

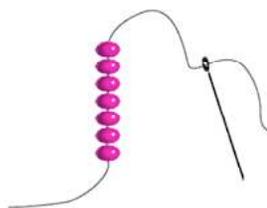
**Welcome to this free beadweaving lesson! You will learn to do a basic brick stitch, creating an earring in the process.**

**Materials needed:**

- Beading needle
- Seed or Delica© beads in colors of your choice
- Beading thread: either pre-waxed, or waxed with a lump of beading wax.

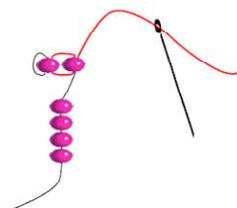
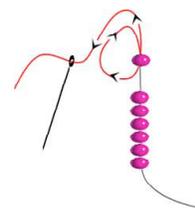
**Step 1: Preparation.** Cut approximately one yard of thread; wax if necessary. Thread needle.

**Step 2.** Thread 7 beads on thread, as shown.



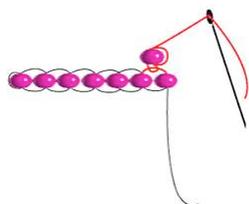
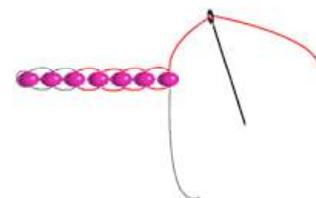
The beads should fall like this on the thread. Let them fall to about halfway down the thread.

**Step 3.** Now bring the needle back under and through the top bead, as shown. Pull it taut.



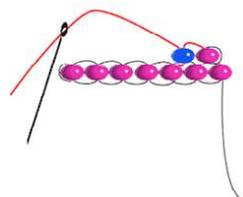
**Step 4.** Bring needle **under bottom** of next bead on thread. Pull it up through. It should wind up next to the first bead, as shown in this diagram.

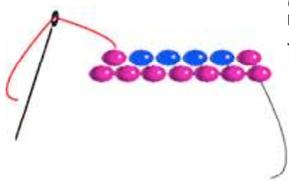
Continue to the end of the row. It should end up like this, only with the thread more taut. Don't worry if the row isn't perfectly even; it should even out as you add rows, and it will also get better with practice.



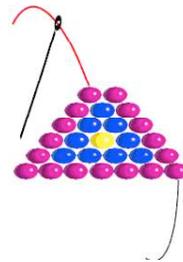
**Step 5.** Now pick up a bead with your needle and let it slide down the thread. Bring needle under the thread bridging the last two beads, then up through the bottom of the bead you just added. Pull it taut; it should wind up like this diagram.

**Step 6.** Do the same with the next bead.

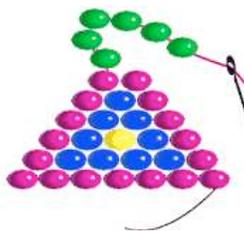




**Step 7.** Now complete the second row the same way. End when the last bead is stacked atop the last two on the first row.



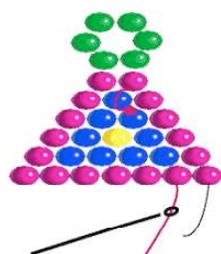
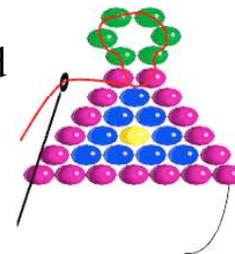
**Step 8.** You now know enough to complete the top part of the earring to this point; keep adding rows until you have a row with just two beads.



**Step 9.** Now you will make a loop for attaching the earring. Pick up six beads with your needle.

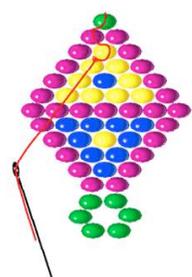
**Step 10.** Bring the needle down through the right top bead in your earring, then back up through the left top bead.

Run the needle and thread through this entire loop several times for strength. The thread loop is shown, but the thread shouldn't show on your earring.



**Step 11.** Bring the needle down through the next bead. Then bring it under a thread connecting any two nearby beads. Run around and through loop to make a small knot; pull it tight, but not too hard. The knot should disappear into your weaving. Run the needle through more beads at an angle to the bottom; pull out and cut this thread.

**Step 12.** Turn earring upside down, and thread the needle with the trailing thread. Add a bead as you did in Step 5.



**Step 13.** Continue beading until the earring is finished. Run thread through beads and tie off, as in Step 11. The thread will run through the center of the beads like in the path shown in this picture, though the path doesn't have to be the same as this. Again, the thread shouldn't show. The knot should disappear into the weaving again.

**Step 14.** Congratulations! Your earring is done. Make a twin sister for it and hang them from earring findings, and they'll be ready to wear!

