

Earrings with block tatting

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Requirements:

Size 20 thread, 20 size 11 beads, 6 size 8 beads, two shuttles, a Big Eyed Needle for stringing the beads, 2 jump rings, 2 earring hooks and the usual tatting equipment

Abbreviations:

SH = shuttle, R = ring, p = picot, + = join, vsp = very small picot, cl = close ring, RW = reverse work, CH = chain, sj = shuttle join, SB = size 11 bead, LB = size 8 bead

Earring - make 2

String the beads in the following order:-

4SB, 1LB, 4SB, 2LB, 2SB, then wind about a metre, with the beads, on your shuttle. Do not cut.

- R.A Bring 1 bead into the ring round your hand
6, SB, 4, p, 2, cl
- R.B Bring 7 beads into the ring round your hand
2, + to ring A, 3, SB, 2, SB, 2, 3beads (SB, LB and SB),
2, SB, 2, SB, 3, p, 2, cl
- R.C Bring 1 bead into the ring round your hand
2, + to ring B, 4, SB, 6, cl, RW

Unwind about half a metre from the ball and cut.

Thread the cut end onto the Big Eyed Needle and pass it through the next LB on the shuttle thread so that the bead moves up to the base of the three rings.

Remove the needle and wind the thread onto shuttle 2, ready to work the block tatted square.

- SH.2 CH 1, vsp, 5, tension so that the stitches are touching each other, turn and swap shuttles,
SH.1 CH 1, vsp, 5, tension to fit on top of the previous chain, sj to the vsp on the previous chain, turn and swap shuttles
- SH.2 CH 1, vsp, 5, tension to fit on top of the previous chain, sj to the vsp on the previous chain, turn and swap shuttles
- SH.1 CH 1, vsp, 5, tension to fit on top of the previous chain, sj to the vsp on the previous chain, turn and swap shuttles
- SH.2 CH 1, vsp, 5, tension to fit on top of the previous chain, sj to the vsp on the previous chain

Move up a LB on the SH.1 thread

- SH.1 R.D Bring up the last 2 beads into the ring round your hand
4, SB, 1, + to the jump ring, 1, + to the jump ring again, 1, SB, 4, cl

Unwind the thread from shuttle 2 and thread it in the Big Eyed Needle, pass the needle through the LB that is between the block tatted square and ring D.

Cut both ends then tie and trim them. Secure the tie with a dab of clear nail varnish.

Attach the jump ring to the earring hook.

