

Wedgy Widget Earrings



Supplies:

2 g. Delicas

6 accent beads: 2 large, 4 small

Small amount of size 11 seed beads in a contrasting color

2 Sterling silver ear wires

Beading Needle

C-Lon or Nymo D

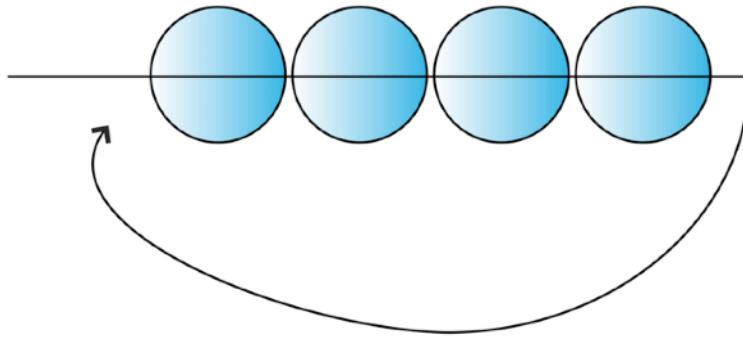
Wax

Bead Mat

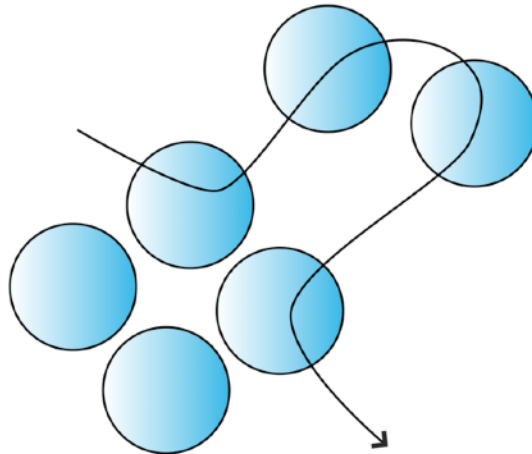
Scissors

Directions:

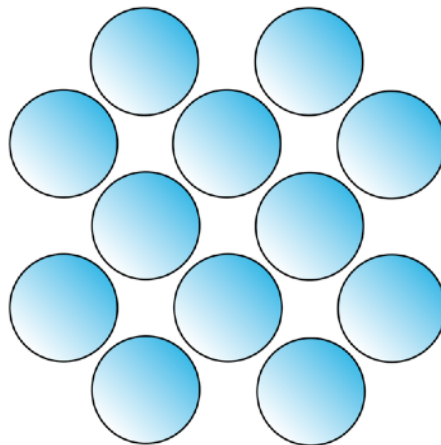
1. Wax a 1 yard length of thread.
2. String 4 beads and pass the needle through all of the beads again to form a circle.



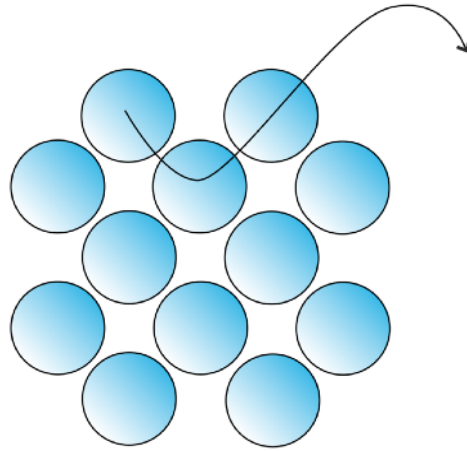
3. Pick up 2 beads and pass through the next bead in the circle.



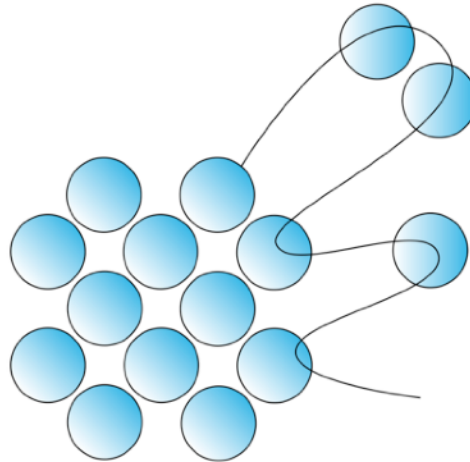
4. Continue picking up 2 beads and going through the next bead in the circle. You will add 4 sets of beads total.



