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Sun Catcher Earrings



*Featuring Czech
Preciosa Crystal*

John Bead
ESTABLISHED 1954

What You'll Need

John Bead Czech Seed Beads, Size 6/0 Agate Mix, SKU 10627193
John Bead Czech Seed Beads. Size 8/0, Silver Lined Gold, SKU 10549094
Preciosa Czech Crystal Bicones 4mm, Peridot, SKU 10686754

John Bead Czech Seed Beads, Size 6/0, Aqua Mix, SKU 10627184
John Bead Czech Seed Beads. Size 8/0, Aqua Matte, SKU 10549082
Preciosa Czech Crystal Bicones 4mm, Capri Blue AB, SKU 10686731

Hoop Component, SKU 10650493, or 10474097 (any hoop component will work, we will teach you how to adjust counts)

Fishhook Ball Coil Earring Wires, SKU 10266142

Wildfire Beading Thread, .006, SKU 10470337

Size #10 Beading Needle, SKU 10332394

Beading Mat, SKU 10348546



Intermediate Beadweaving
1 Hour

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This class will focus on a fun technique of brick-stitch, placing the beads inside a hoop component with a fun finish with Czech bicone crystal for extra sparkle.

You can create this design in any colors. The example designs use John Bead Czech Seed Beads in size 6/0 and 8/0 with 4mm Czech bicone crystals.

