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## Vertical Brick Stitch - Basic Instructions

Cut a section of thread approximately 2 yards for each earring.

Begin pattern with the Base Row >> center row of the pattern, starting at the bottom and working up. Start by placing the first two beads of Base Row approximately 1/3 of the way in on the thread. This will allow enough thread for the first half, leaving the remainder for the second half of the design and fringe. When base row is completed, pick up the beads that make up the loop of the earring along with the ear wire (if the earring are supposed to face opposite directions, this is the time to do it). Run needle through the last bead of base row, then back through the beads that form the loop and the ear wire to reinforce. When the loop is completed, continue with the pattern working down the left side of the base row, then up for the next row and so on, continue until left side of pattern until completed. Tie off. Attach needle to other end of thread and start working up the right side of the base row, then down for the next row and so on until right side of pattern is completed.

With remaining thread complete twist fringe. Working left to right along the bottom of the earring, thread coming out the right side of the first extended bead, string the amount of Delica beads shown on one side of the fringe followed by the trim.

Do not go back through the last Gold Filled strung but back up through the trim bead and the other Gold Filled. Add the other side of the Delica making sure both strands of Delica are of equal length. Even with the same count of beads, they do not always come out even because of bead inconsistencies.

Holding the strand of thread with beads pulled taut, start twisting the thread at the base of the beads you have just strung with one hand, making sure you hold the twists with the other. It's kind of twist and hold, twist and hold, etc. The bead strand should start twisting.

Because you are twisting in the middle of a long section of thread, you do want the twists on the side the beads are on, but you don't want the twists on the side the needle is on -- so run your fingers down the length of the thread on the needle side occasionally to let the twists unwind. If you don't do this, that part of the thread will tangle. It is very important to hold onto the thread at the base of the beads to hold the twist in that section of thread.

Once you have all the twist you would like in the fringe strand, still holding on to the twists with one hand run the needle up into the body of the earring, going through the left side of the second extended bead over (now this is working left to right along the bottom) pulling the fringe into place. Once in place you can let go with the other hand. Repeat across the bottom using the amounts of Delica and trim beads as shown. Tie off.