

International Beading Week Rainbow Chart



This pattern was tested with Miyuki Delica beads and is designed for cylinder beads rather than seeds. For the full version you'll need 1g each of the 12 IBW colours and 4g of the silver per piece (so double that for a pair of earrings).

You can opt to wear as earrings by attaching a finding to the centre top or even make a pendant by attaching a closed jump ring.

Adjust the look by:

- Just beading the upper rainbow, not the fringe.
- Make the fringe longer or shorter by inserting or removing additional beads matching the coloured stripes at the top of the fringe.
- Squaring off the base of the fringe by adding silver beads to give a flat edge.
- And you can.
- use size 15s for the bottom bead on the fringe, or add a firepolished bead or crystal as the penultimate bead as in the photo.



<u>Free Brick Stitch instructions</u> are available on the Beadworkers Guild website in the Education>Basic Stitch Instructions section.

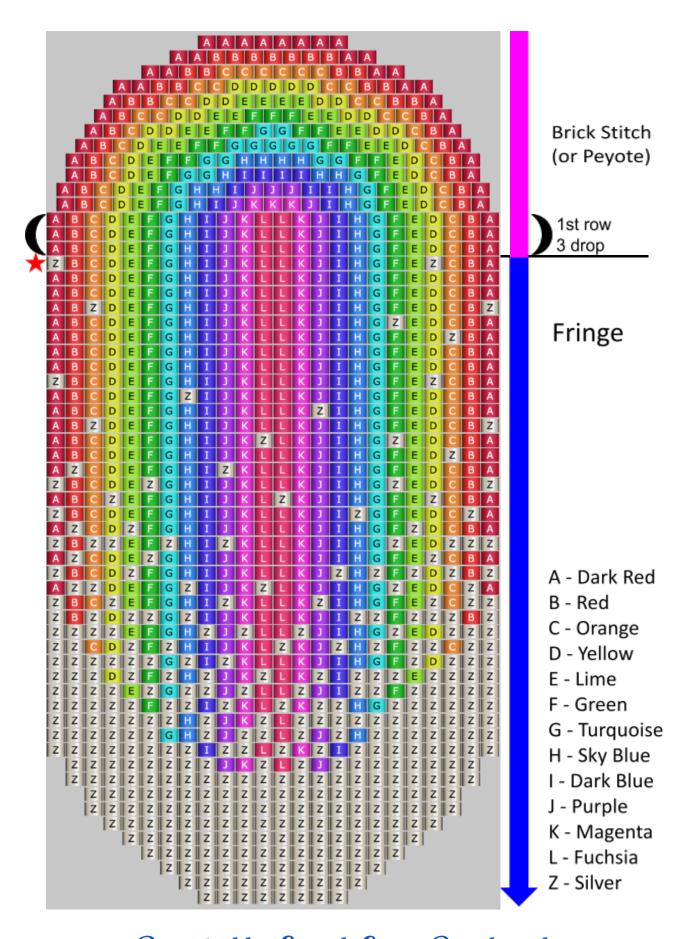
To bead this in Brick Stitch (simplest option, but you can work sideways in peyote if you prefer) start with the widest 3 drop brick stitch row (shown on the full chart with brackets). Create your 3 drop ladder row, then decrease and continue in 2 drop etc working up the pattern to complete the rainbow semi-circle.

Then work from the top left of the fringe (shown with a star on the full chart), picking up each vertical row of beads from the top down. Go back through all except the very last bead picked up and then thread through the 3 drop peyote foundation row to form each section of fringe. Then simply turn back down the next colour in the foundation row to come out of the base of the rainbow and pick up your next vertical row of fringe and so on.



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