S6 - Size 6/0 Seed Bead

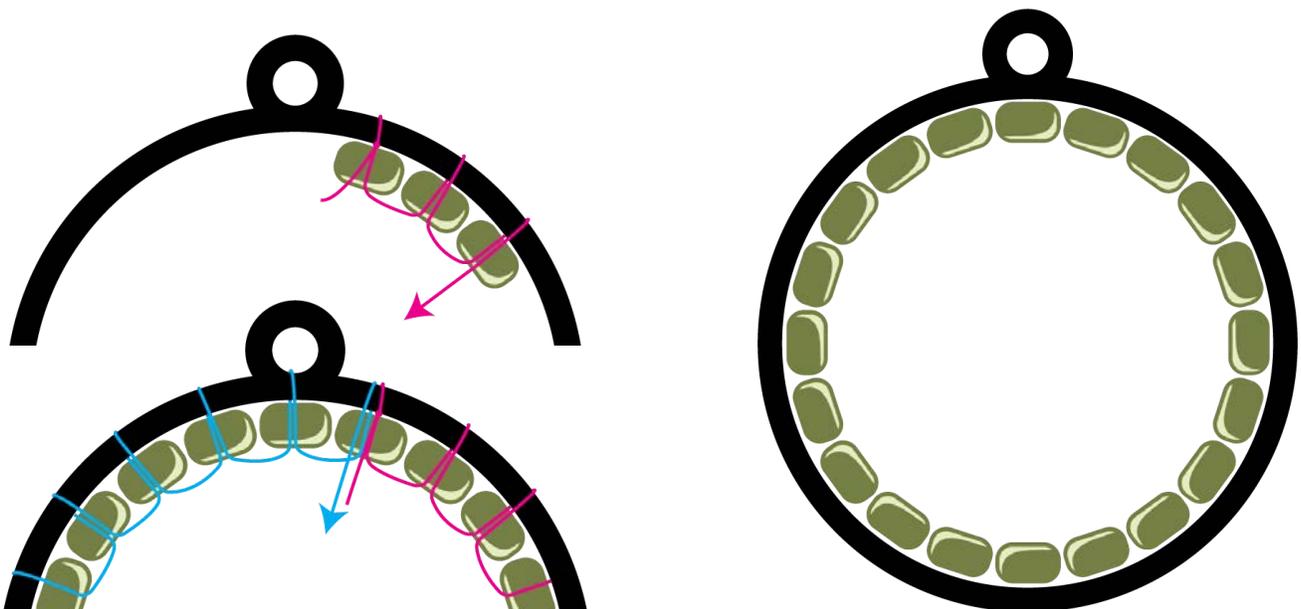
S8 - Size 8/0 Seed Bead

B4 - 4mm Bicone Crystal

Step 1

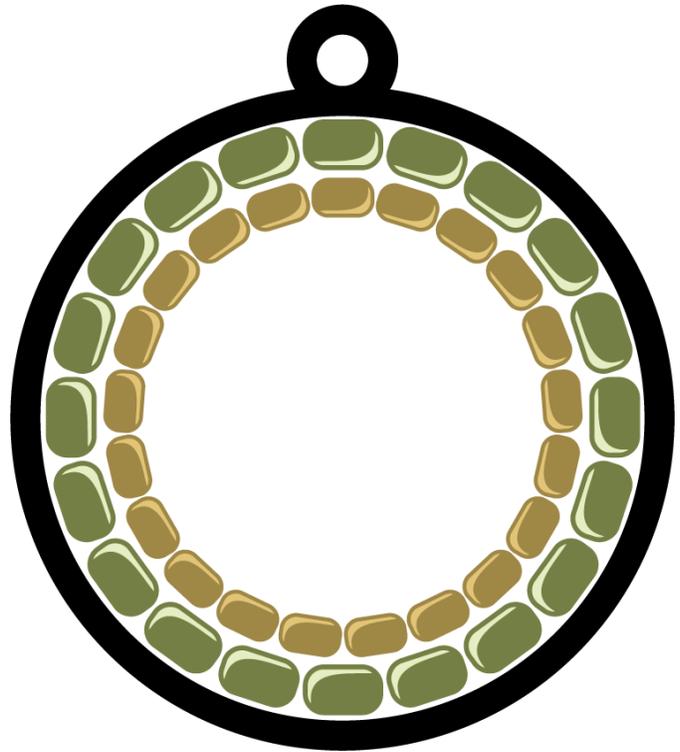
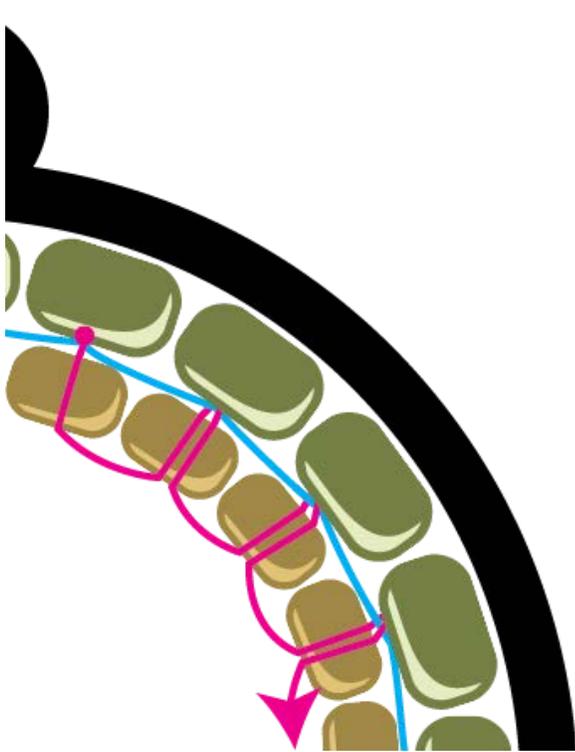
Cut a length of working thread that is 40 inches long. Leaving a 7" tail, tie a double knot onto the hoop component. Pull the working and tail threads to position the knot on the inside of the hoop. String (2)S6. Bring the tail thread up through the first S6. Needle behind the frame of the hoop, then come up around the front and through the second S6. Pull to tighten. The beads should sit inside the hoop.

Continue brick stitch, one bead at a time, until you meet the first bead. Go down through the first bead and loop around the component. Come up through the same bead. The tail thread and working thread will be exiting from the same bead.



Step 2

Complete the next round of brick stitch with S8, building the second ring into the thread bridges of the first. Connect the last S8 added to the first.



Step 3

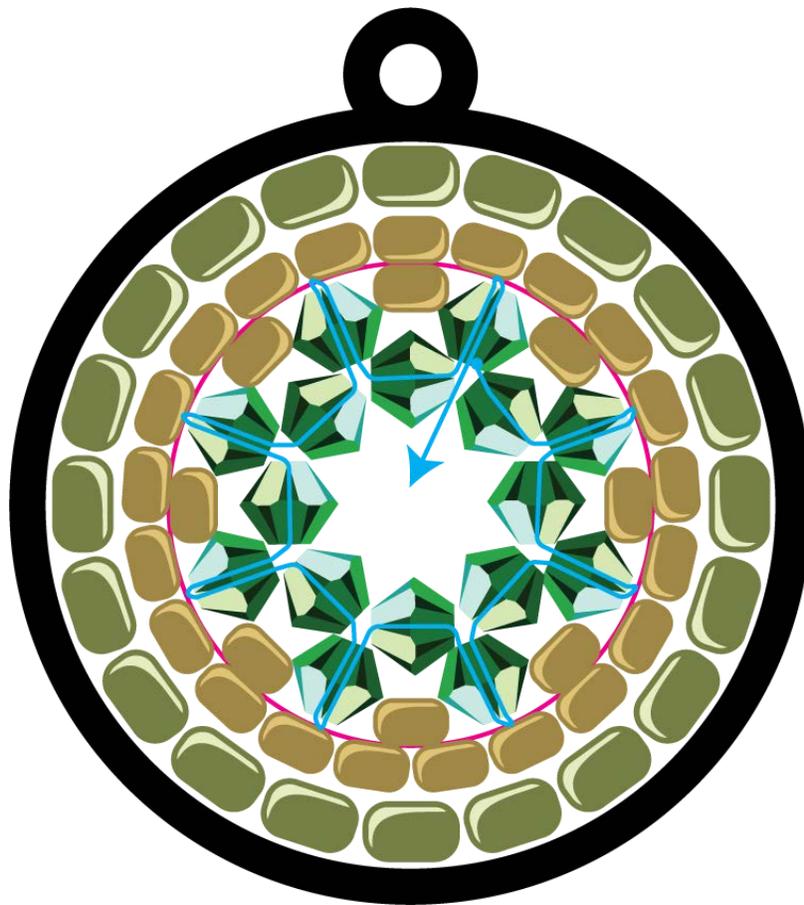
Complete a third row of brick stitch, working into the thread bridges above round 2. In this row, alternate B₄ with S8.

Step 4

Round 4 is worked by stringing one B4 and going down through the next B4, looping under the thread bridge below it, and coming back up through that B4. Repeat this step around to the first B4 strung. As a last step, you can weave the thread through the ring of round 4 to tighten.

Step 5

Add ear wires or a jump ring and chain to create earrings or a necklace with your new sun catcher!



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