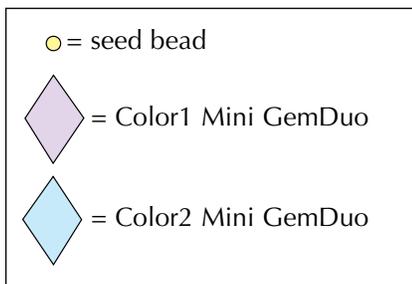


Mini GemDuo Star Earrings

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Matubo now has a “mini” version of the GemDuo bead called the Mini GemDuo. It measures 6x4mm, a little bigger than a SuperDuo bead. Bead up some lovely earrings using Mini GemDuos and some size 11/0 Miyuki seed beads.



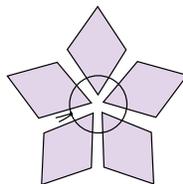
MATERIALS

- About two yards of 6 lb. FireLine
- About 150 size 11/0 Miyuki rocaille seed beads (Toho brand seed beads will be a bit too fat)
- 10 Color1 size 4x6mm Matubo Mini GemDuo beads
- 30 Color2 size 4x6mm Matubo Mini GemDuo beads
- two small (2-4mm) closed (soldered) jump rings or two Beadsmith Cymbal Elements
- a pair of earring findings

STEP 1: Thread your needle with about a yard of FireLine.

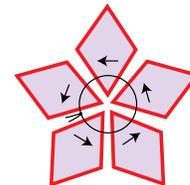
Leaving about a 6-inch tail that you can weave in and cut at any time, string five Color1 Mini GemDuo beads.

Tie the beads together with a *tight* double knot, forming a star of five of Mini GemDuo beads:

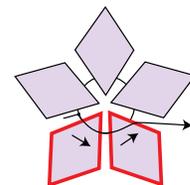


NOTE: Mini GemDuo beads have a tapered front side and a flat back side. Make sure the front side is facing in the same direction when you add each Mini GemDuo bead.

STEP 2: Go back around through this star of five Mini GemDuo beads, grab your tail thread and tie another tight knot:



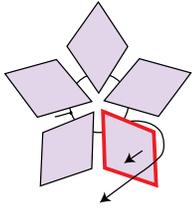
STEP 3: Go back through the inside hole of the two Mini GemDuo beads highlighted in **RED**:



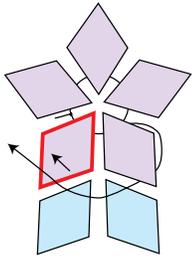
You can find more pictures, info on exact beads used and finishing tips for stiffening your beaded earrings at the end of the pattern page on my website here:

<https://www.aroundthebeadingtable.com/Tutorials/MiniGemDuoStar.html>

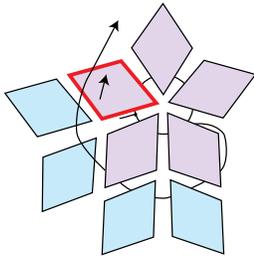
STEP 4: Go around and through the outside hole of the Color1 Mini GemDuo bead that you exited at the end of the last step (highlighted in **RED**):



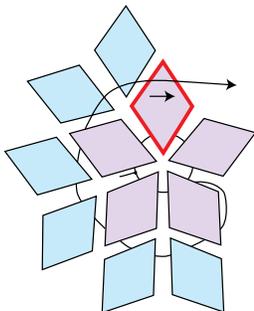
STEP 5: String two Color2 Mini GemDuo beads and go up through the outside hole of the Color1 Mini GemDuo bead highlighted in **RED**:



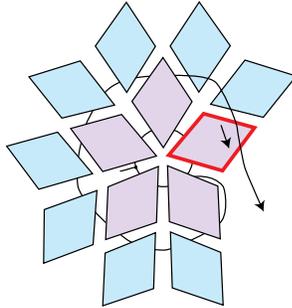
STEP 6: String two Color2 Mini GemDuo Beads and go up through the outside hole of the Color1 Mini GemDuo bead highlighted in **RED**:



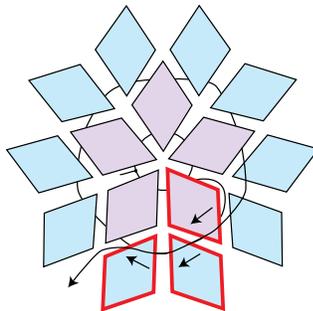
STEP 7: String two Color2 Mini GemDuo Beads and go across through the outside hole of the Color1 Mini GemDuo bead highlighted in **RED**:



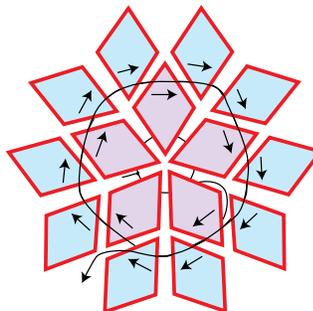
STEP 8: String two Color2 Mini GemDuo Beads and go down through the outside hole of the Color1 Mini GemDuo bead highlighted in **RED**:



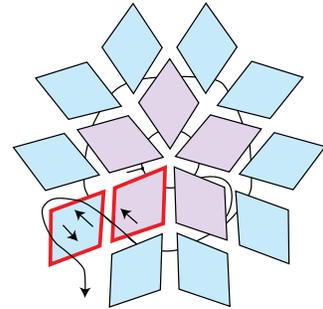
STEP 9: String two Color2 Mini GemDuo Beads and go down through the outside hole of the Color1 Mini GemDuo bead highlighted in **RED**. Continue across through the inside hole of the two Color2 Mini GemDuo beads highlighted in **RED**:



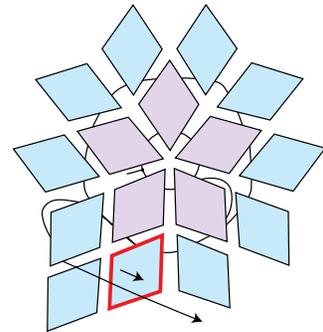
STEP 10: Go back around through the outside holes of the Color1 Mini GemDuo beads and the inside holes of the Color2 Mini GemDuo beads highlighted in **RED**:



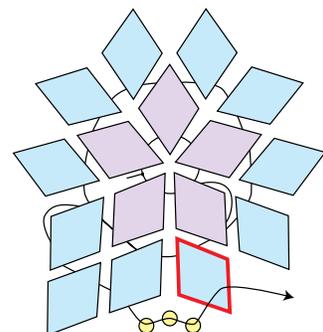
STEP 11: Go up through the outside hole of the Color1 Mini GemDuo bead and the inside hole of the Color2 Mini GemDuo bead highlighted in **RED**. Go around and down through the outside hole of the same Color2 Mini GemDuo bead that you just exited:



STEP 12: String a Color2 Mini GemDuo bead and go through the outside hole of the Color2 Mini GemDuo bead highlighted in **RED**:

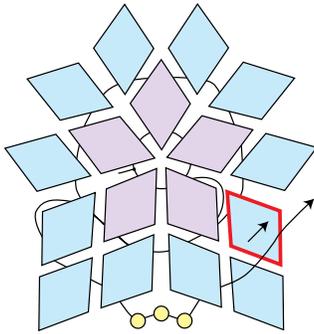


STEP 13: String three seed beads. Go up through the outside hole of the Color2 Mini GemDuo bead highlighted in **RED**:

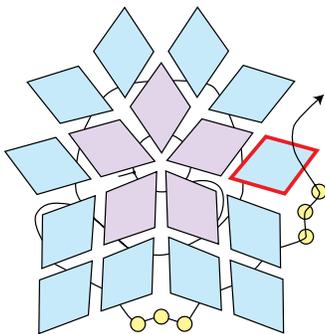


NOTE: As you add the three seed beads in Step 13 and in the steps that follow, push the middle seed bead into the hollow of the “v” formed by the Mini GemDuo beads.

