

A Light in the Dark by FusionBeads.com



Approximate finished length: 2 inch

Beads and other products needed for one pair of earrings:

3 grams - Size 11 Matte Black Delica Beads - DB0310 (11DB0310) **(A)**
1 gram - Size 11 Galvanized Golden Copper Delica Beads - DB0434 (11DB0434) **(B)**
1 pair - 10mm Rose Gold-Filled French Ear Wire with Front Loop by TierraCast (RG0232)
2 - 3mm Rose Gold-Filled 22 Gauge Open Jump Ring (RG0142)
10 feet - Black Satin FireLine Braided Bead Thread - 6lb - 50 yards (SM6354)

Tools needed to complete the earrings:

Chain nose pliers
Tulip Beading Needles - Size 11 (TL2382)
Xuron Thread and Fiber Scissors

Beading Techniques needed to complete the earrings:

Basic Brick Stitch – Decreasing
Attaching an Ear Wire
Opening and Closing a Jump Ring

Instructions to complete “A Light in the Dark” earrings:

Step 1

Cut a 5-foot length of beading thread. You will begin beading in the middle of the thread and build the earring from the center out. You will use the remainder of the thread to build the second half of the diamond shape. Use matte black Delica beads to weave an 18-bead ladder to begin a decreased piece of brick stitch (see Basic Brick Stitch – Decreasing Technique). The ladder forms the widest part of the pattern.

Step 2

Using the ladder row as the base, work brick stitch with one decrease at the beginning of the row. This row will have a total of 17 beads (row 2).

Step 3

Decrease by one bead and continue brick stitching with the matte black beads. This row will have 16 beads (row 3).

Step 4

Continue decreasing with the following beads for each row:

Row 4 – 7 A, 1 B, 7 A
Row 5 – 6 A, 2 B, 6 A
Row 6 – 5 A, 3 B, 5 A
Row 7 – 4 A, 4 B, 4 A
Row 8 – 3 A, 5 B, 3 A
Row 9 – 2 A, 6 B, 2 A
Row 10 – 1 A, 7 B, 1 A
Row 11 – 8 B
Row 12 – 7 B
Row 13 – 6 B
Row 14 – 5 B
Row 15 – 4 B
Row 16 – 3 B
Row 17 – 2 B
Row 18 – 1 B

Step 5

Pass down through the bead in the previous row and back up through the other bead in the previous row.

Step 6

Continue reinforcing this thread path several times.

Step 7

Weave back and forth through several rows and trim the thread.

Step 8

Turn the piece over and use the remaining thread from step 1 to build the second part of the diamond pattern off of the initial ladder row. You will do this by repeating decreasing the brick stitch using the matte black beads for a total of 17 rows.

Step 9

Repeat steps 5-7 to finish off the thread end.

Step 10

Open one jump ring (see Opening and Closing a Jump Ring Technique) and add it through the top golden copper Delica beads. Close the jump ring.

Step 11

Open the loop on one ear wire (see Attaching an Ear Wire Technique), and attach it to the jump ring. Close the loop.

Step 12

Repeat steps 1-11 for the second earring.

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