



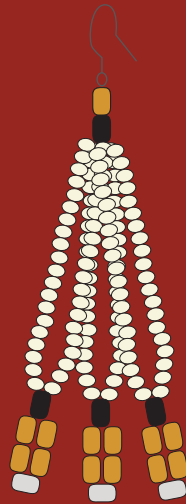
Alutiiq Beaded Earrings

Instructions by Natalia Schneider



SUPPLIES:

Nymo Beading Thread
240 Seed Beads
40 Larger Faceted Beads
2 Earring Hooks
Scissors
Beading Needle
Paper Towel or Bead Mat
Needle-nose Pliers
Super Glue (optional)



Whole Earring



One Tassel

TOP: 2 large beads

MIDDLE: 20 seed beads, 40
seed beads in the whole loop

BOTTOM: 1 large bead

LOOP: 5 large beads

Watch Natalia make these earrings at <https://vimeo.com/481018035>

Step One: Prepare Your Materials

1. Lay out your paper towel or bead mat.
2. Sort your beads by size and color. It can be helpful to pour some into a small dish or plate.
3. Measure and cut out a 36" long length of thread.
 - a. Thread your needle.
 - b. DO NOT tie any knots.

Step Two: Begin Beading (Tassel One)

1. String 2 of the larger beads and leave at least a 6-inch tail of thread. These beads will be the top of your earring.
2. Add 20 seed beads. Double count to be exact.
3. String 1 large bead.
4. Add 5 large beads.
 - a. Use 2 of one color, 1 of a different color, and then 2 more of the first color.
 - b. These will create a loop at the bottom of your earring.
5. Bring the needle up through the bottom bead to make the 5 bead loop.

Step Two: (Continued)

6. String 20 more of the seed beads.
 - a. Double check your count to make sure you have the correct number of seed beads.
 - b. Thread your needle through the top 2 large beads.
 - c. Make sure you have at least a 6-inch tail of thread.
7. Attach the earring hook to the thread.
 - a. Make sure the earring hook is secured shut so the thread cannot pass through it.
 - b. Use needle-nose pliers to pinch the loop at the bottom on the earring hook.
 - c. Thread the needle through the eye of the hook.

Step Three: Continue Beading (Tassels Two & Three)

1. Pull the needle and thread back down through the top two (large) beads.
2. Repeat Step Two to create the second tassel.
 - a. Keep the beads tight as you go.
 - b. Each time you complete a tassel and go back to the top of the earring, thread the needle through the earring hook eye and down through the top two large beads.
3. Repeat Step Two to create the third tassel.

Step Four: Finish the Earrings

1. When you finish the third tassel, pull the needle and thread through the eye of the earring hook one more time and then tie a double knot with the threads.
2. Flip the earring over and tie another double knot.
3. Make sure everything is knotted securely.
4. Pull the thread tails down through the top 2 (large) beads.
 - a. Thread each of the ends back into one string of 20 (seed) beads to secure.
 - b. Do this to both tails.
5. Pull on the tail and earring hook and closely cut the tail.
6. Optional: use a small dot of super glue to secure the knot at the earring hook.

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