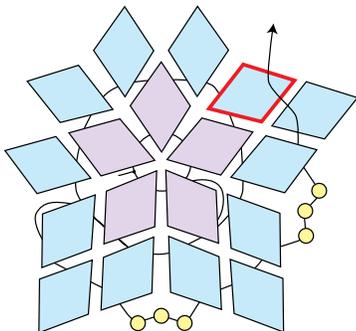
STEP 14: String a Color2 Mini GemDuo bead and go up through the outside hole of the Color2 Mini GemDuo bead highlighted in **RED**:



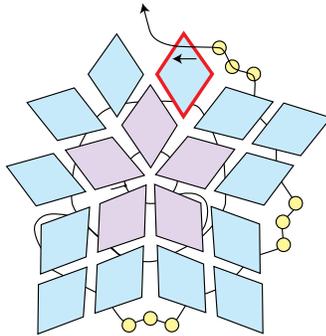
STEP 15: String three seed beads. Go up through the outside hole of the Color2 Mini GemDuo bead highlighted in **RED**:



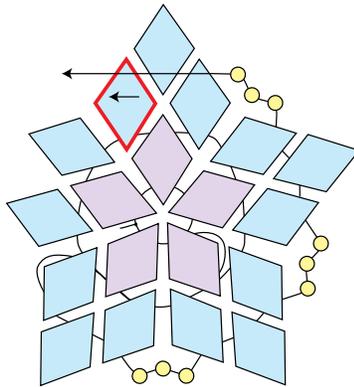
STEP 16: String a Color2 Mini GemDuo bead and go up through the outside hole of the Color2 Mini GemDuo bead highlighted in **RED**:



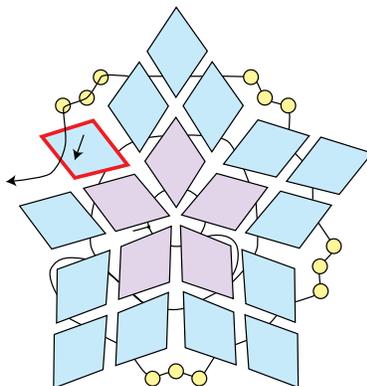
STEP 17: String three seed beads. Go across through the outside hole of the Color2 Mini GemDuo bead highlighted in **RED**:



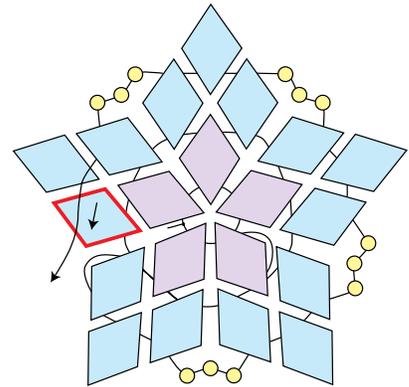
STEP 18: String a Color2 Mini GemDuo bead and go across through the outside hole of the Color2 Mini GemDuo bead highlighted in **RED**:



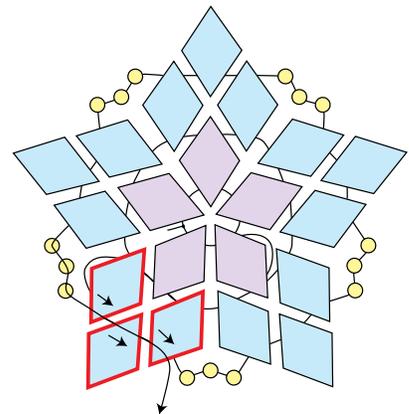
STEP 19: String three seed beads. Go down through the outside hole of the Color2 Mini GemDuo bead highlighted in **RED**:



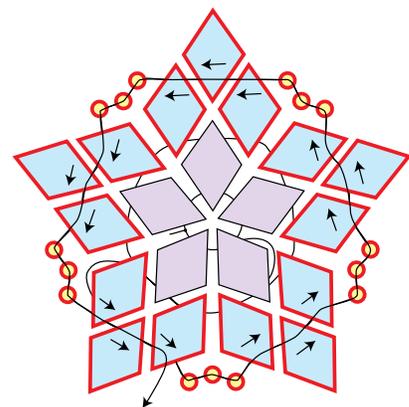
STEP 20: String a Color2 Mini GemDuo bead and go down through the outside hole of the Color2 Mini GemDuo bead highlighted in **RED**:



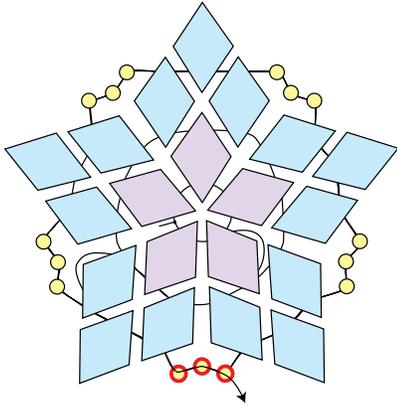
STEP 21: String three seed beads. Go down through the three Color2 Mini GemDuo beads highlighted in **RED**:



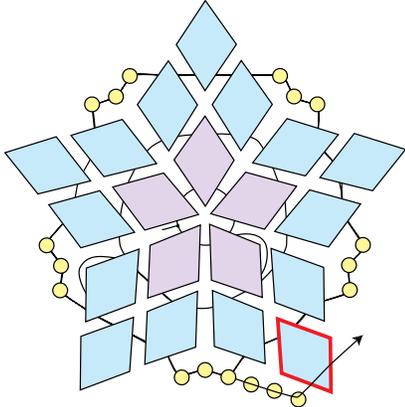
STEP 22: Go back around through the beads highlighted in **RED**. Don't pull so tightly that the motif buckles. Try to keep the motif flat:



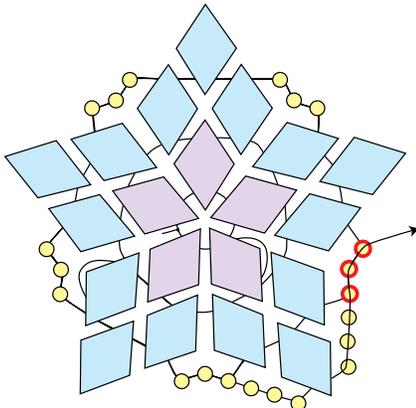
STEP 23: Go across through the three seed beads highlighted in **RED**:



STEP 24: String three seed beads and go up through the outside hole of the Mini GemDuo bead highlighted in **RED**:

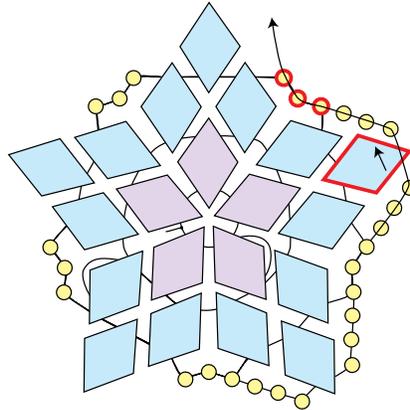


STEP 25: String three seed beads and go up through the three seed beads highlighted in **RED**:



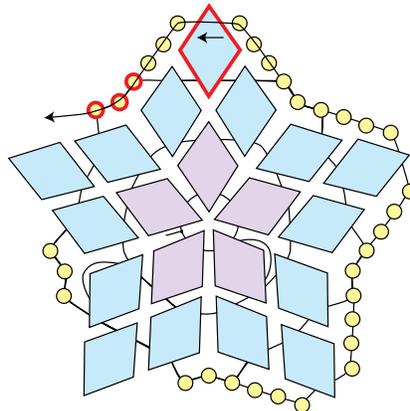
STEP 26: String three seed beads and go up through the outside hole of the Mini GemDuo bead highlighted in **RED**.

String three more seed beads and go up through the three seed beads highlighted in **RED**:



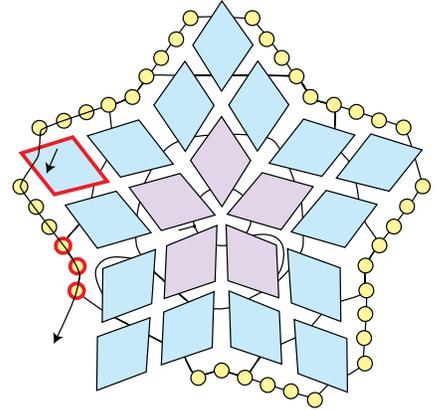
STEP 27: String three seed beads and go across through the outside hole of the Mini GemDuo bead highlighted in **RED**.

