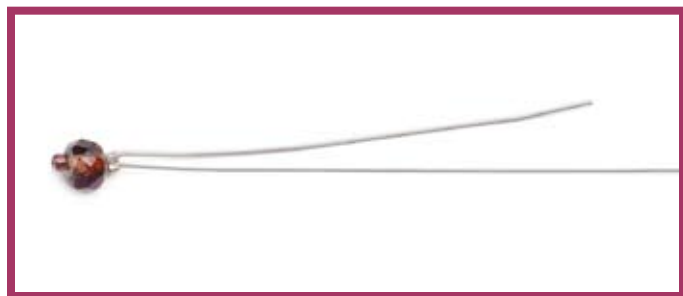


String sophisticated fringe

Gather strands of seed beads into a

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Spin seed beads into lengthy fringe to make a flowing lariat. Wrapped cotton cord and a seed bead coil hold the strands in place at the back of your neck. Wear the lariat scarf style, doubled around your neck, or tied loosely. Get the most out of your seed bead stash by adding trendy tassel earrings.



1 a lariat • Determine the finished length of your lariat. (My lariats are 52 in./1.3m.) Add 6 in. (15cm) and cut ten pieces of beading wire to that length.

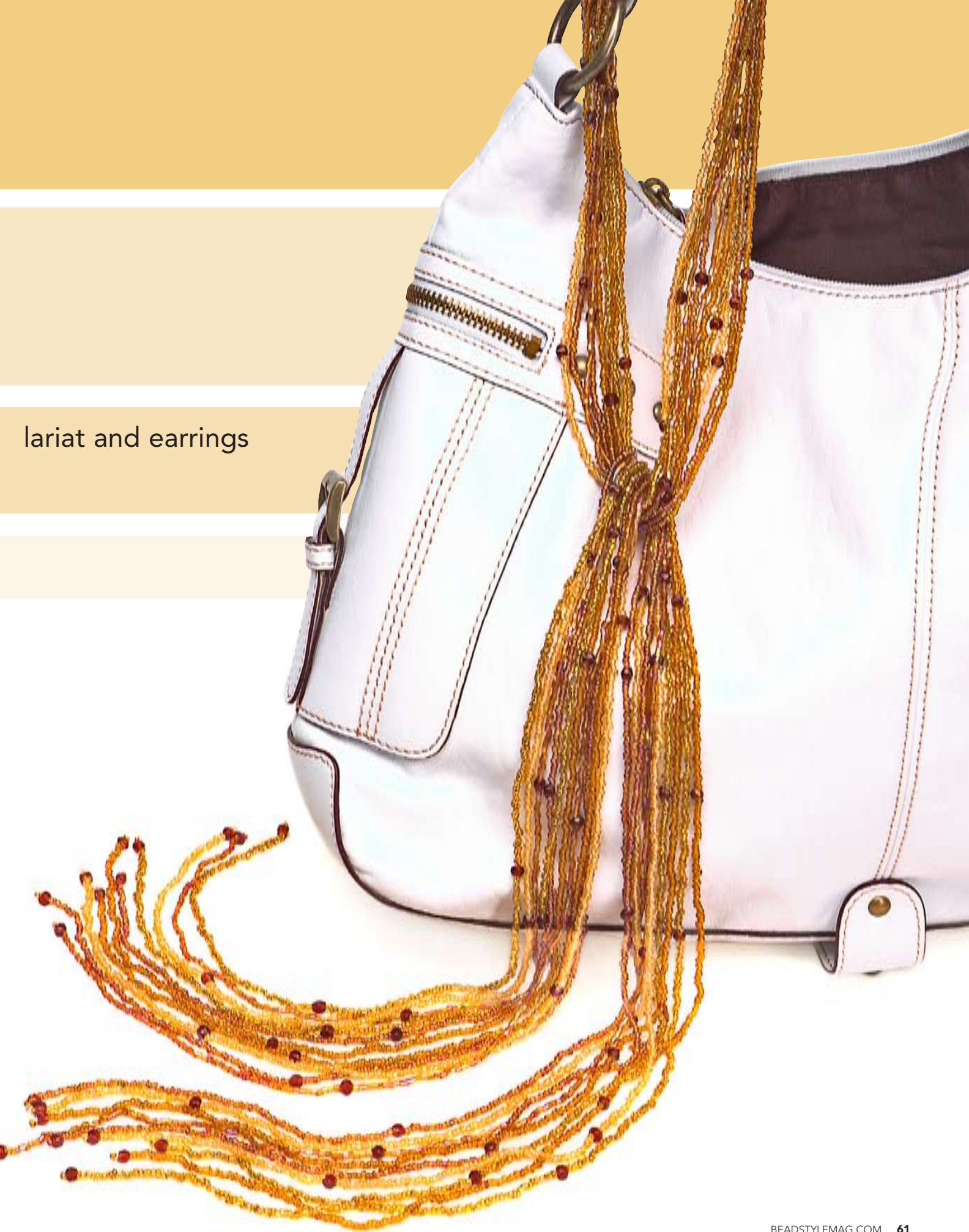
b On one end of each wire, string a microcrimp bead, a 5mm bead, and an 11° seed bead or bugle bead. Go back through the 5mm bead and the microcrimp bead. Leaving a 1-in. (2.5cm) tail, flatten the microcrimp bead (Basics, p. 108).



