

Serendipity Earrings

by TrendSetter Leslee Frumin

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QUICK AND EASY ELEGANCE

These exquisite earrings exemplify the dynamic design capabilities of the CzechMates® Beading System. The base 'fan' shape can be created with the new CzechMates® Bar or substitute the Triangle or Lentil.



ABOUT THE ARTIST: LESLEE FRUMIN



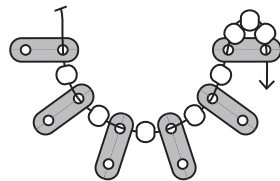
Leslee, a bead and metal artist from San Juan Capistrano, CA, teaches off-loom beadweaving and other techniques. Leslee's passion for the colors and textures made possible by the marriage between beads, metals, and stones keeps her excited. She fabricates clasps and connectors and often sets semi-precious stones to enhance the design. Leslee has won awards for some of her combination bead and metal projects.

TRENDSETTERS

COLORWAYS: Bronze: 389-26-2398, TR-11-221, TR-15-221. Green: 366-06-25033, TR-11-380, TR-15-380. Blue/Purple: 371-06-79083, TR-11-284, TR-15-284.

INSTRUCTIONS

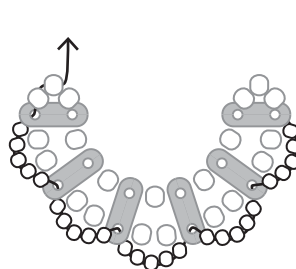
- BUILD THE FAN:** On a yard of thread, leaving a 10" tail, add a CMB and SB11. Repeat adding beads in this manner for a total of five CMB and SB11. Add a sixth CMB and three SB11, then pass through the open second hole of CMB.
- Add two SB11 between each of the open holes of the CMBs. After the last CMB, add three SB11, and pass through all beads added in Step 1, including the second hole of the last CMB added.
- Add five SB15, skip over the two SB11 to pass through the next CMB. Repeat four times. After passing through the last CMB, pass through two of the SB11s at the end.
- BUILD THE ROPES (Square Stitch):** Start by adding four SB15 then pass back through the SB11 forming a loop. Pass up through two SB15s just added.
- Add two SB15s. Pass down through two SB15s, the SB11, then pass up three SB15s. Continue adding pairs of SB15s by passing down two SB15s and up three SB15s until six pairs are stitched on.
Repeat for the opposite side of the fan.
- Stitch the four SB15s at the ends of the ropes together. Pass through two SB15s in each column and back up two beads in the adjacent column until all four beads at the top are connected and have thread between each one.
- Exit one of the SB15s at the top of a rope. Add SB15, earwire, SB15, then pass down the adjacent SB15. Pass across and up through the SB15 that is not connected to the earwire. Add SB15, earwire, SB15, then pass down the adjacent SB15. Pass through all beads again to reinforce. Tie off the threads with two or three half-hitch knots.
Repeat all steps for the second earring.



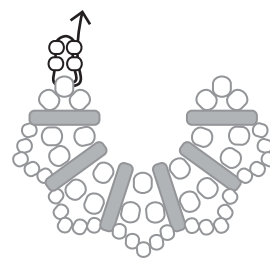
Step 1



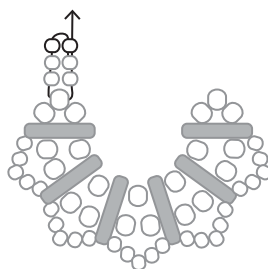
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Step 3



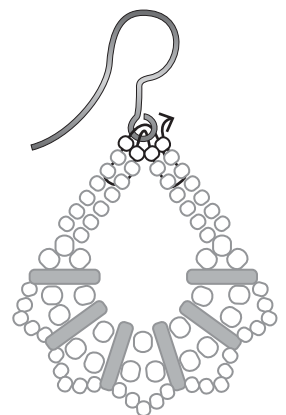
Step 4



Step 5



Step 6



Step 7

MATERIALS

- 12 CzechMates® Bars (CMB)
- 11° TOHO Seed Beads (SB11)
- 15° TOHO Seed Beads (SB15)
- 2 Earwires
- Fireline, Wildfire, or Nanofil

Makes two earrings.

ARTIST'S TIP

Change the texture and dimension of this design by substituting CzechMates Lentils or Triangles.