

Cube beads fit together perfectly to make these diamond-shaped brick stitch earrings.

BRICK STITCH

Black diamonds

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Decreasing rows of brick stitch produce a perfect dangle to hang from this silver finding. Make a contemporary pair of earrings that work up in an hour!

stepbystep

[1] On 1 yd. (.9 m) of thread, pick up two cube beads, leaving a 12-in. (30 cm) tail. Work a row of ladder stitch (Basics) five cubes long (**photo a**).

[2] Work a row of brick stitch (Basics) using four cubes. Work two more rows, decreasing one cube per row.

[3] Pick up a cube, and sew down through the next cube in the previous row (**figure, a–b**). Sew through the adjacent cube and the new cube again (**b–c**). Sew through the two cubes in the

previous row (**c–d** and **photo b**). Don't end the thread.

[4] Using the tail, repeat steps 2 and 3, and end the tail (Basics).

[5] On the working thread, pick up 11 11° seed beads, and sew through a jump ring on the silver finding and through the adjacent cube (**photo c**). Retrace the thread path, and end the thread.

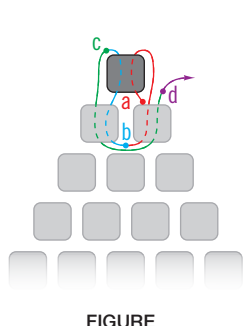
[6] Open the loop (Basics) of an earring finding, attach the other jump ring on the silver finding (**photo d**), and close the loop.

[7] Make a second earring. ●

materials

pair of earrings

- 50 4 x 4 mm cube beads, black (Toho, 375130)
- 22 11° seed beads, black (Toho, 474833)
- 2 silver link findings (Metal Madness, 421790)
- pair of earring findings
- nylon beading thread to match beads
- beading needles, #12
- 2 pairs of pliers



FIGURE

