



CYMBAL GEMDUO SUITE
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Play with the flash of CYMBAL™ metal fashion elements alongside matte and shiny GemDuos in a sweet suite of earrings, bracelet and pendant.

TECHNIQUES: Stitching two-holed beads and small seed beads, working with jump rings

MATERIALS:

PAIR EARRINGS:

6 GemDuos, Backlit
14 GemDuos, Matte Backlit
6 CYMBAL Plaka bead substitute
2 CYMBAL Mitakas bead sides
2 CYMBAL Triades bead endings
.5g 15/0 seed beads
Pair of ear wires

PENDANT (one element):

3 GemDuos, Backlit
8 GemDuos, Matte Backlit
3 CYMBAL™ Plaka bead substitute
2 CYMBAL Mitakas bead sides
2 CYMBAL Tirades bead endings
.5g 15/0 seed beads
Chain, jump rings, clasp

BRACELET (one element):

6 GemDuos, Backlit
4 GemDuos, Matte Backlit
2 CYMBAL™ Plaka bead substitute
2 CYMBAL Mitakas bead sides
2 CYMBAL Tirades bead endings
.5g 15/0 seed beads
Chain, jump rings, clasp

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NOTE BEAD ORIENTATION IN DIAGRAMS FOR PROPER STRINGING

EARRINGS

FIGURE 1

Step 1. On 20" of thread string one Plaka substitute and one GemDuo-backlit three times. Sew through all the beads again. Knot into a ring leaving a 3-inch tail. Sew through the first substitute top hole. Secure tail and trim.

FIGURE 2

Step 2. String one GemDuo-matte (through its right hole) and six 15/0. Sew through the left hole of the same GemDuo. Working around the ring sew through the top hole of the GemDuo added in Figure 1. Repeat five more times. Sew through the first substitute and GemDuo. Exit through the first 15/0 added this step.

FIGURE 3

Step 3. String one 15/0, one GemDuo-matte, and one 15/0 (a-b). Sew through the end 15/0 atop the GemDuo-matte (c), the GemDuo-matte, the substitute, the GemDuo-matte, the end 15/0 atop the GemDuo-matte (d) and the first 15/0 added this step (a).

Step 4. String four 15/0s and one side of a Triades ending from the outside, in. Sew through the open hole of the GemDuo-matte and out the other side of the Triades ending. String four 15/0 and sew through the next two 15/0s (b-c).

Step 5. Sew through the GemDuo-substitute-GemDuo, the 15/0s atop the GemDuo, and continue to sew through the existing thread path around the outside of the component to exit a 15/0 (e) at the bottom of the earring.

Step 6. String one Mitakas side bead and five 15/0s. Sew through the other hole of the Mitakas and the end 15/0 (f) on the GemDuo.

Step 7. Secure thread in beadwork and trim.

Step 8. Attach an ear wire to the Triades ending. Create a second earring.

PENDANT

FIGURE 1

Step 1. On 25" of thread string one Plaka substitute and one GemDuo-backlit three times. Sew through all beads again and knot in a ring leaving a 3-inch tail. Sew through the first substitute again. Sew in the opposite direction through the same substitute's outer hole. Secure tail and trim.

FIGURE 2

Step 2. String one GemDuo-matte and six 15/0. Sew through the other hole of same GemDuo and through the outer hole of the GemDuo added in Step 1. Repeat five more times. Exit through the first 15/0 added this step.

FIGURE 3

Step 3. String one Mitakas side bead and five 15/0. Sew through the other hole of the Mitakas, the end 15/0 on the GemDuo below it and the GemDuo. Sew through the substitute and next GemDuo working around the component. Exit the 15/0 first added in this figure (a).

Step 4. Sew around the right side of the component through three GemDuos and their 15/0s to exit the last 15/0 of second set (b).

Step 5. String one 15/0, one GemDuo-matte, and one 15/0.

Step 6. Sew through the next 15/0 (c), GemDuo, substitute, and GemDuo, to exit through the end 15/0 (b) and the 15/0 strung with the new GemDuo.

Step 7. String four 15/0 and one side of a Triades ending from outside, in. Sew through the open GemDuo hole and other hole of the Triades. String four 15/0 and sew through existing 15/0. Sew through all bead added in this step again (not shown in illustration). Continue through to exit the end 15/0 (d).

Step 8. Sew through three GemDuos, and exit the end 15/0 (e) of the third GemDuo.

Step 9. String a Mitakas side bead and five 15/0. Sew through the other hole of the Mitakas and the end 15/0 (d) on the GemDuo. Continue through the three inner GemDuos. Exit through all the 15/0s (e-f) on the last GemDuo just sewn through.

