

Pendant with wired pearl tatting

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Requirements:

Size 20 thread, size 11 or 9 seed beads, 1 large drop bead for the centre, 2 size 8 beads, about 12 inches (30 mm) • 6 gauge wire, a jewellery finding bail and chain necklace.

Abbreviations:

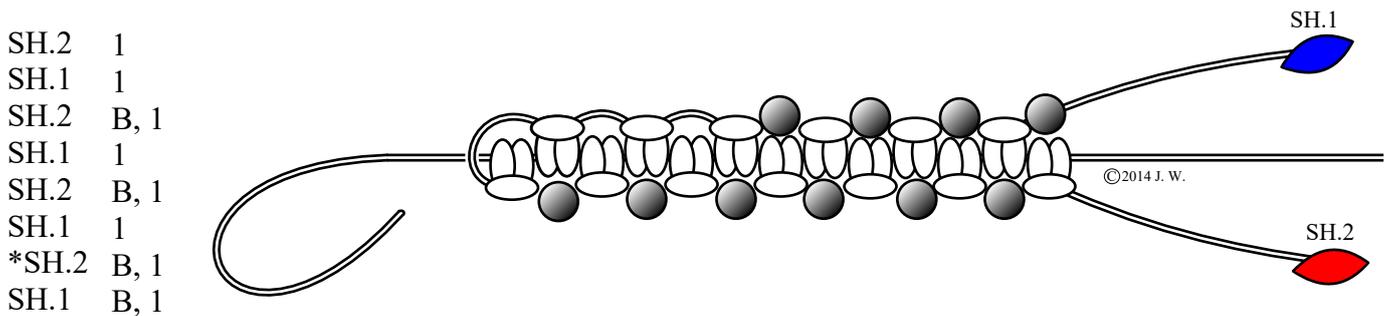
R. = Ring, p = picot, Orj = onion ring join, + = join,
LC = lock chain

Start by bending a loop about ½ inch across, at one end of the wire, this will make it easier to hold as you work the pearl tatting.



String the 86 seed beads then wind 2 shuttles CTM with about 2 metres, and 43 beads, on each shuttle.

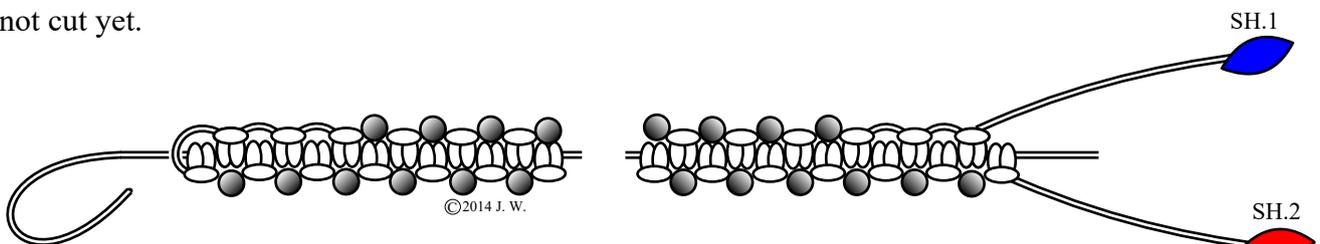
Hold the loop at the end of the wire and pearl tat along the wire by working the stitches, unturned, working 1 double stitch with shuttle 1, turn your work over then work 1 double stitch with shuttle 2, bringing up the beads as in the diagram.



Repeat from * until work measures approximately 4 inches (10 cm) then

SH.1 1,
SH.2 B, 1
SH.1 1
SH.2 B, 1

Do not cut yet.



Using a 'frame' like a tube of beads that is about an inch (25 mm) diameter carefully bend the wire round in a circle, hold firmly then twist the wire ends once. The wire should have a teardrop shape.

Wind the thread from one of the shuttles round the 'twist' once or twice then separate the wires and very carefully bend them back to the wrong side of the pearl tatting and trim.

Wind the other thread round the twisted wires again then tie, trim and secure. This will be hidden later.

Hanging motif

This is worked in three parts, the first part includes the drop bead on a beaded picot. The second part is the ring which is joined to the bail jewellery finding, and the third part is worked the same as the first part, omitting the beaded picot, and is joined to the picots on the outer onion ring first part enclosing the 'pointed' part of the wired tear drop.