2 Covering the tail of one wire, string 11°s, interspersing four 5mm beads, until the strand is half the desired length. Repeat to make a total of eight strands.

On another wire, string bugle beads, interspersing four 5mm beads, until the strand is half the desired length. Repeat to make a total of two strands.

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3 Over all ten strands, string a mighty crimp bead. Do not crimp the mighty crimp bead.



4^a On each strand, continue stringing 11^s or bugle beads, until the strand is within 1 in. (2.5cm) of the desired length.

b On each strand, string a microcrimp bead, a 5mm bead, and an 11^o. Go back through the last few beads strung. Flatten the microcrimp bead.



5 Cut a 9-ft. (2.7m) piece of cotton cord and a 9-ft. (2.7m) piece of beading wire. String the cord and the wire through the mighty crimp bead. Tie a surgeon's knot (Basics) around the mighty crimp bead.



6 Wrap one end of the cord back and forth around the gathered strands, extending each side approximately 1 in. (2.5cm) beyond the mighty crimp bead. Leave a 2-in. (5cm) tail. Tie a surgeon's knot around a wrap. Pull the tail across the wraps, and tie a surgeon's knot around a wrap.



7 On the beading wire, string 11^s in a fifth color, leaving a 6-in. (15cm) tail. String a microcrimp bead and flatten it. Wrap the beaded strand around the cord.



8 String the beading wire's tail under a wrap and tie a knot. String the tail under the beaded coil, and tie another knot around a wrap. Trim the excess cord and beading wire. Tuck the ends under the coil.

SUPPLY NOTES

- Use a beadspinner to save time stringing seed beads. The beadspinner works with any seed bead that will fit over the curved needle.
- A standard beadspinner retails for \$45. To order, visit beadspinner.com.



SupplyList

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- 100 5mm beads
- 20g size 1 (3mm) bugle beads
- 4 hanks 11° seed beads in four colors, plus 10g in another color
- flexible beading wire, .010
- 21 microcrimp beads
- mighty crimp bead
- 9 ft. (2.7m) cotton cord
- chainnose pliers
- diagonal wire cutters

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- 22 5mm beads
- 4g size 1 (3mm) bugle beads
- 12g 11° seed beads, 3g each of four colors
- flexible beading wire, .010
- 6 in. (15cm) 22-gauge half-hard wire
- 30 microcrimp beads
- 2 13mm cones
- pair of earring wires
- chainnose pliers
- diagonal wire cutters



Make long tassels for matching earrings.



1 a earrings • Cut a 3-in. (7.6cm) piece of 22-gauge wire. Make a wrapped loop (Basics, p. 108) on one end.

b Cut five 8-in. (20cm) pieces of beading wire. Center the loop on one wire. String a microcrimp bead over both ends. Flatten the microcrimp bead (Basics). Repeat with the remaining pieces of beading wire.



2 On one wire in each pair of wires, string 3 in. (7.6cm) of 11° seed beads or bugle beads. Repeat on the remaining wire, stringing beads in a different color.

On each end, string a microcrimp bead, a 5mm bead, and an 11°. Go back through the 5mm bead and the last few beads strung. Flatten the microcrimp bead and trim the excess wire.



3 On the 22-gauge wire, string a cone and a 5mm bead. Make a wrapped loop.



4 Open the loop of an earring wire (Basics) and attach the dangle. Close the loop. Make a second earring to match the first. ♣

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