

Christmas Garland Tree Decoration or Pendant.

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Inspired by 'Statement Necklace' by Mandy Kerwell and 'Split-Ring Gem Stone Rose' by Carolyn Craig

Requirements:

Size 20 thread, 28 size 10 or 11 seed beads,
 a ¾ inch (20 mm) gem or cabochon,
 about 12 inches 30 cm narrow ribbon or
 A jewellery finding bail and chain necklace,
 5 flower beads 10 x 6 mm and 5 x 3 mm beads,
 Big Eye needle, shuttle, scissors, small hook and
 a cocktail stick (to use as a picot gauge for the
 medium picots).

Abbreviations:

SH = shuttle, B = seed bead R = ring, vsp = very small picot, p = picot,
 mp = medium picot, cl = close ring, RW = reverse work,
 DNRW = do not reverse work, SLT = shoe lace trick, CH = chain,
 + = join, sj = shuttle join.



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Enclose the gem or cabochon

Row 1

String 6 of the seed beads then wind about 3 meters on your shuttle leaving the beads on the ball thread.

Note The rings that are coloured black will be behind the gem.

The rings that are coloured red are on the top and will be holding the gem in place.

R.A Bring the 6 beads into the ring round your hand
 5, p, 3, move up the beads and leave a space after
 them, big enough to hold 4 beads (see photo)
 3, p, 5, cl (Fig 1)

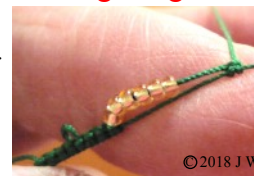


Fig 1

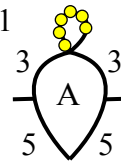
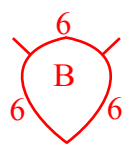


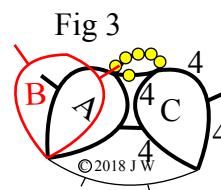
Fig 2



R.B **6, p, 6, p, 6, cl, (Fig 2), RW**

CH. 3, p, 4, p, 3, RW

R.C 5, + to ring A, 3, move one bead on the beaded picot
 to the left then make a join to the space before the
 next bead (Fig 3), 3, p, 5, cl



R.D **6, + to ring B, 6, p, 6, cl, RW**

CH. 5, p, 5, RW

R.E 5, + to ring C, 3, move one bead on the beaded picot
 to the left then make a join to the space before the
 next bead, 3, p, 5, cl

R.F **6, + to ring D, 6, p, 6, cl, RW**

CH. 5, p, 5, RW

R.G 5, + to ring E, 3, move one bead on the beaded picot
 to the left then make a join to the space before the
 next bead, 3, p, 5, cl

R.H **6, + to ring F, 6, p, 6, cl, RW**

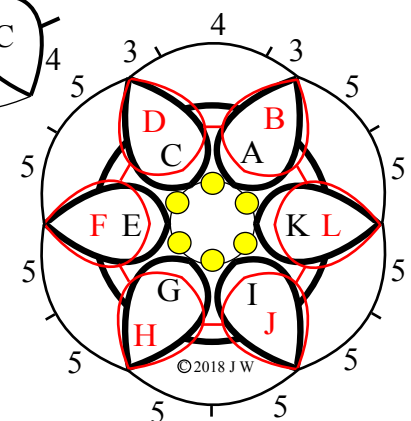
CH. 5, p, 5, RW

R.I 5, + to ring G, 3, move one bead on the beaded picot
 to the left then make a join to the space before the
 next bead, 3, p, 5, cl

R.J **6, + to ring H, 6, p, 6, cl, RW**

CH. 5, p, 5, RW

R.K 5, + to ring I, 3, move one bead on the beaded picot
 to the left then make a join to the space before the
 next bead, 3, + to ring A, 5, cl



NB the beads won't be visible from the front
 when the gem or cabochon is in place

Back



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Front



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R.L Slip the gem between the two layers of rings then work
6, + to ring J, 6, + to ring B, cl, RW

CH. 5, p, 5,

Cut and tie to the base of rings A and B. Secure the ends

Row 2

String 3 of the seed beads and wind about 1½ meters on your shuttle, leaving the beads on the ball thread.
Do not cut.

