Channel earrings

Stitch a lively peyote band around a metal channel bead to create a pair of snappy earrings.

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PEYOTE STITCH

Earring band
1 On 1 yd. (.9 m) of thread, attach a stop bead, leaving a 6-in. (15 cm) tail. Starting at the lower-left corner of the pattern, pick up 11 cylinder beads for rows 1 and 2: one color A, four color Bs, and three As.
2 Following the pattern, work in flat even-count peyote stitch using the appropriate color cylinders. End the tail, but not the working thread.
3 Make a second earring band.

Assembly
1 Wrap an earring band around the center of a channel bead, and zip up the ends (photo a). End the working thread.
2 On a head pin, string a 6 mm pearl, the beaded channel bead, and a pearl. Make a plain loop: Trim the headpin ¼ in. (6 mm) from the top pearl, and using chainnose pliers, make a right-angle bend in the wire directly above the pearl (photo b).
3 Grip the end of the wire with round-nose pliers so that the wire is flush with the jaws of the pliers where they meet. Rotate the wire toward the bend until the tip of the wire touches the bend, creating a loop (photo c).
4 Slide the loop of the dangle onto a kidney ear wire.
5 Repeat steps 1-4 to complete the second earring.
Do you prefer a word chart to a graphed pattern? Go to www.BeadAndButton.com/resources to get a peyote word chart for the earring band.