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Brick Stitch Instructions for Earrings & Twist Fringe

Cut and wax a section of white, size "O" or "B" Nymo® thread approximately 2 yards for each earring.

Begin pattern at the Base Row * marked on the bottom of the pattern. 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 top half, leaving the remainder for the bottom half of the design and optional fringe.

When Base Row is completed, loop around the last two beads a second time to reinforce before picking up the (4) DB beads that make up the loop of the earring along with the ear wire. If the earrings are supposed to face opposite directions, this is the time to check. Run needle through the last bead of base row, then back through the (4) DB beads and ear wire to reinforce.

Continue with the first side of pattern until completed. Work in the end of thread, tie off and cut.

Attach needle to other end of thread and complete other side of pattern. If you plan to add fringe, do not tie off yet.

Twist Fringe:

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. The amount of Delica and trim beads can be adjusted to acquire desired length of the fringe.

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.

Quantities listed for (1) pair of earrings.