Shuttle join to the picot on the chain to the left of the chain that has two picots on it

CH. 7, tension to a soft curve, SLT (so that the shuttle and ball threads change places) DNRW

R.M 6, p, 6, cl, RW

CH. 3, + to the first picot on the adjacent chain, 4, RW

R.N 4, + to ring M, 6, p, 6, p, 4, cl, RW

CH. 4, + to the second picot on the same chain, 3, RW

R.O 6, + to ring N, 6, cl, SLT as before, DNRW

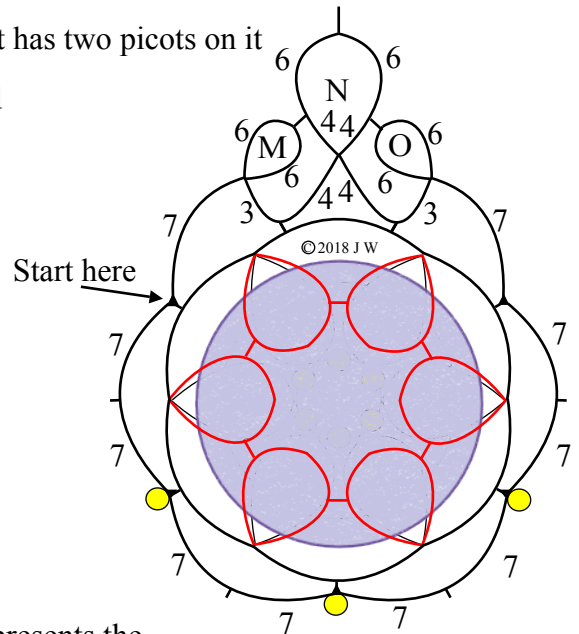
CH. 7, sj to the picot on the adjacent chain,
7, p, 7, sj to the picot on the adjacent chain

*Bring up a bead on the ball thread,

7, p, 7, sj to the picot on the adjacent chain.

Repeat from * twice more which will bring you back to the start of the row. Do not cut.

Continue on to row 3



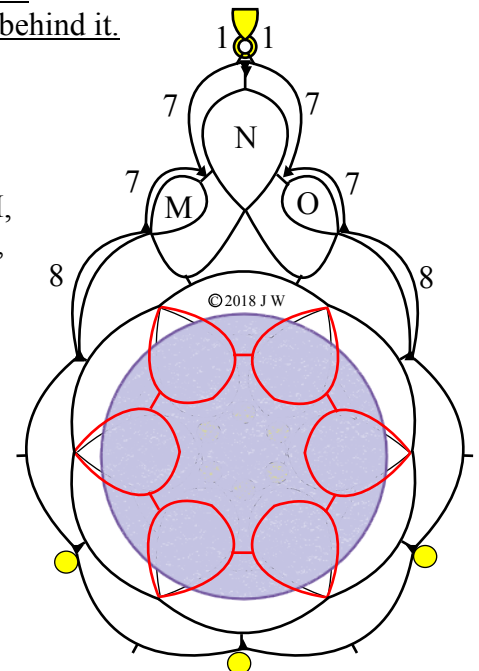
The lilac disc in these diagrams represents the cabochon so the beads on row 1 are hidden behind it.

Row 3 For the pendant version

CH. 8, tension to fit snugly outside the chain at the start of row 2,
sj to the base of ring M,
7, tension to fit snugly outside ring M, sj to the picot on ring M,
7, + to the bail, 1, sj to the picot on ring N, 1, + to the bail again,
7, sj to the picot on the side of ring N,
7, tension to fit snugly outside ring O, sj to the base of ring O
8, tension to fit snugly outside the adjacent chain

Cut and tie above the next sj on row 2 - see diagram.

Secure the ends.

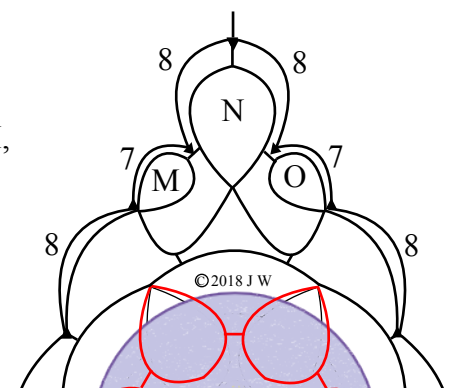


Row 3 For the tree decoration version

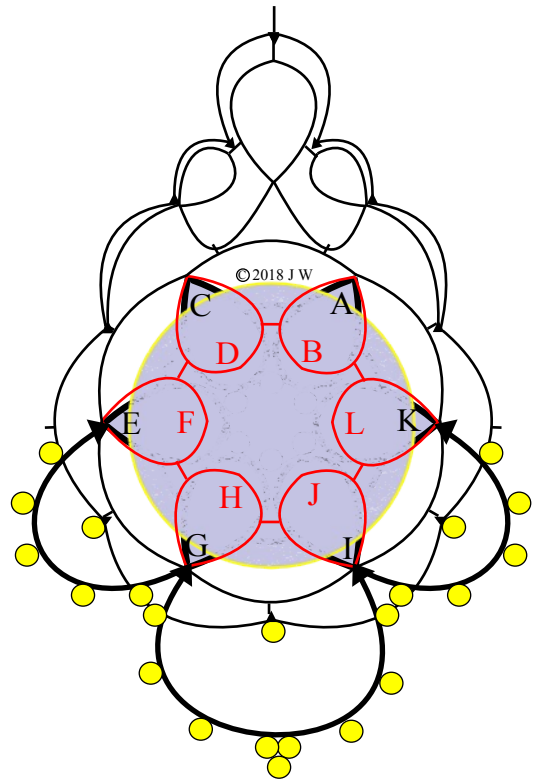
CH. 8, tension to fit snugly outside the chain at the start of row 2,
sj to the base of ring M,
7, tension to fit snugly outside ring M, sj to the picot on ring M,
8, sj to the picot on the top of ring N,
p, 8, sj to the picot on the side of ring N,
7, tension to fit snugly outside ring O, sj to the base of ring O
8, tension to fit snugly outside the adjacent chain

