

For the Love of Stripes Earrings by Leslie A Pope

Add a square-stitched stripe of Delicas and some dangles to a frame to make these fun and flirty earrings.



MATERIALS

- 0.5g each of size 11 Delicas in 4 colors (A, B, C & D)
- Mix of 30 size 3mm & 4mm fire polish rounds & pearls
- 2 size 30mm x 20mm oval metal frame
- 30 Eye or head pins (2" long)
- 18-20 size 5mm open jump rings
- 1 pair of ear wires
- 6lb. monofilament or D weight beading thread
- Size 11 or 12 beading needles
- Scissors/thread zapper
- 1 pair of round-nose pliers
- 2 pairs of pliers (chain- or flat-nose)
- Wire cutters

Skill level: Confident beginner and up

Techniques: Square stitch; wire wrapped loops; opening/closing jump rings

Finished size: ~2 ¼" long (excluding the ear wire)

TIPS:

- Be careful not to skip any beads when retracing a thread path.
- The beadwork is first stitched and then attached to the frame.
- Select a stripe pattern from the choices below or make your own.

BEADED COMPONENT (make 2)

FIGURE 1

Step 1. Attach a needle to 45" of thread and add a stop bead (**red dot**) leaving a four-inch tail.

Step 2 – Row 1 (black thread). String eleven Delicas (color of your choice).

Step 3 – Row 2 (red thread). Square stitch one Delica to each Row 1 Delica (following your selected stripe pattern). Lock the new row by sewing back through the previous row and out the new row (not shown in illustrations).

Step 4 – Rows 3 through 7. Square stitch the remaining five rows of Delicas following your selected pattern. Remember to lock each new row beads. Do not cut the working thread, it will be used to attach the component to the frame.

ATTACH COMPONENT TO FRAME

FIGURE 2

Step 5. Position one of the Delica component in the center of one oval frame.

Step 6 (black thread). Sew around the frame and back through the entire row beads. Sew around the frame and back through three beads of the same row.

Step 7 (red thread). Step down to the next row and sew out through three beads. Sew around the frame and through the entire row beads. Sew around the frame and back through three beads of the same row.

Step 8. Repeat Step 7 to secure all the bead rows to the frame. Weave through several rows, following established thread paths to secure and trim excess. **NOTE:** You can make knots if you prefer, however, the thread should stay secure just by weaving through the beadwork.

Step 9. Remove the stop bead from the tail, attach thread to a needle. Weave through several rows, following established thread paths, secure and trim excess.

Step 10. Repeat Steps 5 through 9 to complete the second earring component.

DANGLES (make 30)

Step 11. Add a fire polish or pearl to an eye pin. Use round-nose pliers to make a wrapped loop. **NOTE:** I usually make bird's nest loops, but feel free to make tidy loops. Trim excess wire with wire cutters and press the end in with flat-nose pliers, if needed.

EARRING ASSEMBLY

NOTE: You can follow my assembly method or choose your own to make your dangles longer or shorter.

Step 12 – long dangle. Use two pairs of flat- or chain-nose pliers to open a 5mm jump ring, insert three dangles through the wrapped loops and close the jump ring. Attach a second jump ring. Attach a third jump and add three dangles. Place aside and repeat this step nine more times.

Step 13 – short dangles. Use two pairs of pliers to open a 5mm jump ring, insert three dangles through the wrapped loops and close the jump ring. Use two jump rings to attach to the frame on one side of the long dangle.

Step 14. Use pliers to open and attach two 5mm jump rings to the top of the earring component. Attach an ear wire to the top jump ring.

Step 15. Repeat Steps 12 through 14 to complete the assemble the second earring.

Your fun and flirty For the Love of Stripes earrings are complete!

Stripe Pattern Color Legend

Color A	Color B	Color C	Color D

Stripe Option 1

R1	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
R2	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B
R3	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C
R4	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D
R5	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C
R6	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B
R7	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A

Stripe Option 2

R1	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
R2	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B
R3	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C
R4	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D
R5	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
R6	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B
R7	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C

Stripe Option 3:

R1	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D
R2	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
R3	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D
R4	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B
R5	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D
R6	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C
R7	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D

FOR THE LOVE OF STRIPES ILLUSTRATIONS



FIGURE 1

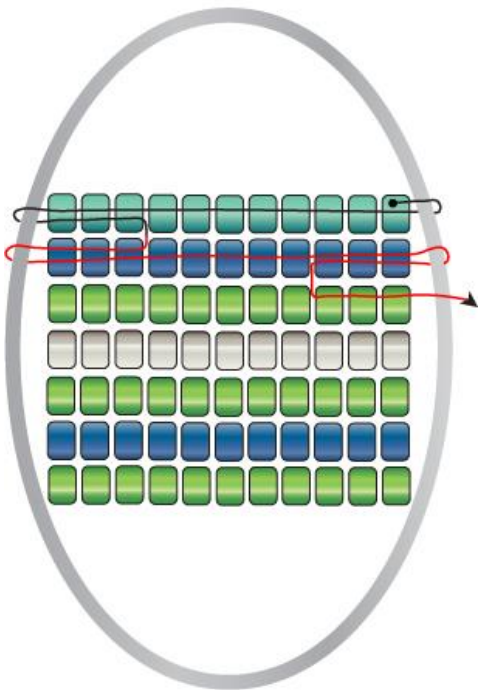


FIGURE 2

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