Instructions for 'Brick Stitch Burst Earrings in Purple Paradise' Kit

Project KE-GP-040L   [Skill Level: Intermediate]
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Project Components | NOTE: To account for potential mistakes, there may be extra pieces of some types of findings.

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	2 - gold long earring hooks		40 tanzanite crystals -
	2 - jump rings		2 - gold open frame link
	1 - purple seed beads		1 - english beading needle size #12
	1 - white pearl ab seed beads		1 - beading thread
	1 - silver lined violet seed beads		

Recommended Tools (not included)
Chain Nose Pliers, Round Nose Pliers, Scissors

Techniques Taught:
Circular Brick Stitch, How to open a jump ring, How to tie an overhand knot

Instructions: For video instructions, go to www.beadaholique.com/products/how-to-make-the-brick-stitch-burst-earrings-kit-by-beadaholique

By following the instructions below, you will make one earring. Simply repeat to make the second earring.

1. Begin by cutting off 4 feet of thread and thread your needle.

2. To the tail of the thread without the needle, tie an overhand knot* around the bead frame. Tie a second overhand knot for security.

3. You will then begin your first row of circular brick stitch*. Take the needle and pick up two white beads. Bring your needle from the back to the front and take your needle up through the last bead you added. Then add one more bead and go through the bead frame and back up through this bead. Please follow along with the included instruction sheet for circular brick stitch. For this first row you will add a total of 30 beads.

4. Once you have added all of the beads in this first row, you will go down into the adjacent bead as though you were adding one more bead, and come back up through it. At this point you can tie off your tail by stringing it through a few beads and trimming the tail.

5. You are now ready to begin adding your second row. Pick up two light purple beads and now you will use the thread bridges of the first row as the structure of the brick stitch. It is important to note that you will be adding 35 beads in this row so as you work your way around the ring, there will be a few times that a thread bridge will be used twice to accommodate the beads. You can see this done in the video.

6. For the third row you will be using the dark purple beads. The third row will be 40 beads and will use the same technique as above.

7. To add the row of crystals, use the white seed beads and pick up one bead, one crystal and one bead. Then skip over the very first thread bridge and go underneath the one next to it. Bring your needle back up through the last bead you added. Then pick up one crystal and one bead, skip over one thread bridge and go underneath the one next to it, coming back up through the last bead. Continue in this manner until you have added 20 crystals. When adding the final crystal, you will just pick up a crystal and go down through the adjacent bead and come back up through it.

8. Go through the next crystal and pick up one bead, then string through the next crystal. This bead is where we will attach our jump ring for our earring hook in the next step. Weave your thread into the bead weaving and make an overhand knot to tie it off. Trim the tails.

9. Finally, open one jump ring* and attach it to the bead in-between the crystals and to one earring hook. Close the jump ring and you are all done!
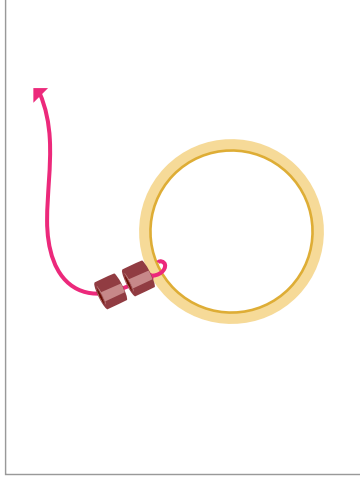

