

Earrings or Pendant

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Requirements:

Size 20 thread, 120 size 11 beads, 2 size 8 beads (optional), 2 jump rings, 2 earring hooks, clear nail varnish and the usual tatting equipment.

A 'Big Eye needle', which splits for the length of the needle thus has a very big eye, would be useful and are available from beadwork suppliers.

Note that 54 of the beads (used for the hanging 'tassel') on each earring are added at the end.



Abbreviations:

R = ring, B = bead, VLP = very long picot (3 times round a 1 inch (2.5 cm)

picot gauge (such as a child's ruler or cut one from a cereal packet), cl = close ring, + = join, in this pattern make a whole double stitch after joining to the jump ring, not just the second half of the stitch.

For each earring

Stringing order for the beads - RB = red bead, WB = white bead and BB = blue bead.

1 size 8 bead (optional), BB, WB, 2 RBs, WB, BB.

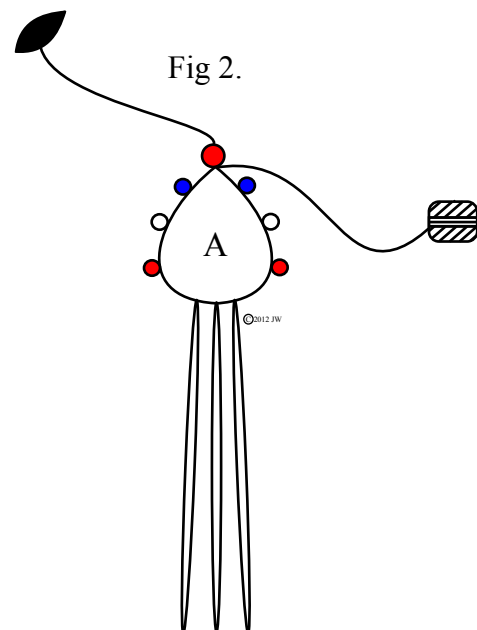
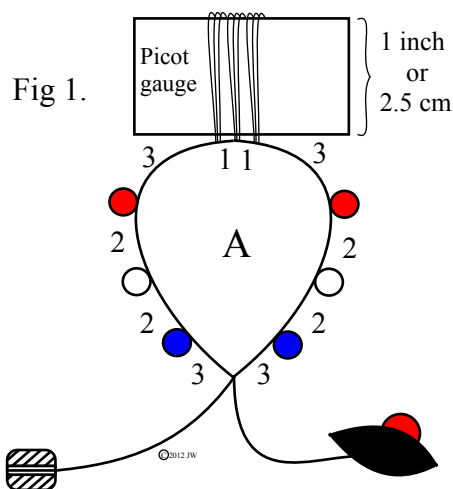
Wind approximately 1 metre on your shuttle with the beads. Do not cut.

R.A bring 6 beads into the ring round your hand and work

3, BB, 2, WB, 2, RB, 3, VLP, 1, VLP, 1, VLP, 3, RB, 2, WB, 2, BB, 3, cl (Fig 1.)

Turn your work round; if you strung a size 8 bead, move it up close to ring 'A' (Fig 2.) then continue.

If you are not using a bead between the rings then just continue.

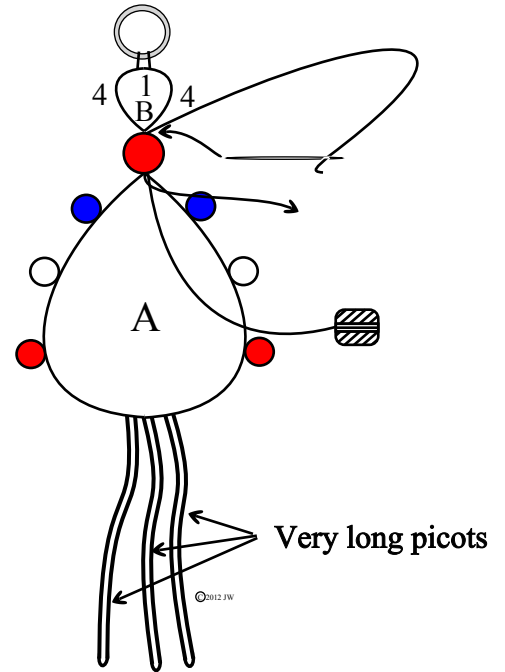


R.B 4, + to the jump ring, 1, + to the jump ring again, 4, cl

Cut the shuttle thread leaving about 4 inch (10 cm) after ring 'B'. Using a 'big eye', or a fine, needle thread the end from ring 'B' and pass it back down through the size 8 bead.

Tie to the thread from the start of ring 'A' and secure the ends.

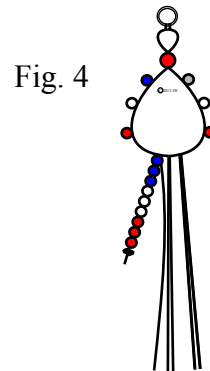
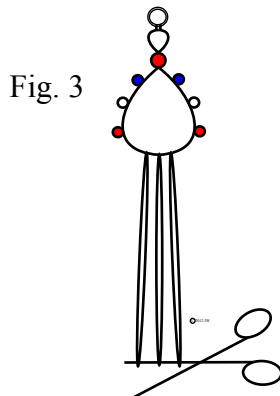
You might like to make the second earring as far as this then string the beads to make the tassels



On each earring cut through the very long picots making 6 equal long ends (Fig. 3)

Take one of the ends and thread it onto the 'big eye' needle then string 9 beads e.g. 3 blue, 3 white then 3 red. Move the beads up close to the ring then tie a double knot in the thread to hold them in place (Fig. 4)

Do not trim the end yet.



String 9 beads on each of the other 5 cut ends and knot the ends to hold them in place.

Hold one of the earrings with ring 'A' between your thumb and index finger so that the tassel ends fan out. Trim all the ends as close as you can to the knots then secure each of the knots with a dab of clear nail varnish.

Put the earring somewhere safe to allow the nail varnish to dry and repeat with the second earring.

When the nail varnish has dried attach the jump rings to the earring hooks.

To make this design as a pendant - see the picture opposite,

String 2 of the size 11 beads, a jump ring, then another two of the size 11 beads **before** the size 8 bead on the stringing order at the beginning of the pattern.

Work ring 'A' as for the earrings, move up the size 8 bead then work ring 'B'.

Bring up the 4 beads and the jump ring into the ring round your hand,

R.B 5, 2 beads, jump ring, 2 beads (in the picot), 5, cl

Finish the same as for the earrings.

String the pendant on a bought chain necklace.

