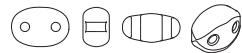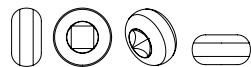*Design by Helena Chmelíková*

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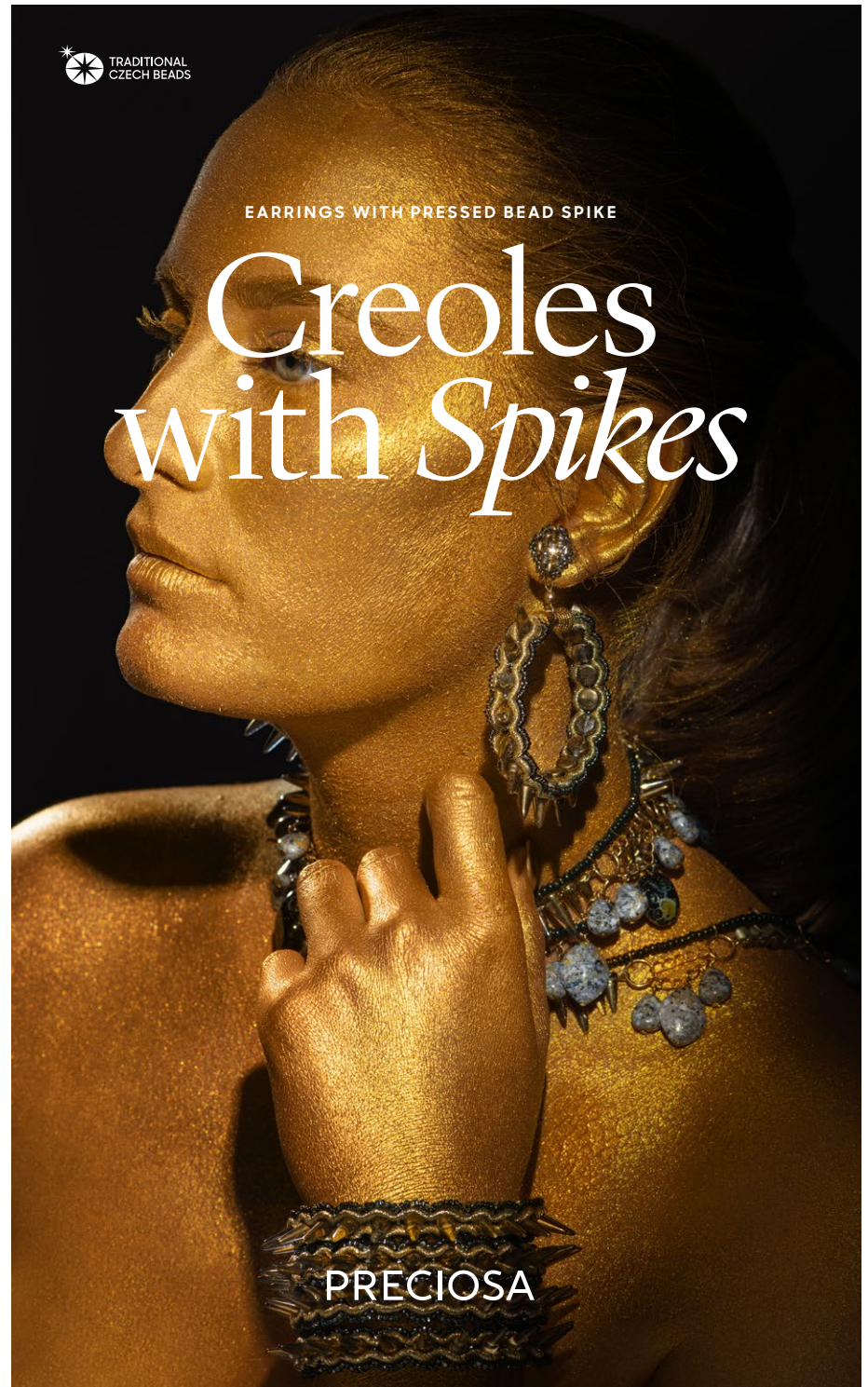

Preciosa Ornela introduces beads and seed beads from the PRECIOSA Traditional Czech Beads™ brand.

