

# Pumpkin Earrings

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Level: Beginner



Learn basic brick stitch to create these fun jack-o-lantern earrings, perfect for Halloween.

Use Delica beads and thread, then attach your cute charms to earrings or even a charm bracelet.

This is a great project for practicing increasing and decreasing.

## REQUIREMENTS

- ★ Size 11 Miyuki Delica beads in orange
- ★ Size 11 Miyuki Delica beads in black
- ★ Size 11 Miyuki Delica beads in green
- ★ 1 pair of fishhooks, 2 x small split rings and 2 x small jump rings

## TOOLS & THREAD

- ★ Toning beading thread (OneG, KO or Miyuki)
- ★ Beading needle
- ★ Scissors
- ★ Synthetic wax

## LET'S GET STARTED!

1. The first row of brick stitch is the same as ladder stitch; pick up 2 beads and pass through the first bead again and then through the second. Pull tight.



Diagram 1.

2. Pick up a third bead and pass through the second, pull tight. Pass through the new bead again. This will begin to look like a ladder. Repeat to add a 4th and 5th bead.

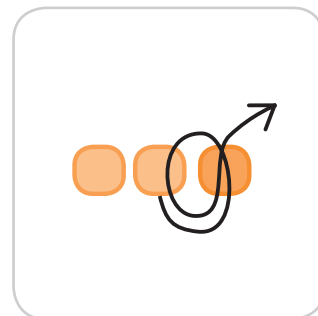
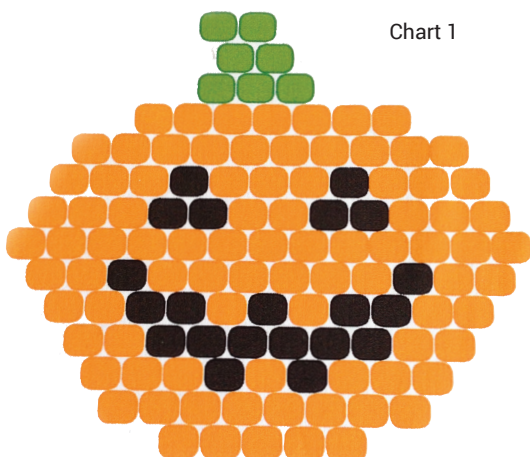


Diagram 2.



3. To start the second row pick up 2 beads, pass the needle under the thread path between beads 3 and 4. Pass back into the second bead added. Pass around to exit from the end bead. NB You always pick up 2 beads at the beginning of a row with brick stitch.

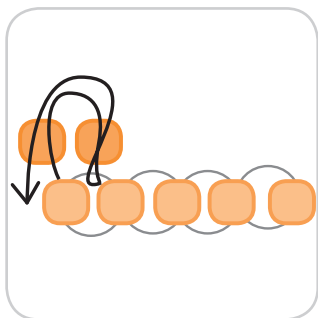


Diagram 3.

4. Ladder stitch an extra bead on to this bead. This creates a double increase in brick stitch. Work through to exit from the bead on the other end of the row.

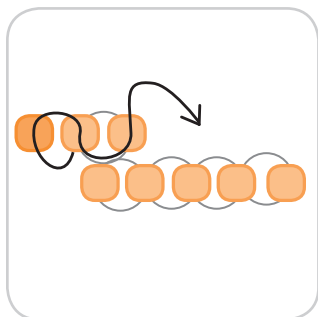


Diagram 4.

5. Pick up 1 bead, pass under the next thread path and back through the bead. Repeat until you have added 6 beads in total.

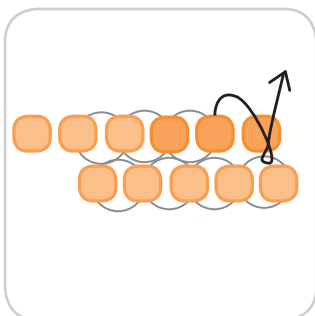


Diagram 5.

6. Now pick up 1 bead and pass under the last thread path again, and secure; you will now have 2 beads anchored to this thread path. This is how to increase at the end of a row.

