Necklace

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This necklace which you can either make to wear as it is, or attach an tatted earring to the beaded chain, halfway along the necklace. The necklace in the picture measures approximately 18 inches (457 mm). If you make it longer or shorter remember that, if you intend adding the pendant, you will need to work an odd number of rings.

The chains on the first row are lock chains (see abbreviations). To help the necklace sit properly, beads are added on the chains of the second row but, if you prefer, you can replace the beads with a picot, or make three picots on each chain with two double stitches between them (this will give you the same stitch count per chain).

Requirements:

Size 20 thread, 2 jump rings, a necklace fastening, 159 size 9/11 beads, a 'Big Eye Needle' for stringing the beads (available from any good beading supplier, and the usual tatting equipment.

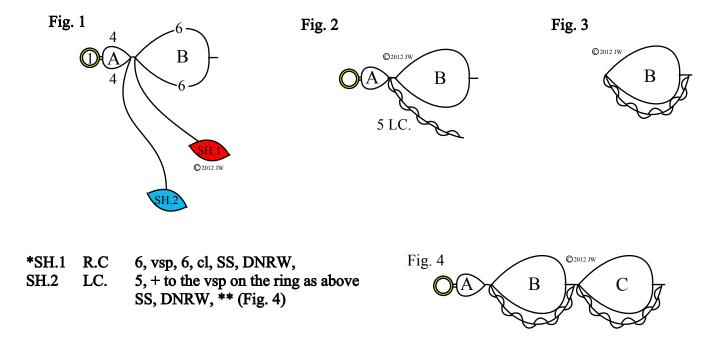
Abbreviations:

CTM = continuous thread method

R. = Ring, + = join, cl = close ring, vsp = very small picot, SS = swap shuttles, DNRW = do not reverse work, 3B = three beads, sj or ∇ = shuttle join, LC = lock chain worked by turning the first half of the stitch but leaving the second half unturned.

<u>Row 1</u> Fill 2 shuttles CTM

- SH.1 R.A 4, + to jump ring, 1, + to jump ring again, 4, cl
 - R.B 6, vsp, 6, cl, SS, DNRW, (Fig. 1)
- SH.2 LC. 5, (Fig. 2) pull a loop, from the shuttle 1 thread, through the vsp on ring 'B', then pass shuttle 2 through the loop. This is a normal join but do not work a second half stitch as you would normally after this type of join (Fig. 3) SS, DNRW





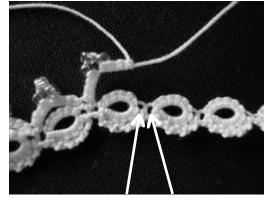
Repeat from * to ** 51 times more (small ring joined to a jump ring plus larger 53 rings and lock chains) SH.1 R. 4, + to another jump ring, 1, + to the jump ring again, 4, cl. Cut and tie the shuttle 1 and 2 threads then secure the ends.



<u>Row 2</u>

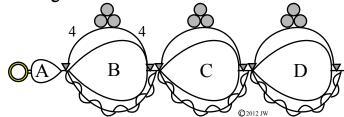
On this row a shuttle join is worked into the vsp on the rings of row 1 and then another shuttle join is made into the small gap between the rings and the start of the lock chain.

The arrows in this picture indicate where the shuttle joins are to be made



String the 159 beads (or 158 plus a jump ring if adding a pendant) then wind about a metre on your shuttle, do not cut. Move all the beads onto the ball thread.

- Shuttle join to the small gap between rings 'A' and 'B' on row 1
- CH. 4, move up 3 beads, 4, sj to the vsp on the ring,
- #CH. sj to the small gap between the next ring and the lock chain (see pictures) 4, move up 3 beads, 4, sj to the vsp on the ring.



For the necklace alone : repeat from # to the end of the row.

For the necklace with the pendant added: work 25 beaded chains, up to half way, then

CH. 4, bring up 4 beads, 4, sj as before, then continue to the end of the row.

<u>NB</u> Omit the final shuttle join, cut and tie to the space between the rings 'A' and B' at the start. Secure the ends.

<u>The picture below</u> is a close up of the necklace. <u>The picture on the right</u> shows the pendant attached to the necklace.



