



FOR THE LOVE OF STRIPES EARRINGS

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

MATERIALS for one pair of earrings

0.5g each 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 beading needle

1 pair of round-nose

2 pairs of flat- or chain-nose pliers

Wire cutters

Scissors/Thread zapper

Skill level: Confident beginner and up

Technique: Square stitch; wire wrapped loops

Finished length: 2 ¼" 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.

ASSEMBLE EARRINGS

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



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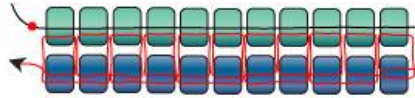


FIGURE 1

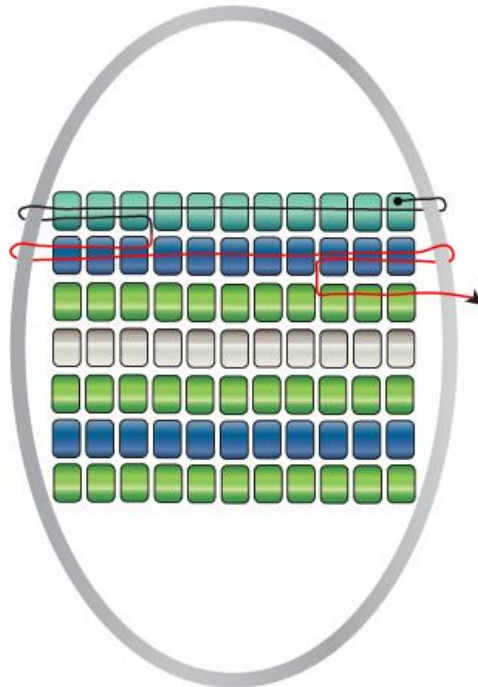


FIGURE 2

FOR THE LOVE OF STRIPES COLORWAYS

Silver plate – 30mmx20mm oval frame
Opaque turquoise green AB – size 11 Delica
Sparkling teal lined crystal – size 11 Delica
Matte opaque turquoise AB – size 11 Delica
Palladium plated – size 11 Delica

Gold plate – 30mmx20mm oval frame
Metallic raspberry – size 11 Delica
Opaque lilac AB – size 11 Delica
Matte trans mauve AB – size 11 Delica
Duracoat galvanized gold – size 11 Delica