



MENTAGIÓ BRACELET & EARRINGS

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Mentagió is the Greek word for medallion and this ensemble is definitely medal worthy.

Skill level: Confident beginner and up

Techniques: Stitching with two-hole beads; opening/closing jump rings

Finished length: 6½" for the bracelet (each component measures approximately 1¼")

MATERIALS

2 grams size 15° seed beads

1.5 grams size 11° seed beads

4 grams mini GemDuos

42 faceted Microspacers

28 size 4mm fire polish rounds

14 PILOS Cymbal™ bead endings

8 size 4x6mm oval jump rings

Clasp of choice

1 pair of ear wires

Charms or lengths of small chain (optional)

6lb. Fireline™

Size 12 beading needle

Scissors/Pliers

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TIPS

- Check that all holes of two-hole beads are clear before stitching.
- When retracing thread paths be careful not to pierce any threads or skip sewing through beads.

MEDALLION COMPONENT

FIGURE 1

Step 1. Thread a 22" length of Fireline on a needle.

Step 2. String one 11° and one 15° four times. Sew through beads once more to form a ring leaving a three-inch tail and exit the first 11° added in this step.

FIGURE 2

Step 3. String two mini GemDuos, SKIP the 15° and sew through the next 11°. Repeat three more times. Continue through the first GemDuo added in this round. Reverse the thread direction by sewing through the open hole of the same GemDuo.

FIGURE 3

Step 4. String one Microspacer and sew through the next GemDuo. String one 15°, one 4mm, one 15° and sew through the next GemDuo.

Step 5. Repeat Step 4 three more times and exit the first Microspacer added in Step 4.

FIGURE 4

Step 6. String one 15°, one 11°. SKIP the GemDuo and sew through the next 15°. String six 15°. SKIP the 4mm and sew through the following 15°. String one 11°, one 15° and sew through the next Microspacer.

Step 7. Repeat Step 6 three more times. Continue through the following eleven beads: one 15°, one 11°, the next eight 15°s, and one 11° (**red thread**).

FIGURE 5

Step 8. String one 11°, one PILOS ending and one 11°. Sew through one 11°, the next eight 15°s and one 11°.

Step 9. String one 11°, one 15°, one Microspacer, one 15° and one 11°. Sew through one 11°, the next eight 15°s and one 11°.

Step 10. Repeat Steps 8 and 9 once more.

FIGURE 6

Step 11. Retrace the thread path through the beads as shown in the illustration to reinforce the component. Secure the thread within the component and trim excess. Rethread the tail thread, secure within the component and trim excess.

Make the number of components for the desired length of your bracelet plus two for the earrings!

NOTE: My five components bracelet measures approximately 6.5 inches.

BRACELET ASSEMBLY

NOTE: Make sure that the domed side of the mini GemDuos are facing up when assembling the bracelet.

Step 12. Use pliers to open a jump ring. Insert into the PILOS loops of two components close and the jump ring.

Step 13. Repeat Step 12 to attach all the components for the bracelet. Attach the clasp to each end PILOS loop with jump rings.

EARRINGS

Step 14. Use pliers to attach an ear wire to one PILOS loop. Use a jump ring to attach chain or a charm to the second PILOS loop. Repeat for your second earring.

Wear your Mentagió bracelet and earrings with honor!

DESIGN OPTIONS: Additional supplies may be needed.

For a more size adjustable bracelet, try a partially finished bracelet ending. Just make enough components to reach from wrist bone to wrist bone before adding the bracelet ending.

Don't forget your dangles!



We love shoulder duster earrings – I used two components and some chain dangles for my earrings.



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MENTAGIÓ BRACELET & EARRINGS ILLUSTRATIONS



FIGURE 1

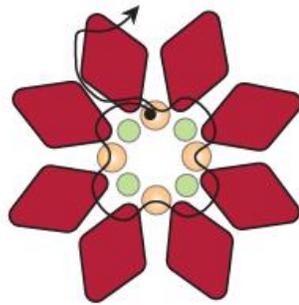


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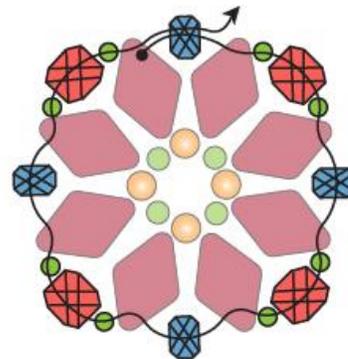


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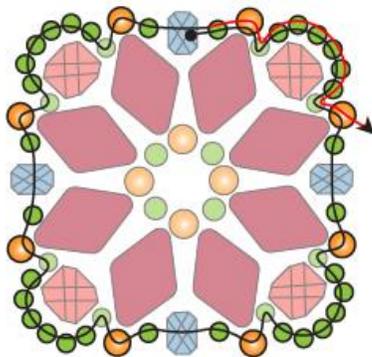


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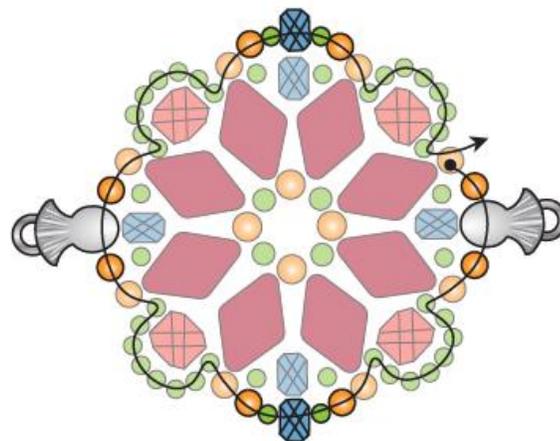


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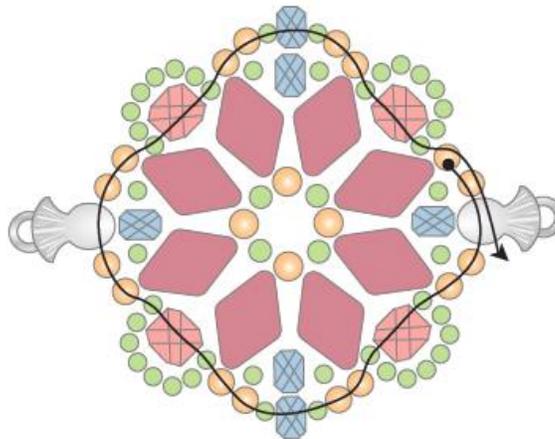


FIGURE 6

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