Step 10. Repeat Steps 5-7 to add the other GemDuo and Triades ending. Follow existing thread path through beads to secure thread and trim.

Step 11. Use pliers to attach jump rings, chain and clasp to both Triades endings.

BRACELET

FIGURE 1

Step 1. On 25" of thread string one Plaka substitute and two GemDuo-backlit two times. Sew through all beads again and knot into a ring leaving a 3-inch tail. Sew through to exit a Plaka. Sew in the opposite direction through its outer hole. Secure tail in beads and trim.

FIGURE 2

Step 2. String a GemDuo-matte and six 15/0. Sew through the other hole of same GemDuo and the outer hole of an inner GemDuo (a-b) added in Step 1.

Step 3. String one 15/0, a Mitakas side bead and five 15/0. Sew through the other hole of the Mitakas. String a 15/0, and sew through the next GemDuo (b-c).

Step 4. Repeat Step 2 to add two more GemDuos.

Step 5. Repeat Step 3 to add a second Mitakas side bead.

Step 6. Repeat Step 2 again to add a fourth GemDuo. Sew through the top substitute, GemDuo-matte, and exit from inside out through the first 15/0 added in Step 2.

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FIGURE 3

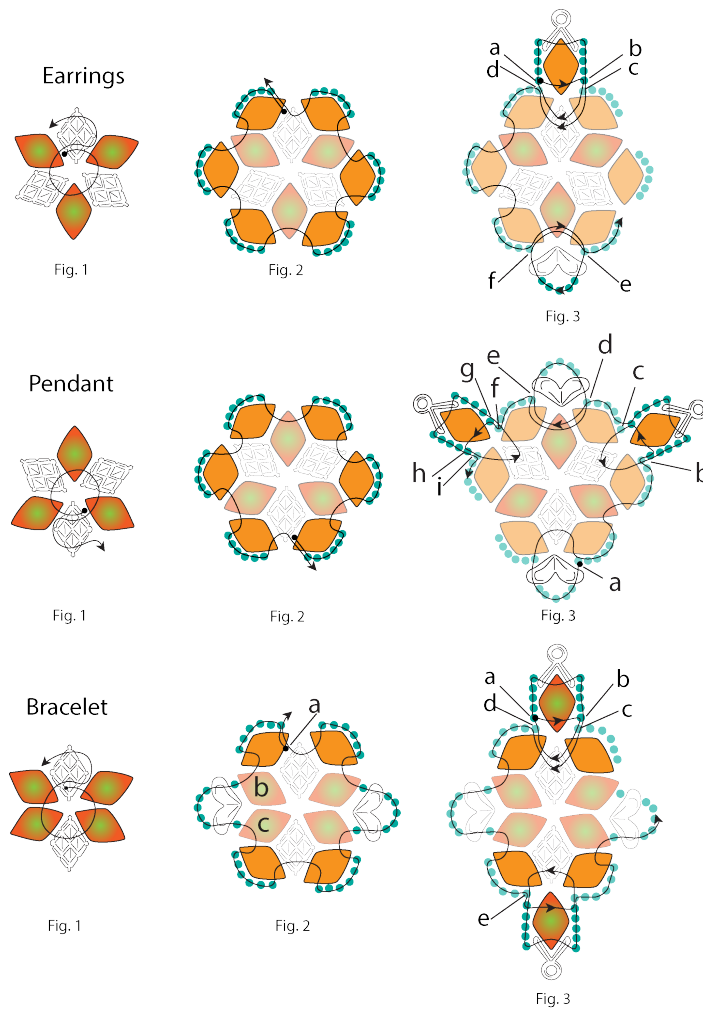
Step 7. String one 15/0, one GemDuo-matte, and one 15/0 (a-b). Sew through the 15/0 (c), GemDuo, substitute, GemDuo, 15/0 (d) and the first 15/0 (a) added in Step 2.

Step 8. String four 15/0s and a Triades ending from the outside, in. Sew through the open hole of a GemDuo-backlit and the other hole of the ending from inside, out. String four 15/0 and sew through the second 15/0 strung in Step 2 (b), the next GemDuo, Plaka, GemDuo and exit the 15/0 (d).

Step 9. Follow the thread path to exit a 15/0 (e) on the opposite side of the component. Repeat Step 8 to add a second Triades ending. Secure thread in beads and trim.

Step 10. Use pliers to attach jump rings, chain and clasp to both Triades endings.

DESIGN OPTION: Make more than one component and link them with jump rings. Leave enough length after linking additional components to add small lengths of chain and your clasp.



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