Wind about 2½ metres on your shuttle.

Part 1

- Inner ring 6, p, 6, cl - Fig 1
 Onion ring 1 Leave a small space in the thread then 5, p, 3, Orj, 3, p, 5, cl to fit snugly outside the inner ring
 Onion ring 2 Leave a small space in the thread then 7, Orj, 3, p, 2, add 2 small beads, the large drop bead then another 2 small beads to a loop in the thread round your hand and hold in place with a safety pin, adjust the threads then continue 2, remove the safety pin then join to the beaded picot, 2, p, 2, Orj, 7, cl to fit snugly outside the second ring.
 LC. 2, turn work upside down - Fig 2

Part 2

- R 4, + to bail, 1, + to bail again, 4, cl, rw
 LC. 3, RW

Part 3

In Fig 3 part 1 is shown behind part 3 and red arrows indicate where the joins are to be worked.

- Inner ring 6, p, 6, cl
 Onion ring 1 Leave a small space in the thread then work 5, p, 3, Orj, 3, p, 5, cl to fit snugly outside the inner ring
 Onion ring 2 Leave a small space in the thread then work 7, Orj, 2, + to the corresponding picot on part 1, 6, + to the other corresponding picot on part 1, 2, Orj, 7, cl to fit snugly outside the second ring - Fig 3.

Fig 1

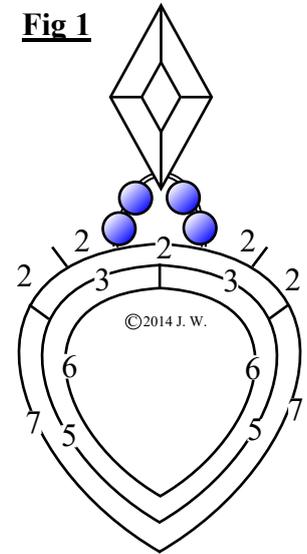


Fig 2

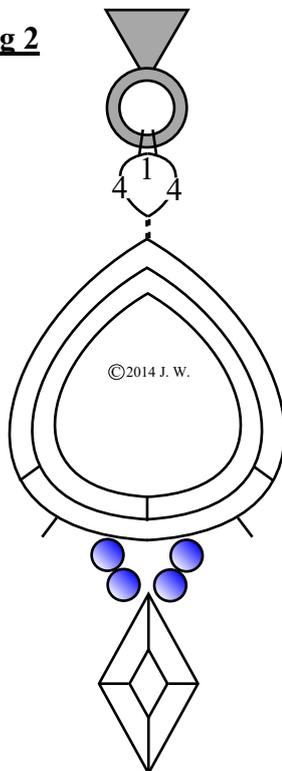
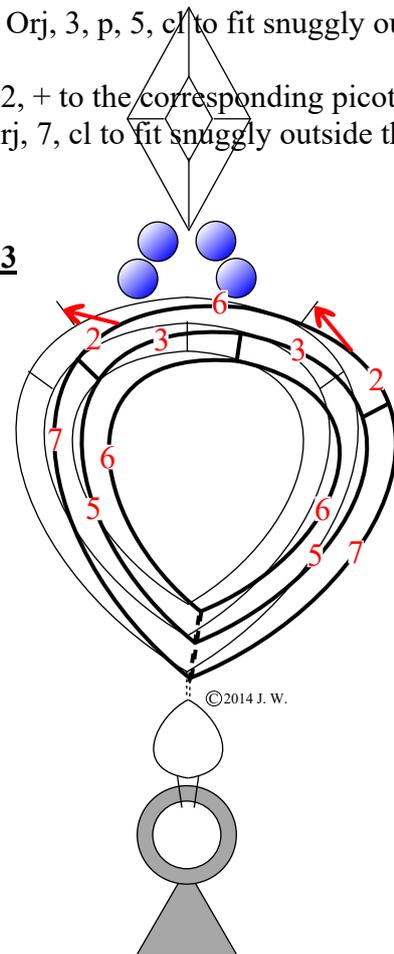


Fig 3



Cut the threads and tie round the small space at the base of the ring joined to the jewellery finding.

Trim the ends and secure them.

Using a length of thread on a fine needle, add a size 8 bead to the centre of the three onion rings on parts 1 and 2.