*To see how to do this technique, please refer to the included techniques guide. Thank you!
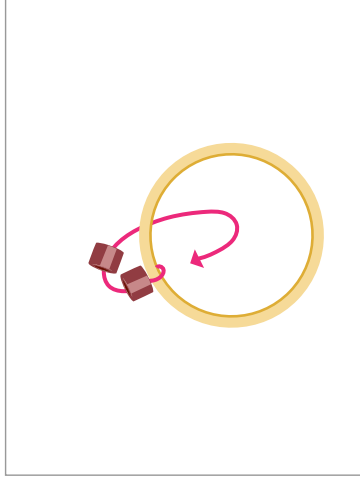
Circular Brick Stitch
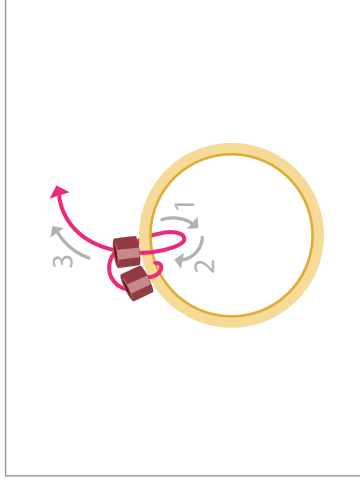
1st Round of Beads
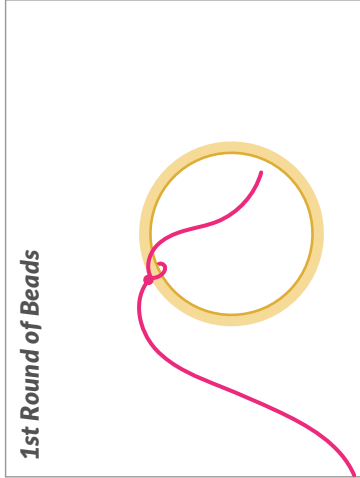
1 Cut 4 feet of thread and tie it around a quick link w/ one tail being 42 in, one being 6 in.
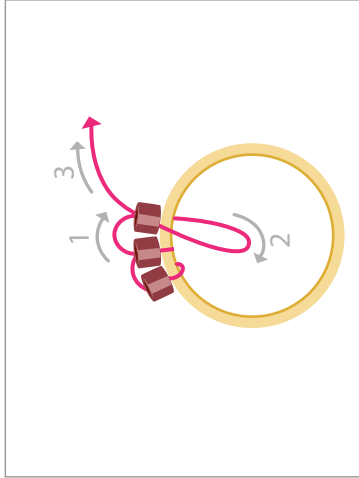
2 Thread a needle onto the long tail. String on two beads. Do not cut the short tail.

3 Pull the tread behind the quick link and into the center, but make sure the beads stay on the outside top of the link.

**4** Pull the thread to the front of the link and up through the second bead you strung.

5 Now string on another bead, position it to rest next to the first 2 beads. Pull the thread behind the quick link, through it, and out the front. Go back up through the bead you just strung.
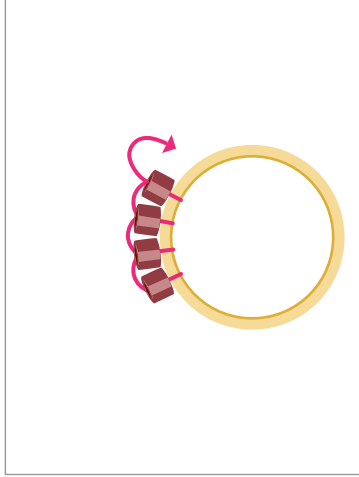
6 Continue adding beads in this manner until you have around 19 beads attached (it might vary 1 bead in either direction).
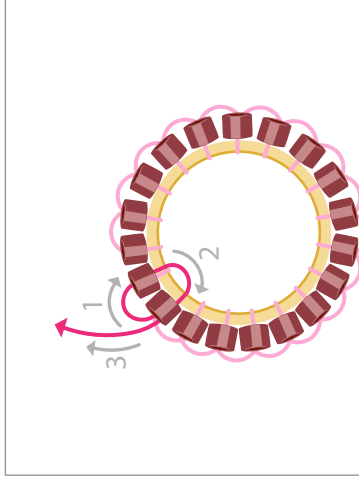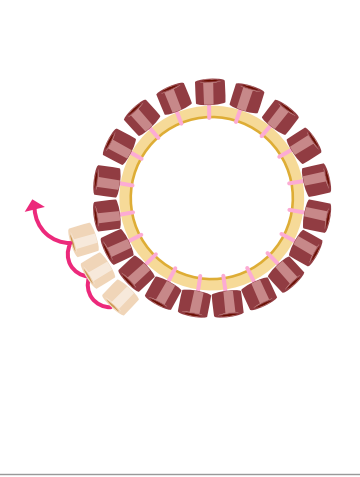
7 When you have completed your circle, go back through the first bead you strung on and then back up through the last bead strung on. Pull tight.

