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*Snowflake Ornaments*



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## What You'll Need

Preciosa Czech Crystal Round 8mm, Crystal SKU 10719417

John Bead Czech Seed Beads,

Size 11/0 Metallic Silver, SKU 10627221

Size 8/0 Opaque White, SKU 1010549096

Size 8/0 Crystal Silver-Lined, SKU 10549088

Czech Bugle, Opaque White, SKU 10627336

Wildfire .006 Frost, SKU 10104818

Size 11 Beading Needle, SKU 10720246

Thread Scissors, SKU 10591717

Beading Mat, SKU 10348546

8mm Stainless Steel Jump Ring, SKU 10697691

Stainless Steel Ear Wires, SKU 10697700

Abbreviations used in this guide:

R8 - 8mm Czech Crystal Round, Crystal

S11 - Size 11/0 Czech Seed Bead, Metallic Silver

S8A - Size 8/0 Czech Seed Bead, Opaque White

S8B - Size 8/0 Czech Seed Bead, Crystal S/L

B3 - Size 3 Czech Bugle, Opaque White

Intermediate Seed Bead Weaving

1-Hour

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### Introduction

It's easy to create these crystal snowflakes and turn them into a tree ornament or earrings! Follow along with us as we stitch around an 8mm crystal bead, then using herringbone stitch, create the crystallizing arms of a snowflake.

Each step in the construction creates a cute stopping point that looks neat even before the next steps are added. Lots of room to experiment with these!

### Step 1

Start with an 8mm Crystal and about 55-inches of beading thread. Thread on a needle and bring it through the bead. Loop around the bead, coming back through it so the thread runs along the side. Repeat this placing a strand on the other side, so the two together form a Saturn ring belt. Repeat this to lay another strand over the starting strand, then a second over the second strand. You'll have two passes on both sides of the bead.



### Step 2

Use these threads as your thread bridge. Brick stitch (15)S11 around the bead. Bring the tail thread up through the nearest bead as you pass over it. Join the last S11 to the first to form a complete ring around.

Brick stitch a ring of (14)S8A on top of the ring of S11. Bring the tail thread up through the nearest as you pass it.

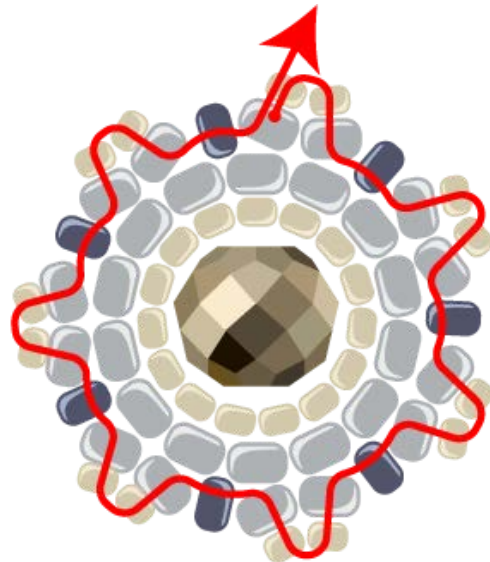
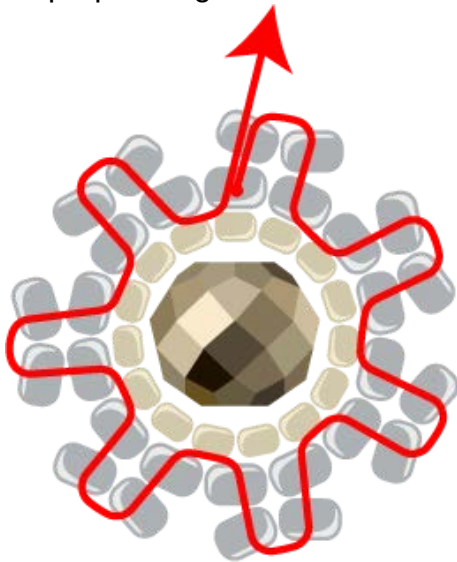
### Step 3

Begin herringbone stitch through the S8A beads that make up the second ring with S8A. (7) sets of (2)S8A will fit around. Once you complete the trip around, step-up through the first S8A added in this step. Trim the tail thread after this step. Weave in if desired.



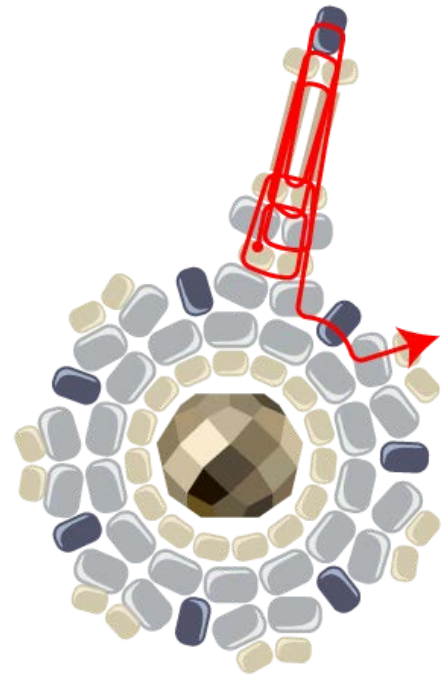
### Step 4

Complete herringbone stitch with S11 above each pair of S8A. In between stitches, add (1)S8B. At the end of this round, again step-up through the first added.



### Step 5

The next steps are single column herringbone stitch. With your thread exiting from the last bead in Step 4, begin herringbone with a set of (2)S8A. Loop back through the S11 from Step 4. This is a single column herringbone stitch. Create a next row with (2)S11, then (2)B3, ending with (2)S11. Add (1)S8B, then continue down through all the right-side beads, turn through the S8B and continue up through the next S8A and S11 that start up the next point. Repeat this around, creating (7) points. Weave in thread through several beads, using thread bridges to make locking turns, then trim.



### Step 6

Open an 8mm jump ring. Insert it through one of the S8B on a point. Add another jump ring if desired, then attach an ear wire or tree hook.

