

IBW Circle of Colors Earrings

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Level: Intermediate

Prerequisites: Ability to bead and join Cubic Right Angle Weave (CRAW) units

Materials (Miyuki beads recommended) -

11/0 Seed beads - White

15/0 Seed beads - White

11/0 Delica beads - matching the IBW Logo colors

6mm Pearl, Druk or round bead

White thread of your choice

Size 11 beading needle



1. Cut a piece of thread about 60" (127cm) long. Leaving an 8" (20cm) tail, bead 11 units of CRAW. (If you need a CRAW refresher there are many YouTube videos and printed tutorials available.)



2. Making sure your CRAW strip is not twisted, join your 11 unit CRAW strip into a circle, creating a 12th CRAW unit. You will be adding four beads for the sides/walls and using the beginning and end of your CRAW strip as the top (ceiling) and bottom (floor) of your 12th CRAW cube. (Colored beads in the photo are for clarity. Your actual beads should be white.)



Make sure you pull your thread firmly after each stitch in order to maintain your tension.

You should have 12 beads around the center of your circle.

Weave in your tail I thread. (I use it to strengthen the join.)

3. Weave through your work to exit a bead in the center of your circle.



4. Add one Delica between each pair of seed beads in the circle. The Delicas should be placed in the order that they occur in the IBW logo, paying attention to the direction you are beading (clockwise vs. anti-clockwise) so the beads are added in the correct order.



Weave around the circle once more to reinforce, exiting the yellow Delica at the top of your circle.

5. Add three 15/0 beads to form a picot over the seed bead between the Delicas. Repeat the picot over each seed bead around the circle.



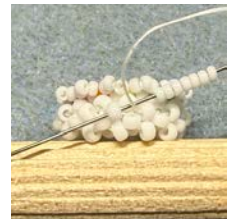
Exit the seed bead after the yellow Delica at the top of the circle.



6. Weave through the seed beads following your CRAW stitches to exit the bead behind and to the side of the yellow Delica.



7. Add an odd number of beads (I used 7), a wire guard, or your choice of hanging loop, and weave through the seed bead across the space. The loop should be centered at the top and behind the yellow Delica.



8. Weave through the seed beads following your CRAW stitches to exit the open space below the hanging loop.



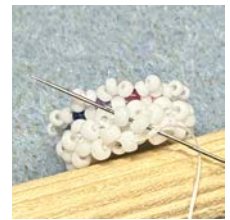
9. Continue downward through the open space to exit below the yellow Delica.



10. Pick up a 15/0 bead, 8mm pearl, 15/0 bead and go through the open space behind the purple Delica.



11. To reinforce, weave through the seed beads following your CRAW stitches and go through the open space, the 15/0, pearl, 15/0 and through the open space beneath the yellow Delica, exiting at the top. (See below).



End your thread.

Now make one more and add ear wires.



Congratulations you now have IBW Circle of Colors earrings!

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