will attach the U Connector to the ear wire.

## Legend

S10 - Size 10/0 Seed Beads

S8 - Size 8/0 Seed Beads

### Step 1

Cut 40" [102 cm] of beading thread. Thread one end with a size 10 beading needle and slide down 7" [18 cm] then fold over the thread.

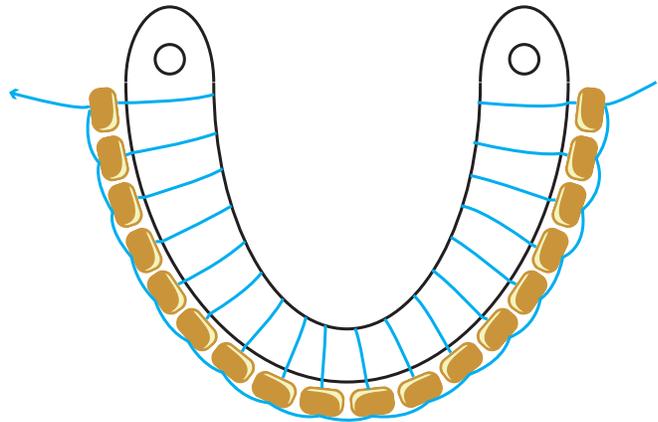
Leaving a 7" [18 cm] tail, fold the end of the thread around the U Shape connector, 1/2" [12.7 mm] from the top. Place a small piece of tape over the thread fixing, it to the U Shape connector. Gently tie a double knot with the working and tail thread.

### Step 2

String (1) S8 bead onto both the working and tail threads. Bring the bead down against the outside of the U Shape connector and pull the working and tail thread apart to move the knot into the bead. Next, pick up another S8 and needle behind the connector, then come back around the front of the connector and go through the S8 bead.

### Step 3

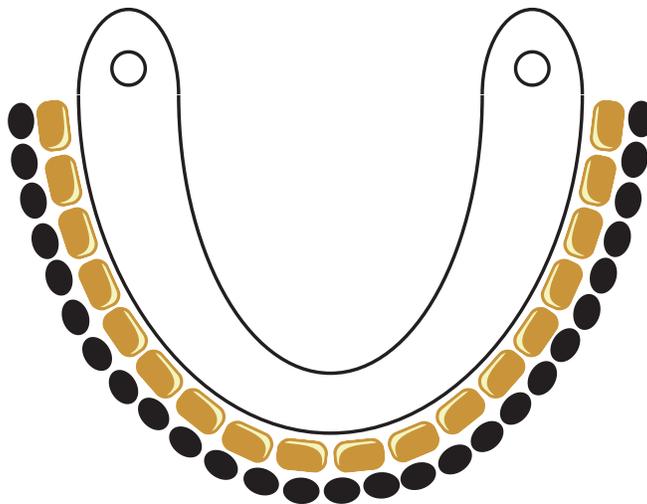
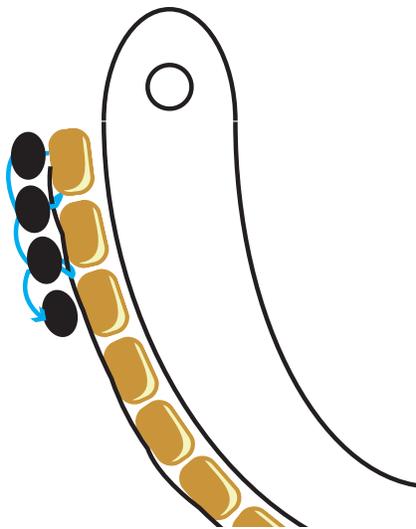
[Pick up (1) S8 and needle behind the connector, then come back around the front of the connector and go through the S8 bead] 16 times. Gently remove the tape added in Step 1.



### Step 4

Pick up (2) S10 beads and needle under the first thread bridge. Come back up through the second S10 added.

[Pick up (1) S10 bead. Needle under the next thread bridge. Come back up through the bead] 27 times.



### Step 5

Go back through the next S10, needle under the thread bridge, then come back up through the bead. [Pick up (1) S8. Go down through the next S10. Come up through the next S10] 5 times.



### Step 6

Pick up (1) S8. Go down through the next S10. Needle under the thread bridge and come up through the S10. Using the eye end of your needle, go through the tassel core. Skip an S10 and go down through the next S10. Needle under the thread bridge and come back up through the S10.

### Step 7

[Pick up (1) S8. Go down through the next S10. Come up through the next S10] 5 times. Pick up (1) S8. Go down through the next S10. Needle under the thread bridge and come up through the S10.

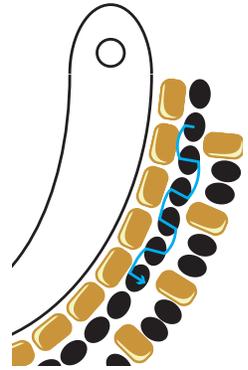


### Step 8

Go through the next S8. [Pick up (2) S10 and go through the next S8] 5 times. Using the eye side of the needle, go through the tassel and continue through the next S8. [Pick up (2) S10 and go through the next S8] 5 times. Go through the next S10.

### Step 9

Weave in thread. Follow the path shown through 5 or 6 S10 beads and trim. Pull the tail thread up through the S10 bead above it and trim.



### Step 10 - Create Two Wrapped Links

Cut a 4" [10 cm] of 22 gauge wire. Use round nose pliers to create a loop at about 1" [2.5 cm] from the bottom, then wrap the short end around the wire and trim.

Slide on an S10, S8, and S10 bead. Place the round nose pliers against the top of the S10 bead. Fold the wire forward. Rotate the pliers up 90 degrees. Wrap the wire around the pliers until it crosses itself. Remove the round nose pliers and use chain nose pliers to hold the new loop in place. Wrap the remaining wire around the wire, just above the S10 bead, and trim.

### Step 11

Open a jump ring using chain nose and bent nose pliers. Attach one loop of a wrapped link to the top hole of the connector. Repeat for the other side. Open a third jump ring and attach to the top loops of the wrapped links and an ear wire.



Repeat all steps for a second earring.

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