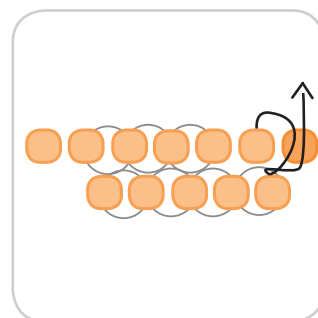


Diagram 6.

7. Ladder stitch a bead to the end to create an extra increase, as in step 4.
8. The next five rows are worked as in steps 3, 5 and 6, following the colour placement of Chart 1 (on page 1) - ignoring the extra ladder stitched beads in steps 4 and 6. You will be working from the bottom of the pumpkin, upwards.
9. The next three rows are decreasing, so pick up 2 beads at the beginning of each row, but pass under the second thread path, (Diagram 7) and only add one bead to the final thread path (Diagram 8).

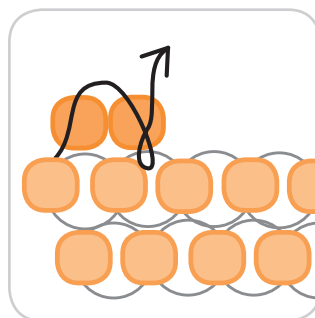


Diagram 7.

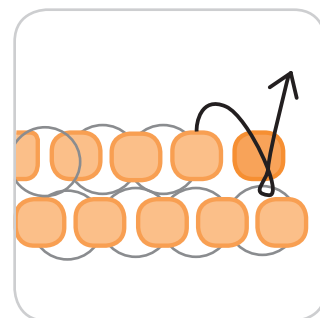


Diagram 8.

- 10.** Work through to the second bead along, pick up 2 x green Delicas. Anchor as usual. Add one more green Delica.

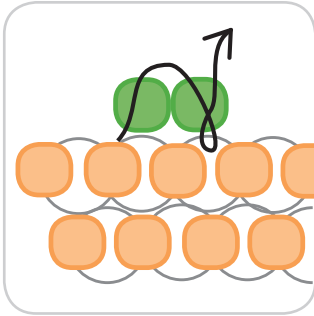


Diagram 9.

- 11.** Pick up 2 x green Delicas. Anchor these to the second thread path.

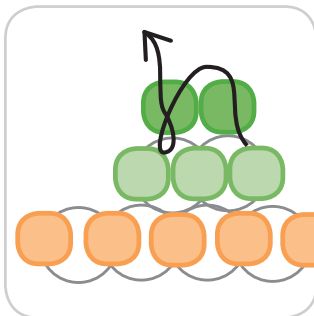


Diagram 10.

- 12.** Pick up 2 x green Delicas and anchor to the thread path, this final row sits to one side.

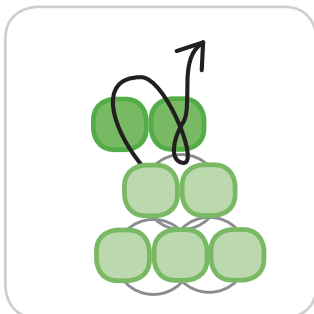


Diagram 11.

- 13.** Reinforce the green beads if needed.
- 14.** To attach a split ring, exit from a bead in the top most row. Pick up a split ring and pass into the second bead in the row.
- 15.** Pass over and up into the 1st bead. Reinforce twice more.

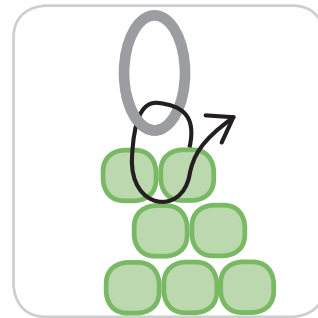


Diagram 12.

- 16.** Work through the beadwork, following the thread path. Once you have worked through several rows in a zig-zag manner, trim your thread close to the work.
- 17.** Repeat to create a second pumpkin to match then attach the pair to ear wires with a small jump ring.



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