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Chevron set

For lightweight jewelry, plain loops are perfection ✽ by Jane Konkel

Variations on the chevron motif are everywhere. These pieces are easy to make and can translate into so many color-blocked combos! I like to match the main seed bead color with the metal finish, but there are no hard-and-fast rules here. Just choose four colors of seed beads and make a few plain loops.

1 necklace ✽ To make a chevron unit: On a head pin, string a silver seed bead, three lilac seed beads, a silver, three yellow seed beads, a silver, and three teal seed beads.

2 String 11 silvers and make a plain loop (How-Tos).

3 On eight head pins, repeat step 1. Repeat step 2 on two of the head pins, stringing nine silvers. Repeat step 2 on pairs of head pins with seven, five, and three silvers, respectively.

4 Cut a 1½-in. (3.8 cm) piece of 20-gauge wire. Make a plain loop on one end. String: silver, three-silver unit, silver, five-silver unit, silver, seven-silver unit, silver, nine-silver unit, silver, eleven-silver unit.
earrings • For each earring: Make a chevron unit as in steps 1 to 5 of the necklace. Cut a 2-in. (5 cm) piece of chain with an odd number of links. Open a jump ring (How-Tos) and attach a loop and an end link. Close the jump ring. Attach another jump ring. Use a pair of jump rings to attach the remaining units.

Open the loop of an earring wire and attach the center link of chain. Close the loop.*

What you’ll need

**necklace** 18 in. (46 cm)
- 5 g silver 11° seed beads
- 2 g lilac 11° seed beads
- 2 g yellow 11° seed beads
- 2 g teal 11° seed beads
- 10–14 in. (25–36 cm) chain, 2 mm links
- 7½ in. (19.1 cm) 20-gauge wire
- 45 ½ in. (3.8 cm) head pins
- 16 4 mm jump rings
- toggle clasp
- chainnose and roundnose pliers
- diagonal wire cutters

**earrings**
- 2 g silver 11° seed beads
- 54 g lilac 11° seed beads
- 54 g yellow 11° seed beads
- 54 g teal 11° seed beads
- 4 in. (10 cm) chain, 2 mm links
- 3 in. (7.6 cm) 20-gauge wire
- 18 ½ in. (3.8 cm) head pins
- 8 4 mm jump rings
- pair of earring wires
- chainnose and roundnose pliers
- diagonal wire cutters

Check your local bead store for supplies.

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*Designing jewelry with seed beads is a step outside of Jane’s comfort zone. “I tend to think of seed bead jewelry as super intricate, formal, and time intensive, but I surprised myself with this easy pattern.”*

Go for the gold

Make a pair of earrings to coordinate with a favorite blouse from your fall wardrobe.