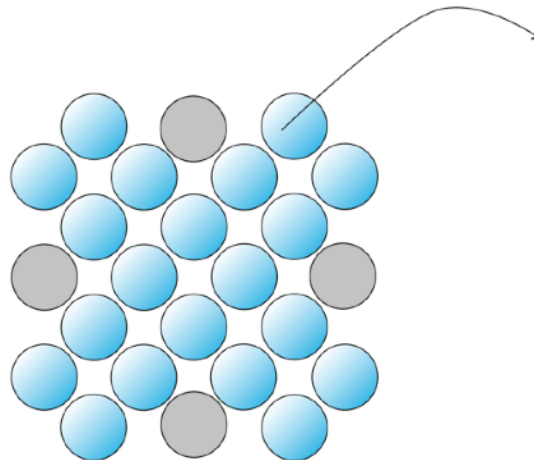
- At the end of the row you will need to step up into the first bead of the first pair added. You will need to step up like this at the end of every row.



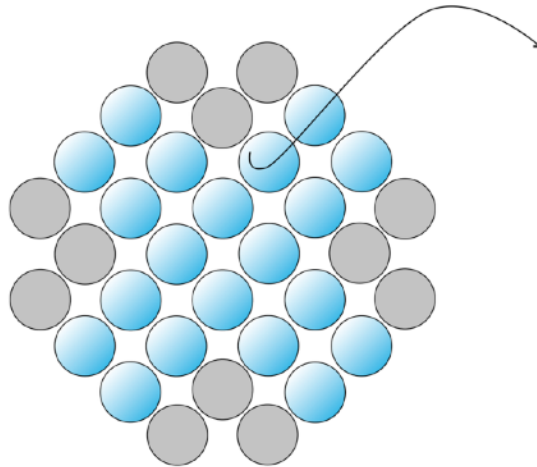
- Pick up 2 beads and pass down the second bead of the pair. Pick up 1 bead and go up the first bead of the next pair.



- Continue around in this manner.
- When you reach the end you will need to step up through the 2 beads of the beginning column. It will start forming the widget shape now. Make sure to keep a tight tension as you work.



9. Add 2 beads. Go down through the second bead of the column. Work 2 peyote stitches and pass through the first bead of the next column.

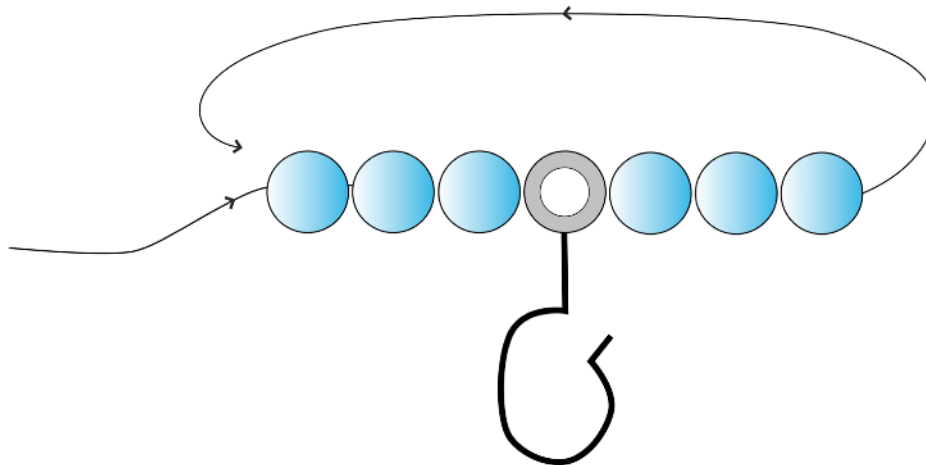


10. Repeat around, stepping up at the end of the row.
11. Continue adding pairs of beads on the columns and working peyote in between the columns. Each row will add 1 additional peyote stitch to the outside edge.
12. Work until your piece is the desired size.

For the earrings: Make 2 with 9 outie beads on the outside edge
Make 2 with 7 outie beads on the outside edge
Make 2 with 5 outie beads on the outside edge

Assembly:

1. With a new length of waxed thread, pick up 6 seed beads and 1 earwire. Tie these beads into a circle and reinforce.



2. Pick up in this order: 2 seed beads, the largest widget
3. 2 seed beads, large accent bead, 2 seed beads
4. Medium widget, 2 seed beads, small accent, 2 seed beads

5. Small widget, 1 seed bead, small accent 1 seed bead
6. Skip the last seed bead and pass back through all of the beads just strung.
7. Go around the loop and head back down the earring tying 2-3 half hitches.