EARRINGS WITH PRESSED BEAD SPIKE

Creoles with *Spikes*

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Creoles with Spikes

You will need the soutache, the pressed bead called Spike which is in the shape of a cone and PRECIOSA Twin™ seed beads, if you wish to be inspired by this tutorial for the creation of individual earrings. Preciosa Ornela presents a procedure for the creation of circular creoles. The earrings created by means of the witty use of the technique of sewing around beads with soutaches also stand out as a result of the combination of the pressed Spike bead with PRECIOSA Twin™ seed beads with an exceptional surface finish in a gold shade known as Amber.

Materials and tools:

PRECIOSA Pressed Beads (**PB**)
111 01 321; 7 x 17 mm;
00030/26441; 32x

PRECIOCA Imitation Pearls (**IP**)
131 19 001; 4 mm; 70686; 2x

PRECIOSA Rocailles (**R11**)
331 29 001; 11/0;
47010; 1002x

PRECIOSA Twin™ (**T**)
321 96 001; 2.5 x 5 mm
20707; 18x

Metal parts:
memory wire (6 cm diameter),
gold eye pins (25 - 30 mm, 15 mm),
a gold ring (5 mm), a gold earring clip
mechanism, a gold cap

a soutache (width: 6 mm, length:
ca 40 cm, gold), nylon thread (0.1 mm;
0.2 mm), a thin sewing needle, needle nose
and flat nose pliers, large snipping pliers
and glue for non-absorbent materials

Difficulty: ●●●●○

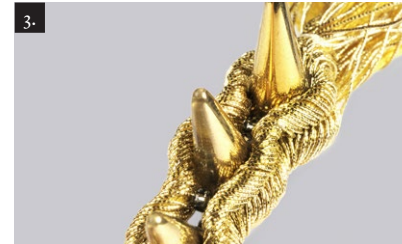**Technique:** stringing, sewing, linking

Procedure:

Step 1:
Separate one ring of memory wire, add 2 cm and snip it. Create a loop at one end with the needle nose pliers. String 2x **R11**, then alternately string 1x **PB** and 1x **R11** and then string 2x **R11** at the end once again (figure no. 1). Reckon with some play for sewing on the soutache and for creating the second loop. Snip off the remainder of the wire and use the needle nose pliers to create a second loop. Then fully close both loops using the flat nose pliers.

Step 2:
String 1 eye pin onto each loop and fully close them (figure no. 2).

Step 3:
Cut two pieces of soutache about 23 cm long and start to stitch both pieces of the soutache together 2 cm from the edge. Sew in the edge of the memory wire with the outer loop between the soutaches. Use the 0.1 mm nylon line (figure no. 3).

Step 4:
Turn the spike outwards on the two consecutive **PB**. Sew through one piece of the soutache to the gap between the first two **PB** and start to connect both opposite soutaches. Sew them through several times in both directions. Add 1x **R11** and then sew it through once again. Gradually sew in the individual PB between the soutaches in the same way.

Step 5:
Sew the edges of the soutaches together, cut off the rest and clean it up. Pass the eye pin through the opening in the cap (figure no. 5). Hide the ends of the soutaches in it and tighten. String 1x **R11** onto the eye pin, shorten it to the necessary length and create a loop using needle nose pliers.

Step 6:
Sew rocailles (figure no. 6a) onto the connected soutaches; 8x **R11** next to the outer **PB** and 7x **R11** for the others. Start at the cap and alternate the sides of the individual **PB** through the **R11** which have already been sewn on.
After completing the row up to the second edge, sew the rocailles on the other side of the individual **PB** in a similar way (figure no. 6b).

Step 7:
Prepare the decoration of the earring clips according to the picture (figure no. 7). Attach the decoration to the clips using the hot melt glue. Connect the clips with the earring rings using eye pins onto which the **IP** 4 are strung. The loops on these pins are perpendicular to one another, turned by 90°. Connect the loops of the eye pins on the clips and on the earrings using the small ring.