

Neon Fringe!

Here's a unique spin on fringe earrings featuring Luminous Neon seed beads from John Bead!

You'll need:
11/0 Seed Beads:
Turquoise, 695SB11O-0412V
Limeade, 695SB11O-1119V
Hot Magenta, 695SB11O-4302V
Flamingo, 695SB11O-1122V
Sun Glow, 695SB11O-1121V
Preciosa Drops 8/0 Crystal / Orange Shiny Terra
Color, 68242001
Wildfire Beading Thread, White, .006, 7442305702
Size D Good Thread Bonded White from John
Bead, 74423018
Size 10 or 12 Hard Beading Needle, 74301017
Must Have Findings Ear Wires, 26001401-003
Thread Scissors, Flush Cutters, or a Thread Burner

Earrings are created using brick stitch for the top portion and stringing fringe for the bottom. Each side is a reverse of the other. See patterns on next pages.


The Brick Stitch portion of this design is completed using Wildfire Beading Thread .006. Cut 35 to 40 inches of Wildfire .006. Ladder stitch the first (widest) row of the pattern. Begin brick stitch. Start each row with 4 seed beads. Work the first stitch into the second thread bridge. Brick stitch the remaining beads in the row, 2 beads at a time, worked into the next thread bridge. Complete all rows of the pattern. Add a loop of 6 seed beads at the top, for the ear wire.


Here is the pattern reversed for the second earring.


Weave in a 65 " strand of Good Thread. Trim the tail of the new, woven-in strand once it is secure. Exit from the bottom row, edge-most beads. You can begin the fringe on either side of the piece. String 24 beads and a Czech drop bead. Skipping the drop bead, come back up through all seed beads above. Go through the beads in the laddered row.

Tip: If you hold the bottom seed bead while pulling the thread through, you can achieve tight tension.

Turn to exit from the next set of beads in the laddered row. Complete the next row of fringe, 26 beads and a Czech drop bead to turn.

The fringe pattern increases by 2 beads until the last strand.

The bead counts for the fringe, (not including the Czech drop turning bead) are 24, 26, $28,30,32,34,36,38,40,42$.

Weave in remaining working thread and trim.

Use chain nose pliers to open the loop on an ear wire and attach it to the top loop of seed beads.

Repeat all steps for a second earring referring to the mirror pattern if desired.


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