2nd Round of Beads
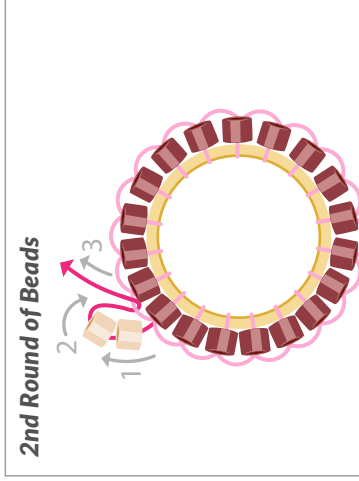
8 Pick up 2 beads and go under the nearest thread bridge from the back side to the front side.
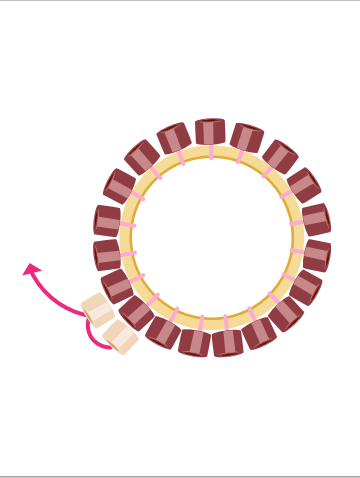
9 Position your beads so they sit next to each other. Go up through the 2nd bead.

10 Pick up 1 bead, go under the nearest thread bridge and back up through the bead (sometimes it's the next thread bridge over and sometimes its the same thread bridge you have already gone under).
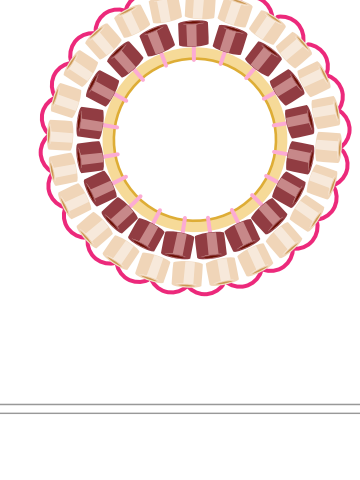
11 Repeat until you have a second row of brick stitched bead. Repeat step 7 to complete your second row.
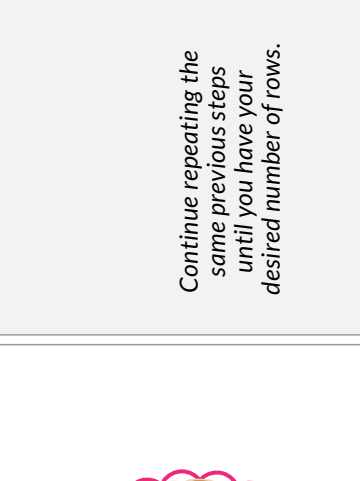
Continue repeating the same previous steps until you have your desired number of rows.

How to Open and Close a Jump Ring

1. Use your chain nose pliers to grab one side of the jump ring with the open slit at the top.
2. Grab the other side of the jump ring with another pair of chain nose pliers, round nose pliers, or other tool that you have around. Twist the jump ring open by pushing one side away from the other.
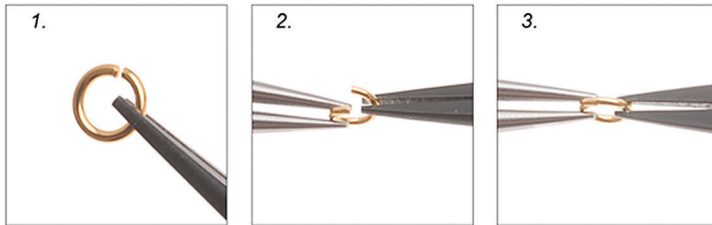3. To close the jump ring, simply twist the sides back in place so that you close the gap and return the jump ring to its original position.

