

Xmas Star Decoration

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Shopping list:

A – 35 x Size 6 Miyuki seed beads – silver
B – 84 x Size 8 Miyuki seed beads – silver matte
C – 46 x Size 8 Miyuki seed beads – silver
1x 16mm round pearl
Short length of thin ribbon for hanger
Size 10 beading needle
KO thread or thread of choice – white/grey

Preparing the focal bead

Step 1. Using a wingspan of stretched thread, pick up 1x pearl, leave a 6 – 8cm tail thread for later use, pass through the pearl once more and pull the thread firmly. Pass through the pearl again laying the two threads together.

Now add two more threads to the opposite side of the pearl.

***N.B.** Your tail thread should be exiting the bottom of the pearl and the working thread the top.*

Round 1 – Base row

N.B. You will now Brick stitch over the two threads on each side of the pearl, adding seven beads on each set of threads.

Step 2. Working in a clockwise direction, pick up 2xA. Pass the needle towards you under the two threads then pass up through the second bead.

Pass down through the first bead, then back up through the second bead. Pull the thread firmly so that both beads sit side by side with the holes facing upwards.



Step 3. Pick up 1xA and pass the needle under the two threads. Pass back up through the new A bead and pull the thread firmly.



Step 4. Repeat Step 3 until you have seven A beads stitched to the first set of threads.

Place the tail thread next to the second set of threads and stitch over all three to add seven more beads, as in Step 3.

Pass down through the first bead and back up through the last bead a couple of times to join them together, then trim the tail thread.



Round 2

Step 5. Continuing clockwise, pick up 2xB, 1xA, 2xB, pass down through the next A bead of the base row and up through the following A bead.



Step 6. Repeat Step 5, six times, then step up through the first two B beads in this round – seven stacks in total.



Round 3

Step 7. Pick up 2xB, 1xA, 2xB and pass down through the next two B beads from the previous round, exiting between stacks one & two (see yellow arrow).





Step 8. Pick up 1xC (see yellow arrow) and pass up through the next two B beads.

Step 9. Repeat Steps 7 & 8, six times, then step up through the first two B beads in this round.



Round 4

Step 10. Pick up 2xB, 1xA, 2xB and pass down through three B beads. Miss the bottom B bead, then pass through the next C bead.



Step 11. Pick up 3xC, and pass through the opposite side of the existing C bead to create a picot (see yellow arrow). Miss the bottom B bead of the next stack, then step up through the following three B beads.



Step 12. Repeat Steps 10 & 11 six times, step up through the first two B beads in this round and then pass through the A bead.

Creating the loop

Step 13. With your thread exiting the A bead, pick up 7xC and pass through the opposite side of the A bead to create a loop. Pass through the 7C and A bead once more adding a couple of hitch knots as you do, then weave through, secure, and trim the thread.



and finally...

Pass the length of ribbon through the loop (please refer to image on previous page), tie a knot at the top, hang up your decoration and enjoy!

You can easily reduce the size of my star to make a pair of earrings by changing the size of beads to the following:

- **1x 8mm round pearl or Fire Polished bead**
- **A - Size 8 seed beads**
- **B & C - Size 11 seed beads**

If you would like to make more to give as gifts to friends or family, please do, however, I must ask that you do not copy, share, teach, or sell any part of my pattern.

Thank you for taking part in my workshop today, I do hope you have had fun making my Xmas Star Decoration.

Have a very Merry Xmas & a crafty New Year!

Karen x