

Beaded centre for 3D Flowers

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The stitch count and the number of beads will vary depending on the size of the shank button, but the technique will be the same.

For this sample I have used size 20 thread, 40 size 11 or 15 beads and a shank button measuring $\frac{3}{8}$ inch (10 mm) across.

Abbreviations:

SCMR = self closing mock ring, vsp = very small picot, sj = shuttle join, RW = reverse work,

String 40 beads and wind your shuttle with about a metre of yellow thread leaving all the beads on the ball thread when you start the SCMR.

Start with a SCMR so leave a loop large enough to pass the shuttle through later.

SCMR. 2, (vsp, 2) x 7, pass the shuttle through the loop and close the ring so that it fits round the button shank, Make a false picot (leave a small space in both threads then tie a reef knot) RW

CH. 3, bring up 7 beads, 3, sj to 1st picot on the SCMR, *3, bring up 7 beads to be a picot, 3, sj to next picot on the SCMR.

Repeat from * 7 times more (8 beaded chains in all) cut long ends and leave to use when assembling the flower later.



Fig. 1

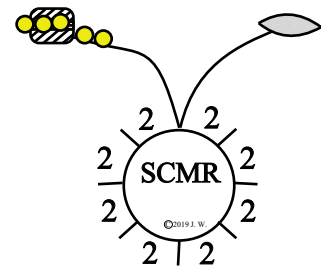
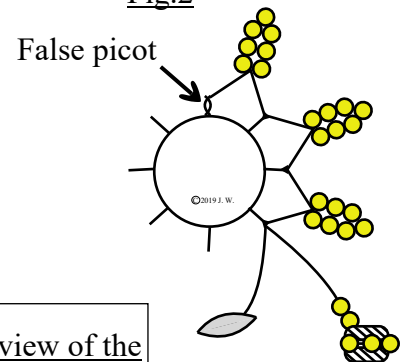


Fig.2



Before placing on the button



Side view of the covered button



Top view of the covered button



Thread one of the ends on the 'Big Eyed Needle'.

Place the button so that the shank fits through the SCMR. It will make it easier to hold if you pass about 2 inches (5 cm) of one of the wires through the hole in the shank, bend it over and twist it a few times so that you will have something to hold while you finish the top.

Gather the beaded picots by taking the needle through the centre bead of each set of beads in turn, then through the first one a second time.

Pull the thread tight so that the beads come together and cover the button.

If there is a small space not covered in the centre then use the needle and thread to add as many beads as is necessary to fill the space

Take the thread, that was not used 'gathering' the beaded picots, round the side of the button (it won't be visible when the poppy is assembled) and tie it, to the other cut end, through the hole in the shank of the button.

Do not cut these ends yet.