



Flat Spiral Stitch Earrings

Materials –I have put in parenthesis how I will refer to the beads in the tutorial:

- (12) Cobalt Blue Czech Fire Polished Glass beads (blue 4MM).
- (8) Cobalt Blue Czech Fire Polished Glass beads (blue 3MM).
- Approximately 40 size 15/0 seed beads. I used Miyuki Round Silver lined Crystal, #1 (silver 15/0).
- Beading thread (and wax) or clear Fire Line thread, 4 or 6 pound test.
- Size 12 or 13 beading needle. You will be passing through the size 15 beads a couple of times.
- (2) Earring components (ear hooks or clip-ons).
- (2) 1 ½ or longer inch eye pins, 22-24 gauge. These need to be able to fit through 4MM Fire Polish beads.
- (2) 1 or longer inch head pins, 22-24 gauge. Again, these need to fit through 4MM Fire Polish beads.
- Small round nose pliers. To prevent dings, use pliers with nylon ends.
- Knowledge of how to cut wire components and make eye loops will be helpful.
- Knowledge of half hitch knots will be necessary.



1. Pull about 2 feet of thread and thread your needle. String 2 blue 4MM beads and add them to your thread. Keep a 3-4 inch tail on the end as we will weave it back in the earrings. String 5 silver 15/0 seed beads, 1 blue 3MM bead and 5 silver 15/0 seed beads.



2. Bring your needle up through the BOTTOM of the 2 blue 4MM beads only and up through the top, forming a loop to the right side. Pull to tighten the loop.



3. String 5 silver 15/0s, 1 blue 3MM bead and 5 silver 15/0s. Bring your needle back up through the BOTTOM of the 2 blue 4MM beads only and out the top. Pull to tighten loop on the left side.



4. String beads in this order: 2 blue 4MM beads, 5 silver 15/0s, 1 blue 3MM bead and **3 silver 15/0s**. Push this on to your thread on top of the previous loops you made below.



5. You will be sharing the top 2 silver 15/0s on each side of the bottom loops to help keep the loops from moving away from each other. Bring your needle through the top 2 silver 15/0s closest to the center on the bottom right loop and up through the top 2 blue 4MMs strung in Step 4, coming up through the bottom. Pull your thread to tighten the loop on the right side.



6. String 5 silver 15/0s, 1 blue 3 MM bead and **3 silver 15/0s**. Pass your needle through the top 2 silver 15/0s closest to the center on the bottom left loop. Bring your needle up through the bottom of the top two blue 4MMs. Pull your thread to tighten the loop on the left side.

7. Pass back through ALL loops to strengthen. Photos below (left to right) show suggested way how to reinforce; you will need to do this for both sides. Try to avoid going through the blue 4MM multiple times as you will need to add an eye pin through these in the next steps. Secure all end thread by passing through the side loops and tying a couple of half hitch knots; cut your thread.





8. Take one of the eye pin findings and push it through the center of both sets of the center 4MM beads, but don't push it through the 15/0s. This will be the back side of the earring.

9. Trim your eye pin down to where you have a little under $\frac{1}{2}$ inch left out above the top of the 4MM beads. (Photos left to right) You are now going to form an eye loop on the end by bending it at approximately a 90 degree angle with pliers then curl it back into a loop. Keep the loop open so we can add the earring hook later. Flip the earring to where the pin showing through is facing to the back. Line up the eye pins using pliers if necessary.



10. Next, add two 4 MM beads to a head pin and repeat Step 9 by trimming down the head pin to a little less than $\frac{1}{2}$ inch above the 4MM beads and forming an eye loop. Don't close this all the way.

11. (Left photo) Attach the two 4MM beads and head pin you just made in Step 10 onto the first piece through the closed eye loop. Close the loop on your head pin. (Right photo) Add your earring component on the other end and close your loop. Repeat Steps 1-11 for your second earring and you are finished!

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