

BC Ribbon Earrings

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Materials:

- thread: B needles: size 10 or 12
- delica beads: white, pink, red or your choice
- 2 ear wires

1. Leave a 4-inch tail and use a single, unknotted strand of thread to create the single-bead start row that is 17 beads long. Read the graph from the top down. *Note color pattern!* That is:

- Pick up two beads, pull the beads to the end of the thread, leaving a 4-inch tail.
- Pass the N&T through the first bead. Holding the tail, pull the needle until the two beads are side-by-side.
- Pass the N&T down through the second bead.
- Pick up another bead and pass the N&T down through the second bead.
- Pass the N&T up through the third bead.
- Continue adding beads in this manner until 17 beads have been added.

2. Reinforce the strip by weaving back and forth through the piece to the first bead.

3. Add the ear wire hanger: string 4 beads, pass the N&T through the opposite side of the first bead on the start row, then reinforce by passing the N&T through the beads again.

4. Do brick stitch on both sides of the start row (widest part). Note color pattern. Also note that brick stitch rows naturally decrease by one bead each row, thus forming a triangular shape.

5. When one side is done, weave the N&T down the side to the first bead of the start row. Turn the beadwork over and brick stitch the other side.

6. Weave the thread into the beadwork and trim.

7. Put a needle on the 4-inch tail. Weave the thread into the beadwork and trim.

8. If desired, coat the back of the earring with clear nail polish to stiffen. Dry thoroughly.

9. Attach an ear wire.

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