



GOOD FORTUNE EARRINGS

Free Beading Tutorial

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TECHNIQUE

Bead weaving
Right angle weave
Netting stitch

PROJECT LEVEL

Intermediate

MATERIALS

20 white/travertine opaque 6mm two-hole CzechMates Tile glass beads
20 turquoise green/travertine opaque 6mm two-hole CzechMates Tile glass beads
20 dark orange Picasso transparent 3x5mm Czech two-hole Rulla glass beads
2 gr. bronze Japanese 11/0 seed beads (Toho 221)
Size D cream beading thread
2 raw bronze earring hooks

TOOLS

Size 11 beading needle
Scissors

FINISHED SIZE

Length - 4.8 cm (1.8 inches) (without earring hooks)
Width - 2.5 cm (1 inch)

INSTRUCTIONS

1.



Step 1.

Cut about 80 cm (31 inches) of thread and pass it through the needle hole.

Pick one 11/0 seed bead, one turquoise tile bead, one 11/0 seed bead and one white travertine tile bead. Slide all the beads down the thread.

2.



Step 2.

Take the needle one more time through these beads, in the same direction.

3.



Step 3.

Pull the thread ends to bring all the beads together into a ring and secure it with two square knots. Leave a tail of 15 cm (6 inches).

4.



Take the needle through the 11/0 seed bead.

5.



Step 4.

Continue with right angle weave by picking one turquoise tile bead, one 11/0 seed bead and one white travertine tile bead and take the needle one more time through the same 11/0 seed bead.

6.



Then take the needle through the turquoise tile bead and the 11/0 seed bead.

The turquoise tiles lie on one side and the white travertine tiles lie on the other side of the beaded stripe.

7.



Step 5.

Pick one white travertine tile bead, one 11/0 seed bead and one turquoise tile bead and take the needle through the 11/0 seed bead, entering with the needle from the opposite side the thread exited from.

8.



Go through the white travertine tile bead and the 11/0 seed bead.

9.



Step 6.

Repeat **Step 4** and add another group of tile beads. Then add the last group as following: with the working thread exiting up out of the 11/0 seed bead which is on the left in the picture above, pick one white travertine tile bead and go down through the 11/0 seed bead which is on the other side of the beaded stripe.

10.



Turn the beadwork on the other side. The thread is exiting up out of the seed bead which is on the left. Pick one turquoise tile bead and take the needle through the 11/0 seed bead and the white travertine tile bead as shown in the picture above.

11.



Step 7.

Turn the beadwork with the white travertine tiles facing up. Take the needle through the outer free hole of the same tile bead the thread exited from.

12.



Step 8.

Pick one 11/0 seed bead, one Rulla bead and one 11/0 seed bead and go through the outer free hole of the next white travertine tile bead.

13.



Repeat adding groups of one 11/0 seed bead, one Rulla bead and one 11/0 seed bead between the white travertine tile beads until the round is completed. When adding the last group, take the needle directly through three beads: the tile bead, the next 11/0 seed bead and Rulla bead.

14.



Step 9.

Turn the beadwork on the other side with the turquoise tiles facing up. Take the needle through the free outer hole of the same Rulla bead the thread exited from.

15.



Step 10.

Pick one 11/0 seed bead and take the needle through the outer free hole of the next turquoise tile bead.

16.



Pick one 11/0 seed bead and take the needle through the outer free hole of the next Rulla bead.

17.



Continue adding 11/0 seed beads as explained above at **Step 10** to complete the round. When adding the last one, take the needle directly through four beads: Rulla bead, 11/0 seed bead, tile bead and 11/0 seed bead.

18.



Step 11.

Pick three 11/0 seed beads, skip the Rulla bead, and go with the needle through the next 11/0 seed bead, the turquoise tile bead and the 11/0 seed bead.

Repeat this action four more times to add seed beads on top of all Rulla beads.

19.



Step 12. Making the second beaded element. The first beaded element is completed. Hide the thread ends into the beadwork and cut the excess. Make a second beaded element following the instructions from **Step 1** through **Step 10**.

20.



Step 13. Joining two beaded elements.

Bring the finished and the unfinished elements close. Pick two 11/0 seed beads and go through the seed bead from the finished element as shown in the picture above.

21.



Go with the needle through the 11/0 seed bead, the tile bead and the 11/0 seed bead of the unfinished element.

22.



Take the needle through the 11/0 seed bead of the finished element as shown in the picture above.

23.



Pick two 11/0 seed beads and go through the 11/0 seed bead, the turquoise tile bead and the 11/0 seed bead of the unfinished beaded element.

24.



Step 14.

In the following continue beading the last row of the second element as explained at **Step 11**. The only exception is the loop holding the earring hook when instead of picking three 11/0 seed beads, you should pick two 11/0 seed beads, the earring hook and other two 11/0 seed beads.

After having completed the second element, hide the thread ends into the beadwork and cut the excess.