How to Create a Simple Wire Loop

1. Place your bead(s) onto a head pin.
2. Right after the bead, use your **chain nose pliers** to bend the wire at a 45-degree angle.
3. Grab the wire with your **round nose pliers** at the bend. Use your fingers or a pair of pliers to bend the wire over the top of the round nose pliers.
4. Rotate your round nose pliers to the top of your loop (to get a better grip on the wire) and continue bending your wire around the pliers nose so that you create a complete loop.
5. Where the wire overlaps itself (completing the loop), snip off your wire tail using wire cutters.
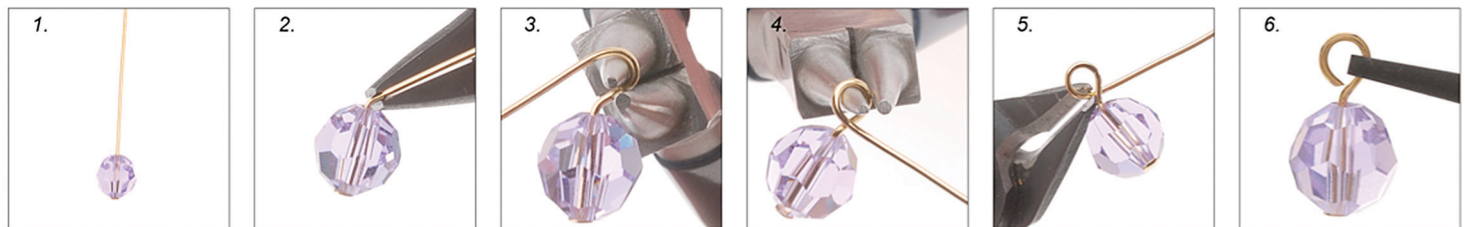
How to Create a Wrapped Wire Loop

1. Place your bead(s) onto a head pin. Right above the bead, grab the head pin with your chain nose pliers and bend the wire at a 90-degree angle above the pliers. This creates a small upright piece of wire between the bead and the bend.
2. Grab the wire with your round nose pliers just above the bend. Bend the wire around and over the top of your round nose pliers.
3. Reposition your round nose pliers to make it easier to loop the wire all the way around the nose, creating a complete loop.
4. Remove your round nose pliers and grasp the top of the loop with your chain nose pliers. Using either your fingers or another pair of pliers, grip the end of the wire and coil it tightly around the upright piece of wire below your loop, coiling from top to bottom. Keep coiling until your reach the top of your bead.
5. Where the wire coil tail meets the bead, snip off the excess wire end with your wire cutters.
6. Use chain nose pliers to tuck the end of the wire neatly in, at the bottom of your wrapping.
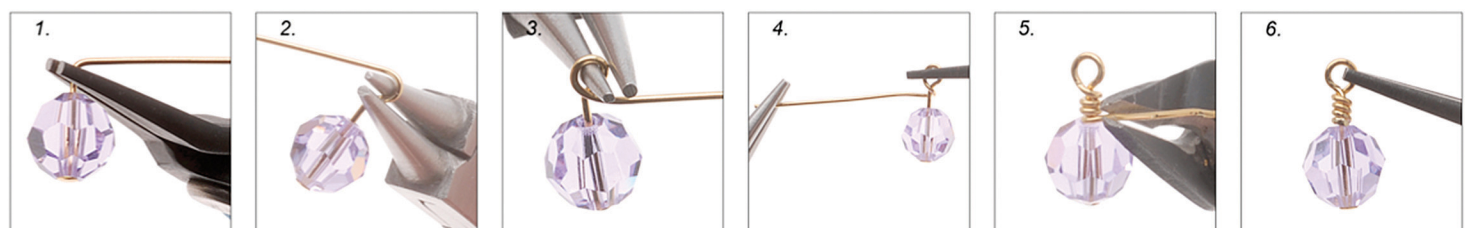
How to Crimp a Crimp Bead

