Metallic Crescent by FusionBeads.com

Approximate finished length: 2 inches

**Beads and other products needed for one pair of earrings:**

42 beads - Crystal Amber TRUE2® Round Czech Fire Polished Glass Bead - 2mm - (FP3986)
8 beads - 2.5x3mm Bronze Gold Matte Minos par Puca Czech Glass Beads - (GL5434)
40 beads - 2x4mm Metallic Polished Brass MiniDuo 2 Hole Seed Beads - (SB7013)
8 beads - 5x10mm Copper Gold Matte 3-Hole Arcos par Puca Czech Glass Beads - (GL5402)
1 - Precious Metal French Hoop Ear Wire with 2mm Bead by TierraCast® - Gold-Filled - 21mm - (GF2104)
1 - FireLine Braided Bead Thread - Smoke Gray - .006 diameter - 6 lb/Size D - 15 yard spool - (SM6282)

**Tools needed to complete the earrings:**

- Chain nose pliers
- Tulip Beading Needles - Size 11 (TL2648)
- Xuron Thread and Fiber Scissors (TL3000)
- Ultra Thread Zap (TL3163)

**Beading Techniques needed to complete the earrings:**

- Attaching an Ear Wire
Instructions to complete “Metallic Crescent” earrings:

Step 1
Thread a needle with about 2 feet of beading thread. Tie on a stop bead about 6 inches from the tail.

Step 2
Pick up one 3-Hole Arcos bead going through the middle hole.

Step 3
Pick up one Minos bead.
Step 4
Go back up through the middle hole of the 3-Hole Arcos bead.

Step 6
Go down through the outside hole of the 3-Hole Arcos bead.

Step 7
Pick up five MiniDuo 2 Hole beads.
**Step 8**
Go up through the other outside hole of the 3-Hole Arcos bead.

**Step 9**
Go across the top and down through the opposite outside hole of the 3-Hole Arcos bead. Jump down and go through the bottom hole of the MiniDuo 2 Hole bead.

**Step 10**
Pick up one 2mm fire polished bead.
Step 11
Pass through the bottom hole of the second MiniDuo 2 Hole bead.

Step 12
Repeats Steps 10-11 to add one 2mm fire polished bead between each of the MiniDuo 2 Hole beads.

Step 13
To secure your thread tie a half hitch knot between the last MiniDuo 2 Hole bead and the 3-Hole Arcos bead, don’t cut your working thread. Your beadwork will be a little loose but you will go back through it in following steps when you stitch the components together. Remove the stop bead and weave in your tail.
Step 14
Repeats Steps 1-13 to make three more components.

Step 15
To stitch the components together go down through the bottom hole of the outside MiniDuo 2 Hole bead and the next 2mm fire polished bead. Then go through the top outside hole of the 3-Hole Arcos bead from a second bead component.

Step 16
Go down through the bottom hole of the outside MiniDuo 2 Hole bead and the next 2mm fire polished bead. Continue retracing the thread path to reinforce the two components.
Step 17
In the same manner as in Steps 15 and 16, connect the other two components. Weave all threads through several beads to secure, and trim the thread on all but the first component.

Step 18
To make a loop to attach the ear wire to: Start with your thread exiting the outside hole of the top 3-Hole Arcos bead and pick up 5-2mm fire polished beads, then go down through the opposite outside hole of the top 3-Hole Arcos bead. Continue retracing the thread path to reinforce the loop.

Step 19
Burn or cut, the end of your thread until the end is no longer visible.
Step 20
Open the loop on one ear wire (see Attaching an Ear Wire Technique), and attach it to the loop of seed beads at the top of the beadwork. Close the loop.

Step 21
Repeat Steps 1 – 20 for the second earring.

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