String three more seed beads and go down through the three seed beads highlighted in **RED**:



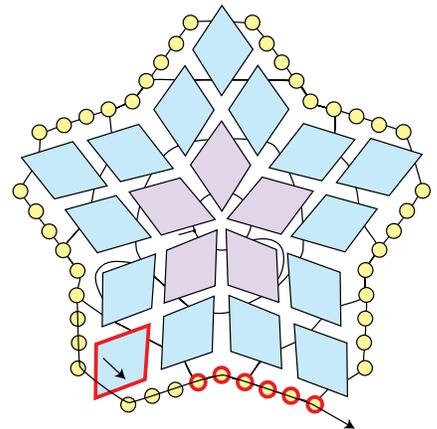
STEP 28: String three seed beads and go down through the outside hole of the Mini GemDuo bead highlighted in **RED**.

String three more seed beads and go down through the three seed beads highlighted in **RED**:



STEP 29: String three seed beads and go down through the outside hole of the Mini GemDuo bead highlighted in **RED**.

String three more seed beads and go across through the six seed beads highlighted in **RED**:

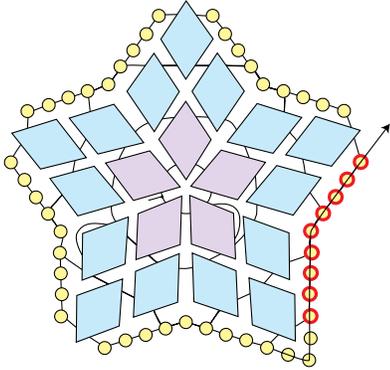


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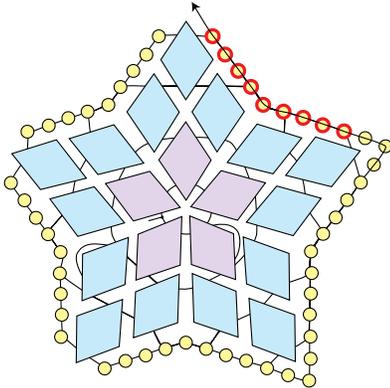
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Next you will add seed beads around the tip of each Mini GemDuo bead.

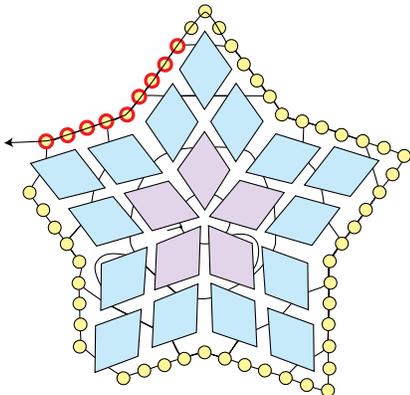
STEP 30: String three seed beads. Go around the tip of the Mini GemDuo bead and up through the nine seed beads highlighted in **RED**:



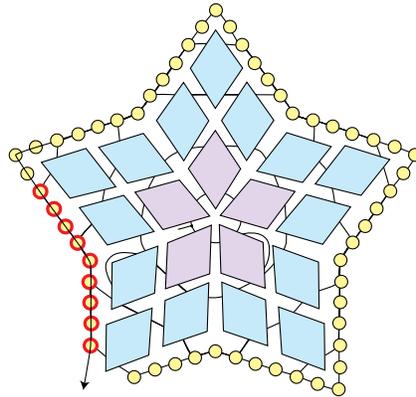
STEP 31: String three seed beads. Go around the tip of the Mini GemDuo bead and up through the nine seed beads highlighted in **RED**:



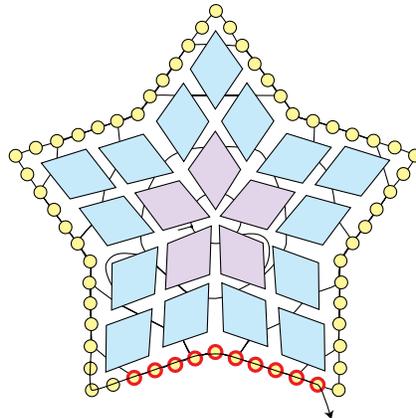
STEP 32: String three seed beads. Go around the tip of the Mini GemDuo bead and down through the nine seed beads highlighted in **RED**:



