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## Brick Stitch Diamond Earrings

These simple brick stitch earrings can be made to match any outfit using our wide range of different Delica colours.

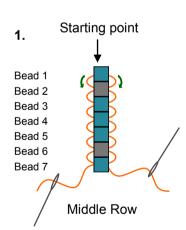
## **Materials Used:**

Size 11 Delica Beads, in your choice of colours. 2 x 4mm Jump Rings SP 2 x Fish Hooks SP 1 x Reel of Nymo thread, to match the colour of your beads.

**Tools used:** Scissors, Beading Needle & Chain Nose pliers.

## **Instructions:**

If you are new to brick stitch, click here to watch our video on getting started



1. Decide what colours and pattern you want to use before you start (drawing it out often helps). We are going to use the 2 needle ladder stitch to start our diamond then create each side using brick stitch. Cut a metre of Nymo and thread a needle onto each end. Thread through bead 1 so that it's in the middle of the thread, then thread both needles in the opposite direction through bead 2, then through the rest of the beads in the same way ending at bead 7.

2. a - Working on just one side add the first two beads of your second row. Anchor in place by threading under the loop of thread between beads 6 & 5, then up through bead B, then A and B again (this is how to start off each row).

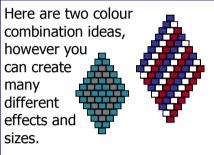
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2. a

2. b

2. b - Add the next bead in your pattern, bead C, by threading though the bead, then anchoring under the thread between beads 5 & 4 and back through bead C (this is how to add consecutive beads) continue in the same way to the end of the row. Carry on adding rows, naturally decreasing 1 bead at each end of every row until there's 1 bead on the last row. Repeat this on the other side of the middle row to complete the diamond shape.





**3. TIP**: Always twist your jump rings & fish hooks open with chain nose pliers, so that you don't distort the shape or mark the fish hook.



3. Make a second diamond in the same way. On one side of each diamond weave the thread back through a few beads to secure in before trimming off the excess. On the other side of the diamond you need to attach a 4mm jump ring by sewing over the jump ring a few time before securing the thread in the same way. Then add the diamonds, with the jump rings attached to the fish hook loops. Your Earrings are finished.