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Abbreviations

R	ring	Ch	chain	Lj	lock join	BTS	bare thread space
JR	Josephine ring	Cl	close	RW	reverse work	vsp	very small picot
T & C	tie and cut	CTM	continuous thread method			S	start

Note – for those who prefer front side/back side tatting the text in *italics and red* indicates where the worker needs to use the second half of the ds first.

Small earring sized virus

Materials required - size 20 thread in black (¾ yard) and red (2 yards), 2 shuttles.

Join threads (weavers knot is best) and using red shuttle make

R1: 2 vsp 2 vsp 2 vsp 2 Cl RW

Ch: vsp 4 Lj (vsp on R) vsp 4 Lj (vsp on R) vsp 4 Lj (vsp on R) vsp 4 Lj (vsp @ base of R) RW SS

Ch: vsp 1 SS BTS

JR: 10 Cl SS BTS

Ch: 2 SS BTS

JR: 10 Cl SS BTS

Ch: 2 Lj next vsp last Ch

* Ch: 1 SS BTS

JR: 10 Cl SS BTS

Ch: 2 SS BTS

JR: 10 Cl SS BTS

Ch: 2 Lj next vsp last Ch

Repeat from * twice joining to the vsp at the start of this chain. T & C

Stiffen and add ear-findings to a JR.

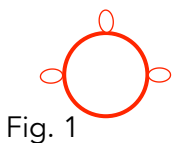


Fig. 1

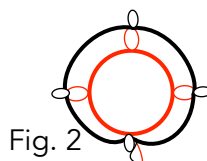


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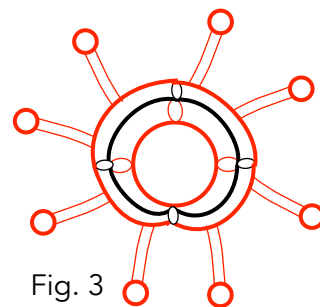


Fig. 3

Larger button virus

Materials required - size 20 red thread (3½ yards), 2 shuttles and a four hole ½” shirt button (stitch count can be adjusted to fit larger or smaller buttons). Wind both shuttles with thread (CTM) and pull a loop through a hole in the button passing both shuttles through the loop to anchor it. Be sure to keep around ½ yard on the shuttle that you start work with - the majority of the thread will be used for the chain. Hold the button at the bottom of your work and tie a knot to anchor the threads in place.

NB - Small trick to lock the shuttle thread to the button. After the Lj take the shuttle thread closest to the button under and round the lock join and put shuttle through the loop made.

Ch: vsp 3 vsp 3 Lj (next hole in button) vsp 3 vsp 3 Lj (next hole in button) vsp 3 vsp 3 Lj (next hole in button) vsp 3 vsp 3 Lj to start of chain SS BTS

JR: 10 Cl SS BTS

Ch: 4 Lj (next vsp last Ch) SS BTS

JR: 10 Cl SS BTS

Ch: 4 Lj (next vsp last Ch)

Repeat all round joining to start of Ch - T&C

Stiffen and add a brooch pin to the back of the button.

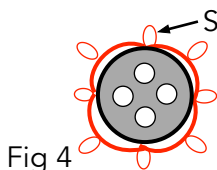


Fig 4

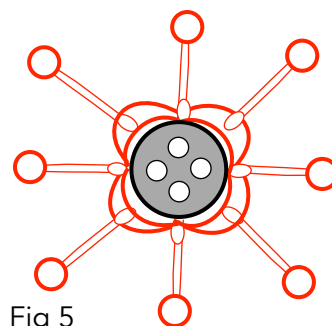


Fig 5