



FLOWER TALE EARRINGS

Free Beading Tutorial

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TECHNIQUES

Beadweaving

PROJECT LEVEL

Beginner to Intermediate

MATERIALS

12 bronze opaque 6mm Czech glass pearl round beads

2 gr. gold lustered dark topaz Japanese 11/0 seed beads (Toho 459)

Size B gold beading thread

2 bronze earring hooks

TOOLS

Size 10 beading needle

Scissors

FINISHED SIZE

Diameter - 3 cm (1.18 inches) (without earring hooks)

INSTRUCTIONS



Step 1.

Cut about 90 cm (36 inches) of thread and pass it through the needle hole.

Pick six groups of one 11/0 seed bead and one 6 mm round bead.



Join the beads into a ring and secure with two square knots.

Leave a tail of about 10 cm (4 inches).



Step 2.

The working thread should be right before the 6 mm round bead.

Pick seven 11/0 seed beads, skip the 6 mm round bead and pass the needle through the next 11/0 seed bead added in the previous round.



Repeat adding groups of seven 11/0 seed beads five more times.

When adding the last group, take the needle directly through the 11/0 seed bead from the previous round and the next one added in the beginning of current round.



Step 3.

Pick three 11/0 seed beads, skip one seed bead from the group of seven added in the previous round and pass with the needle directly through the next three 11/0 seed beads.



Pick three 11/0 seed beads, skip one seed bead from the group of seven added in the previous round and pass with the needle through the last one and the first 11/0 seed bead from the next group of seven.



Repeat the above directions from **Step 3** five more times.

After completing this round, make sure the thread will be exiting from the middle 11/0 seed bead from the first group of three added in the beginning of this round.



Step 4.

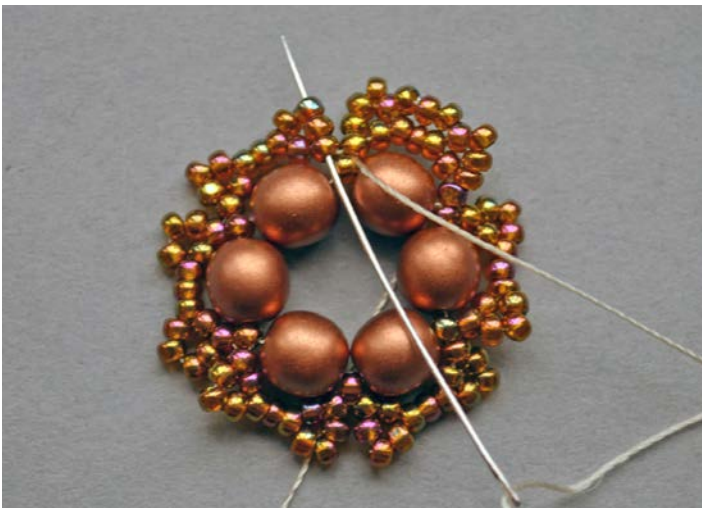
Pick one 11/0 seed bead and go through the last seed bead of the group of three.



Pick three 11/0 seed beads and take the needle through the first seed bead of the next group of three added in the previous round.



Pick one 11/0 seed bead and go with the needle through the next three seed beads (the last two of the group of three and the last one from the group of seven).



Then go up through three 11/0 seed beads (the first from the next group of seven and the first two from the next group of three).



Repeat the above directions from **Step 4** to complete the remaining petals.

When working on the last petal, perform the operation from the image shown on the left: instead of picking the group of three 11/0 seed beads, string two 11/0 seed beads, the earring hook, other two 11/0 seed beads and continue beading as instructed above.

When you are done, hide the thread ends into the beadwork.