Cut and tie above the next sj on row 2 - see diagram.

Secure the ends.



Garland - chain with beads.



String 19 seed beads and wind about 12 inches (30 cm) on your shuttle leaving the beads on the ball thread

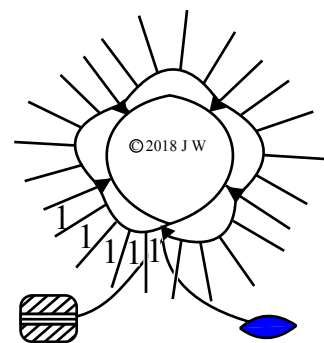
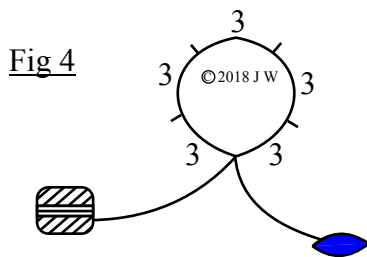
Shuttle join to the base of rings K and L

- CH. 3, (B, 3) x 5, tension to about 7/8 inch (22 mm), sj to the base of rings I and J
 3, (B, 3) x 3, 3B, 3, (B, 3) x 3, tension to about 1 1/4 inch (32 mm), sj to the base of rings G and H
 3, (B, 3) x 5, tension to about 7/8 inch (22 mm), cut and tie to the base of rings E and F

Flower surround - make 5

Wind about 12 inches (30 cm) on your shuttle to start.

- R.. 3, (vsp, 3) x 4, cl, (Fig 4) RW
 CH. Sp, 1, (mp, 1) x 5, tension tightly, sj to the first vsp on the ring,
 *(mp, 1) x 5, tension tightly, sj to the next vsp on the ring,
 Repeat from * twice,
 (mp, 1) x 5, tension tightly, (Fig 5)
 Cut and tie to the sp at the start of the first chain. **Fig 5**
 Secure the ends.

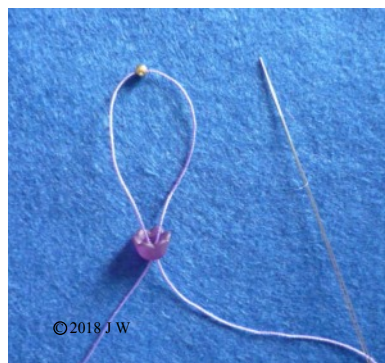


Assemble the garland

You will need all the tatted parts, 5 flower beads, 5 size 3 or 4 mm round beads, thread the colour of the flower surround and a Big Eye Needle.



Using the Big Eyed needle threaded with the colour cotton of the flower surround take the needle up through the flower bead, through the 3 mm bead then back down through the flower bead



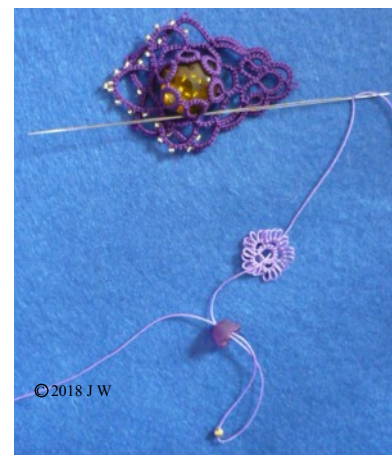
Now take the needle (from right to left) round the base of ring as indicated by the black arrow



Bring the needle back up through the tatted flower surround, adjust the threads to bring the flower surround and the beads in place on the side of the gem.. Cut and tie using a 'square' or reef knot then cut the ends close to the flower bead.

The ends will not show.

Repeat this to attach the remaining four flower beads, 3 mm beads and flower surrounds, where indicated by red arrows, to complete the garland.



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For the Christmas Tree Decoration add a hanging ribbon, or work a length of lock chain to the picot on ring N on row 2.