

Mairi Carlton Solaris Earrings



You will need:

- 8 x Czechmate 2-hole triangles
- 8 x 3mm Swarovski Bicones
- 2 x 4mm Swarovski Bicones
- 2 x 6mm round beads
- Pinch of 15/Os and 11/Os
- Earring wires

In addition

- Needles & Fireline



Step 1

- Pick up (3 x 15/O & 1 x 11/O) four times
- Pass your needle through the 1st 3 x 15/O and continue through the next 3 x 15/O, skipping the 11/O so that it 'pops' out in the corner
- Continue around the 15/Os, skipping each of the 11/Os and pulling gently so that they all 'pop' in the corners and make the ring into a square
- When you have completed the round, pass your needle through all of the 15/Os again and finish with your needle coming out of one of the 11/Os in the corner



Step 2

- Pass your needle through the first hole of a triangle, from back to front
- Pick up 1 x 11/O – 1 x 15/O – 1 x 11/O
- Pass your needle through the 2nd hole of the triangle from front to back and continue through the next corner 11/O in the square
- Pull the beads gently into place making sure there is as little thread showing as possible.
- Repeat around each side of the square adding a total of 4 triangles
- When you have added all the triangles, move your needle through the first hole of the 1st triangle and continue through the 11/O – 15/O – 11/O



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Step 3

- Pick up 1 x 11/0 and pass your needle through the 11/0 – 15/0 – 11/0 at the front of the next triangle
- Repeat all the way around the ring, adding an 11/0 into each corner
- Go around through all the beads again to tighten
- Finish by passing your needle through one of the 11/0 – 15/0 – 11/0 sets at the front of one of the triangles



Step 4

- Pick up 2 x 15/0 – 1 x 11/0 – 1 x 3mm – 1 x 15/0
- Pass your needle back through the 3mm and 11/0 and pull so that the single 15/0 sits as a picot on top of the 3mm
- Pick up 2 x 15/0 and, skipping the corner 11/0, pass your needle through the next set of 11/0 – 15/0 – 11/0 sets at the front of the next triangle
- Repeat, adding 3 more sets of beads, one to each side



NOTE Make sure you pull your tension firmly on this round so there is as little thread showing as possible

- When you have finished, move your needle through the centre ring of beads so that it is coming out of one of the 11/0s added in stage 2



Step 5

- Pick up 1 x 6mm and pass your needle through the 11/0 in the opposite corner
- Continue back through the 6mm and the 11/0 where you first started
- Pull gently so there is no thread showing and weave your thread to the square at the back of this flower
- Make a small knot to hold and weave your thread through the beads so it is coming out of one of the 15/0s on top of a 3mm bicone



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Adding the ear wires

- With your needle coming out of the 15/0, pick up 5 x 15/0 – 1 x 11/0 – 1 x 4mm bicone – 1 x 11/0 – 7 x 15/0
- Pass your needle back through the 15/0 before the 11/0 to bring the 6 x 15/0 into a loop
- Continue through the 4mm and 11/0 then pick up 5 x 15/0
- Pass your needle through the 15/0 where you started and pull the beads gently but firmly into place.
- Pass your needle through all the beads again to firm up, then weave into the earring and secure with a couple of knots
- Weave in the tail thread and secure with a couple of knots
- Add an earring wire and repeat for the 2nd earring

