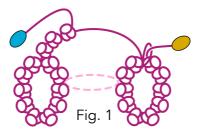
'Australian' Split Chain © 1997

Often called 'The loop up-loop down method'

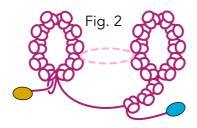
This method is similar to working the second side of a split ring and is easier to work when shuttle 1 has a **pick** or a **hook**. In the following diagrams the yellow shuttle is shuttle 1.

Make a chain to the place where you need to start the second half of the split chain. Join the core thread with a lock join to the finishing place leaving a bare thread space (BTS) equal to the number of ds needed to finish the chain. Allow a little less BTS as this part tends to 'stretch'. The back of the work will be facing you with the chain at the top - see fig. 1

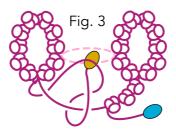


There is no need to remove the chain thread from your left hand while working the rest of the split chain.

Rotate your wrist 180° so that the work is upside down with the lock join on your left. You will notice that this now looks a lot like the start of the second half of the split **ring**.



Hold the work with the lock join between index and thumb of left hand allowing the shuttle thread to **hang below the core thread**. With the tip of the shuttle lift a loop **upwards** and **behind** the core thread. Push the shuttle straight through the loop gently easing out some thread. You will notice that this first half of the knot will want to turn upwards and inwards.- see fig. 3



With the same shuttle lay a thread **above** the core thread and with the pick/hook pull a loop **down** behind the core thread. Push the shuttle straight through this loop and snug up.

