brick stitch pattern

christmas tree earrings

a three tier pine with a gold star and a few ornaments.



size	time	level
about 1.75 in long	about 1 hr an earring	beginner friendly

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supplies

everything you need, and how much of each bead to buy.

bead legend

bead color	toho code	per pair	buy
D **pine green**	Toho TR-11-47HF opaque frosted	382	**4 g**
R **pepper red**	Toho TR-11-45F opaque frosted	16	**1 g**
W **white**	Toho TR-11-41F opaque frosted	18	**1 g**
X **oxblood (trunk)**	Toho TR-11-46F opaque frosted	10	**1 g**
Y **sunshine (star + lights)**	Toho TR-11-42BF opaque frosted	44	**1 g**

bead counts are for a pair (two earrings). buy = with 15% spare.
toho 11/0 round is about 110 beads per gram. most tubes hold 8 to 10 g.

materials

size 11/0 Toho round seed beads (colors in the legend)

Fireline 6 lb (.006 in) braided thread, black

findings for what you're making: ear wires, a chain, a keychain ring or a pin back

jump rings

tools

size 11 or 12 beading needle

thread snips

flat nose pliers (for findings)

pattern diagram

start on the ladder row (marked). work up to row 1, then flip it and work down from the ladder row.



finished length: about 1.75 in long

word chart

ladder row first, then up to row 1. then flip it and work down from the ladder row. tick each row.

- [ ] **row 27** → D3, W1, D9, W1, D3 (17) · ladder row
- [ ] **row 26** ← D2, W1, D1, Y1, D6, Y1, D1, W1, D2 (16)
- [ ] **row 25** → D7, W1, D7 (15)
- [ ] **row 24** ← D1, Y1, D2, Y1, D4, Y1, D2, Y1, D1 (14)
- [ ] **row 23** → D5, Y1, D1, Y1, D5 (13)
- [ ] **row 22** ← D4, R1, D2, R1, D4 (12)
- [ ] **row 21** → D11 (11)
- [ ] **row 20** ← D1, Y1, D6, Y1, D1 (10)
- [ ] **row 19** → D2, R1, D5, R1, D2 (11) · left: increase (move 4) · right: increase (move 4)
- [ ] **row 18** ← D2, W1, D6, W1, D2 (12) · left: increase (move 4) · right: increase (move 4)
- [ ] **row 17** → D2, R1, D1, Y1, D1, Y1, D1, R1, D2 (11)
- [ ] **row 16** ← D3, W1, D2, W1, D3 (10)
- [ ] **row 15** → D9 (9)
- [ ] **row 14** ← D8 (8)
- [ ] **row 13** → D7 (7)
- [ ] **row 12** ← D6 (6)
- [ ] **row 11** → D1, R1, D3, R1, D1 (7) · left: increase (move 4) · right: increase (move 4)
- [ ] **row 10** ← D8 (8) · left: increase (move 4) · right: increase (move 4)
- [ ] **row 9** → D1, Y1, D3, Y1, D1 (7)
- [ ] **row 8** ← D6 (6)
- [ ] **row 7** → D5 (5)
- [ ] **row 6** ← D4 (4)
- [ ] **row 5** → D3 (3)
- [ ] **row 4** ← Y2 (2)
- [ ] **row 3** → Y3 (3) · left: increase (move 4) · right: increase (move 4)
- [ ] **row 2** ← Y2 (2)
- [ ] **row 1** → Y1 (1)

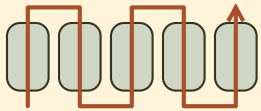
flip it. back to the ladder row, work down

- [ ] **row 28** → X3 (3) · left: step in 7 (move 5) · right: step in 6 (move 5)
- [ ] **row 29** ← X2 (2)

stitch guide

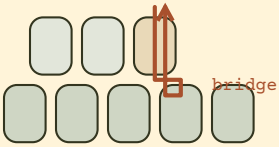
the six moves this pattern uses. the red line is your thread. pale beads are the new ones.

1 · ladder stitch (ladder row)



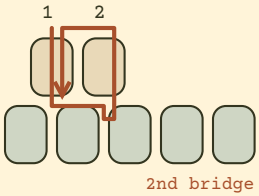
pick up 2 beads, go back through the first, then through the second so they sit side by side. add 1 bead at a time, going back through the bead before it and then the new one.

2 · brick stitch (one bead)



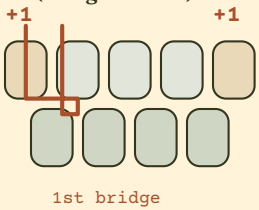
pick up 1 bead, slide the needle under the next thread bridge below (front to back), then go back up through the same bead. each bead sits between two below.

3 · start a row (one bead shorter)



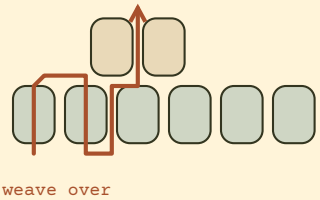
pick up 2 beads, go under the 2nd bridge from the edge, then up through the 2nd bead. lock it: down the 1st bead, up the 2nd. this row ends up 1 bead shorter.

4 · increase (row gets wider)



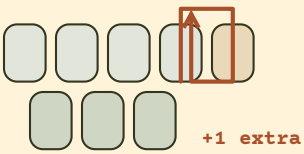
for a row 1 bead wider: start with 2 beads under the 1st bridge instead of the 2nd. at the end, add 1 more bead under the same last bridge again. the chart marks these rows and which side.

5 · step in (row jumps narrower)



for a row 3 beads narrower (the top of the bell or point): weave over through 1 edge bead of the row below, start on the next bridge, and stop 1 bridge early. the chart marks these rows.

6 · extra beads at the edge



when a row reaches more than 1 bead past the row before it: finish the row, then ladder stitch the extra beads (move 1) onto the end bead, one at a time. the chart says how many.

how to make it

1. ladder stitch row 27 first, following the word chart (move 1). it's the widest solid row.
2. brick stitch up row by row to row 1. the chart tags every row that gets wider, steps in or needs extra beads, and which side.
3. flip it, weave back to row 27 and work down to row 29.
4. add a jump ring at the top. it works as earrings, a pendant, a keychain, a pin or a sew-on patch.
5. tie off and weave in the tails. for earrings, make a second one and flip it over for a mirrored pair.

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