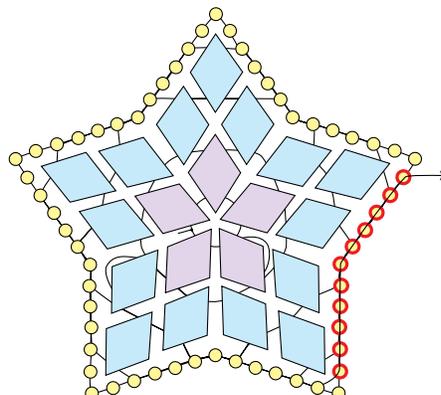
STEP 33: String three seed beads. Go around the tip of the Mini GemDuo bead and down through the nine seed beads highlighted in **RED**:



STEP 34: String three seed beads. Go around the tip of the Mini GemDuo bead and across through the ten seed beads highlighted in **RED**:

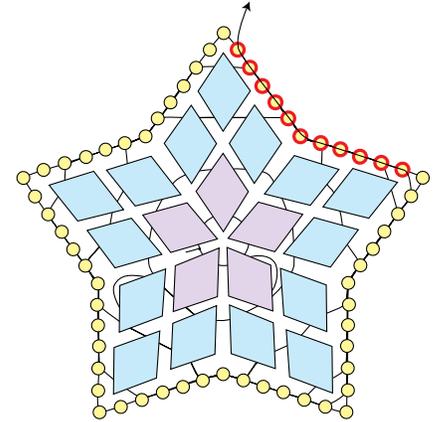


STEP 35: Skip the next seed bead at the tip of the Mini GemDuo bead and go across through the next eleven seed beads highlighted in **RED**, pulling tight so that the skipped seed bead pops out to create a point:

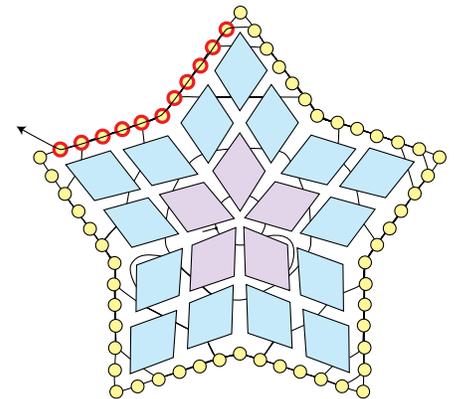


NOTE: If you prefer a more rounded tip instead of a pointed tip, instead of skipping the seed bead, go through it in this step and all subsequent steps.

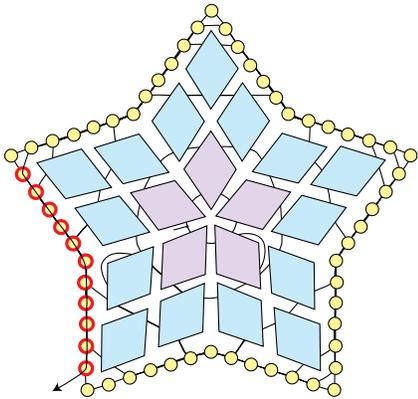
STEP 36: Skip the next seed bead at the tip of the Mini GemDuo bead and go up through the next eleven seed beads highlighted in **RED**, pulling tight so that the skipped seed bead pops out to create a point:



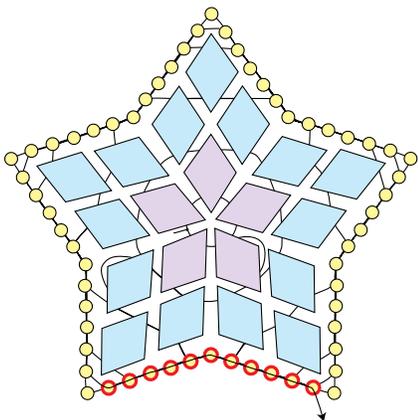
STEP 37: Skip the next seed bead at the tip of the Mini GemDuo bead and go down through the next eleven seed beads highlighted in **RED**, pulling tight so that the skipped seed bead pops out to create a point:



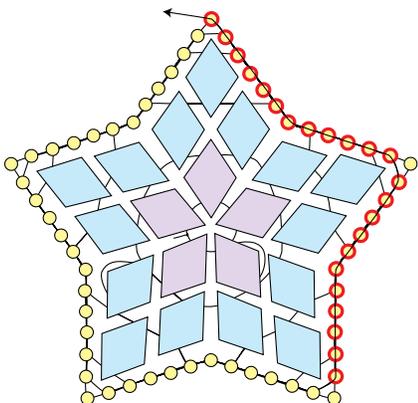
STEP 38: Skip the next seed bead at the tip of the Mini GemDuo bead and go down through the next eleven seed beads highlighted in **RED**, pulling tight to create a point:



STEP 39: Skip the next seed bead at the tip of the Mini GemDuo bead and go across through the next eleven seed beads highlighted in **RED**, pulling tight to create a point:



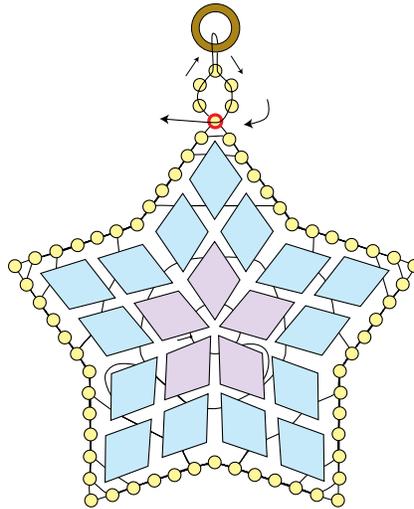
STEP 40: Go back around through the seed beads highlighted in **RED** to exit from the top seed bead:



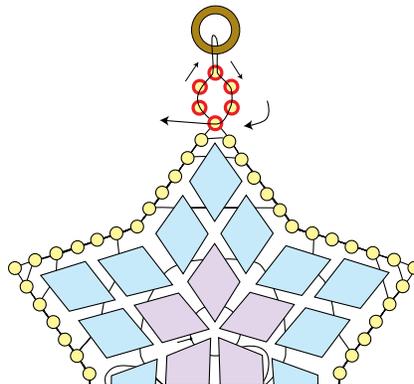
I have included two different ways to connect your earring motif to your earring finding. Pick the one you like best.

Closed Jump Ring

STEP 41: To add a closed jump ring, string three seed beads. Go through your jump ring and then back down through the last seed bead that you just strung. String two more seed beads and go back across through the seed bead at the top of the star (highlighted in **RED**):



STEP 42: Go back around through the beads highlighted in **RED** and your jump ring:

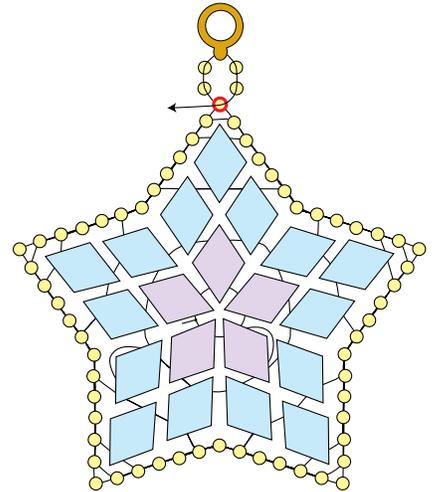


Weave back around through the outer edge of beads along the earring motif again, knot and cut your thread.

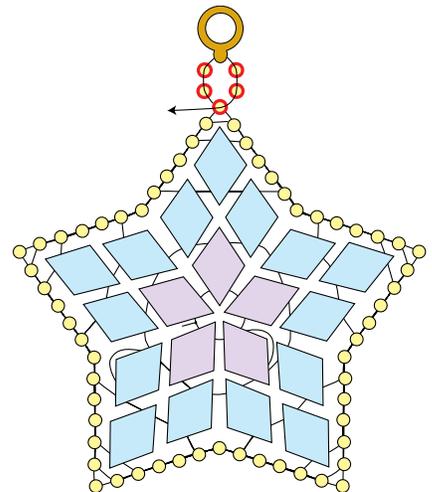
Cymbal Element

Many of the Beadsmith Cymbal™ elements work great instead of jump rings.

STEP 41: String two seed beads. Go through a Cymbal element. String two more seed beads. Go around and back across through the top seed bead on the motif (highlighted in **RED**):



STEP 42: Go back around through the beads highlighted in **RED** and the Cymbal element:



Weave back around through the outer edge of beads along the earring motif again, knot and cut your thread.

If your earring isn't as firm as you would like, see my **TIP** "How to Stiffen Beadwork" on my website here:

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