1. String the crimp tube after your last bead.
2. Bring the wire through a clasp or a closed jump ring.
3. Thread the wire back down through the crimp tube and a few of the beads.
4. Pull the wire snug, but not too tight.
5. With your crimping pliers, position the crimp tube in the notched set of grooves closest to the handle and squeeze.
6. Rotate the crimp tube 90 degrees. Position it in the smooth set of grooves closer to the tip and squeeze the pliers.
7. Your crimp tube should be smooth with a seam down one side.
8. Trim the wire close to where it exits the beads.
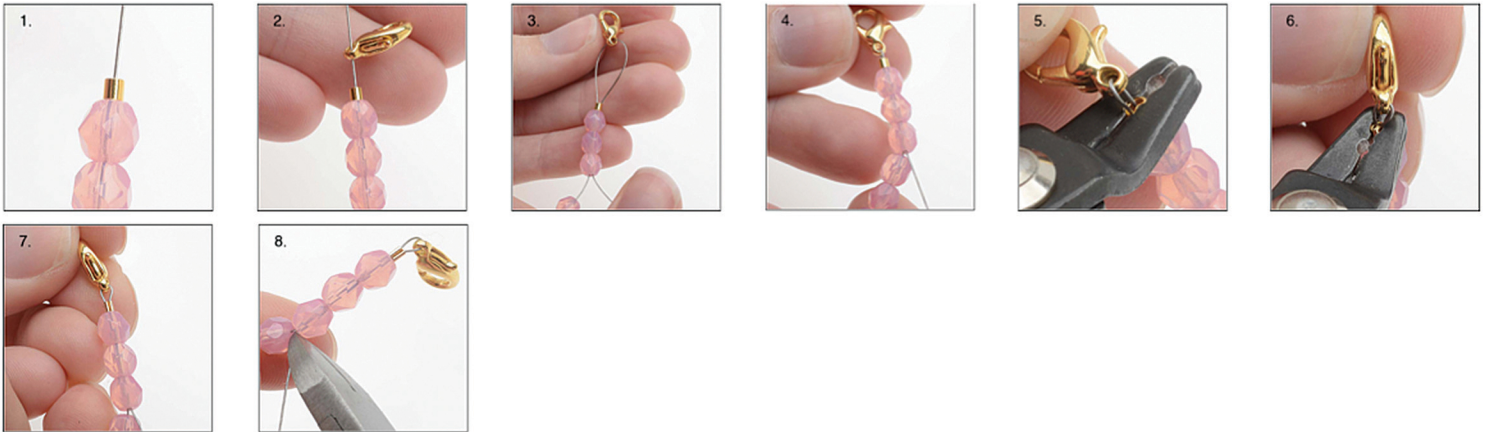
How to Add a Crimp Bead Cover

1. Hold the crimp cover in a pair of chain nose pliers with the opening toward the tips.
2. Still gripping the crimp cover with the pliers, slide the open side of it over the crimped crimp bead.
3. Squeeze the sides of the crimp cover together until they meet.
4. Your crimp cover should be round with a seam down one side.
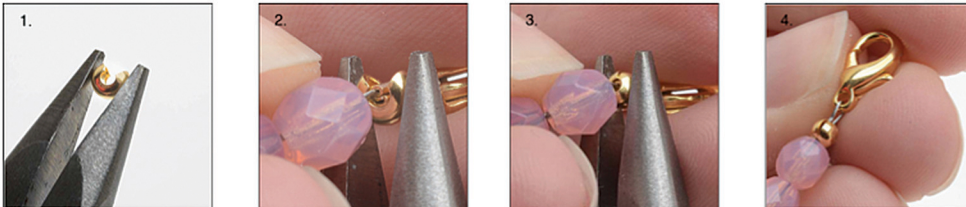
How to Use Fold Over Cord Ends
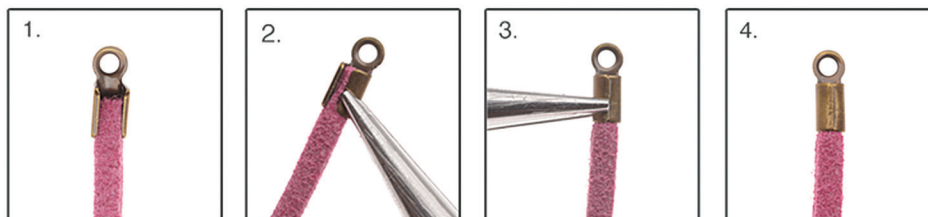
1. Insert your cord or braided material into the well of the fold over cord end so that the ring is at the top of your cord, not being covered by it.

2. Using your chain nose pliers, flatten one of the sides of the fold over cord end over the inserted cord. Press down at several places on the cord end so that the side lays flat.

3. Repeat step 2 on the other side of your fold over cord end.

4. Your finished cord end should now have both sides folded over and they will slightly overlap if it is a thin cord or there will be a small gap if it is a thick cord. If any cord sticks out of the end with the ring, carefully trim it away with a sharp pair of scissors or flush cutters.

Half Hitch Knot

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Surgeon's Knot

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Macrame Square Knot

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Lark's Head Knot

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Overhand Knot

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