

## Russian Leaf Earrings – Beading Basics

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Russian Leaf Earrings are made using peyote stitch. Please review the Jill Wiseman tutorial and print her PDF instructions prior to the class, as it will help to follow along as we make the earrings. The Linda's Crafty Inspiration site has lovely patterns for Russian Leaf earrings, fun to try out the various styles once you have mastered the basic technique.

I am recommending size 10 delicas for the class, as the larger beads are easier to work with and fit together nicely. 11/0 delicas also work. The earrings can also be made with 11/0 seed beads, but are a bit harder to work with.

Jill Wiseman has a free YouTube video and PDF instructions for making Russian Leaf Earrings. The PDF is available at:

<https://jillwisemandesigns.com/patterns/russian-leaves/>

The Jill Wiseman video is available at:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GCjCT\\_6F7iU&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GCjCT_6F7iU&feature=youtu.be)

Linda's Crafty Inspirations has several free patterns available for Russian Leaf Earrings, see link below. Note that other patterns are available in the right column, all listed as Russian Leaf Earrings #27 - #41.

<https://craftyinspirationbylinda.blogspot.com/2017/01/russian-leaf-earrings-turquoise-gold.html>

### **Materials:**

- Delicas in size 10 or 11 (I recommend size 10 for the class, easier to learn)
- seed beads in 11/0 or size 10 delicas for the edging in a contrasting color
- matching 8/0 bead
- jump ring (4mm or 5mm)
- ear wire
- Fireline in 8# or 6#

### **Tools:**

- Bead mat
- beading needle
- scissors
- flat nose pliers