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Approximate finished length: 2.5 inches

Beads and other products needed for one pair of earrings:

- 1 - Size 15 Galvanized Gold Duracoat Round Japanese Seed Bead By Miyuki - 4202 (SB8004)
- 1 - Size 15 Pink Lined Transparent Peach Round Japanese Seed Bead (SB3311)
- 1 - Size 11 Galvanized Gold Duracoat Delica Beads - DB1832 (11DB1832)
- 1 - 11mm Gold-Filled French Ear Wire with 2mm Ball End (GF2109)
- 1 - FireLine Braided Bead Thread - Crystal Clear - 6 lb - 15 yard spool (SM6281)

Tools needed to complete the earrings:

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

Beading Techniques needed to complete the earrings:

Leaf Fringe
Attaching an Ear Wire

Instructions to complete “Living Coral” earrings:

Step 1

Thread a needle with about 6 feet of beading thread. String two size 11 Delica seed beads. Create the start of a ladder stitch by stringing back through the first size 11 Delica seed beads and then back through the second bead, so that they stack on top of each other. Leave about a 6 inch tail on your thread.

Step 2

String 3 size 15 pink/peach seed beads, one size 15 gold seed beads. Pass back through the third size 15 pink/peach seed beads (see Leaf Fringe Technique). String two size 15 pink/peach seed beads and string back through the second Delica Bead on the ladder.

Step 3

Repeat Step 2 on the other side of the ladder.

Step 4

String one size 11 Delica seed bead and ladder stitch it onto the existing two bead ladder.

Step 5

String 4 size 15 pink/peach seed beads, one size 15 gold seed beads. Pass back through the fourth size 15 pink/peach seed beads (see Leaf Fringe Technique). String three size 15 pink/peach seed beads and string back through the second Delica Bead on the ladder.

Step 6

Repeat Step 5 on the other side of the ladder.

Step 7

String one size 11 Delica seed bead and ladder stitch it onto the existing three bead ladder.

Step 8

Continue adding fringe and ladder beads in this manner, increasing one bead per row until you are stringing 12 size 15 pink/peach seed beads.

Step 9

Repeat adding 12 size 15 pink/peach seed beads and one size 15 gold seed beads until you have a total of 5 fringes the same length.

Step 10

Start decreasing the fringe length by one bead for each fringe and ladder addition. Until you have decreased to 1 size 15 pink/peach seed beads.

Step 11

Weave in your tail thread on the end.

Step 12

Thread the 6 inch tail from Step 1 onto a needle, string on 6 size 15 gold seed beads and pass through the first delica bead on the ladder. Reinforce this loop several times. Weave in the thread to finish off.

Step 13

Open the loop on one ear wire (see Attaching an Ear Wire Technique), and attach it to the loop made in Step 12. Close the ear wire loop.

Step 14

Repeat Steps 1 – 13 for the second earring.

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