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This pattern is a derivation of an original that I had published back in 1993 in a UK magazine called Popular Crafts. This version now uses split rings and split chains to avoid any hiding of ends until the tree is finished. Beads can be substituted for the star button.

Abbreviations

R	ring	Ch	chain	B	bead
+ B	add B to picot before joining	vsp	very small picot	SS	switch shuttles
Cl	close	RW	reverse work	SR	split ring
DNRW	do not reverse work	SCH	split chain	T&C	tie and cut
FP	false picot - space to represent a picot				
vsp	very small picot				

Materials required - size 20 thread, seed beads (size 11) and two shuttles.

For each earring add 2 yards of thread and 9 beads to shuttle one and 1½ yards of thread and 3 beads to shuttle two. Further beads to add to picots.

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.

NB – For the tub I used 1 large bead passing a picot through it and then through a seed bead before tying a knot. For the star I used star shaped buttons but a ring could be made on the chain with multiple beads.

Row 1

2 beads at back of hand before starting

R1: 2 B 2 B 2 – 2 Cl RW

Ch: 2 vsp 2 RW

1 bead at back of hand before starting

R2: 2 + B (R1) 2 B 2 – 2 Cl RW

Ch: 2 vsp 2 RW

R3: 2 + B (R2) 2 + (large B followed by seed and bead and tie knot) 2 – 2 Cl RW

Ch: 2 vsp 2 RW

1 bead at back of hand before starting

R4: 2 + B (R3) 2 B 2 – 2 Cl RW

Ch: 2 RW leave small thread space before starting R5

2 beads at back of hand before starting

R5: 2 + B (R4) 2 B 2 B 2 Cl DNRW

SCH back over space left on last Ch

Row 2

1 bead at back of hand before starting

SR6: FP 2 B 2 / FP 2 – 2 Cl DNRW SS

Ch: 2 vsp 2 RW

R7: 2 + B (SR6) 2 + (row 1) 2 – 2 Cl RW

Ch: 2 vsp 2 RW

R8: 2 + B (R7) 2 + (row 1) 2 – 2 Cl RW

Ch: 2 RW leave small thread space before starting R9

1 bead at back of hand before starting

R9: 2 + B (R8) 2 + (row 1) 2 B 2 Cl DNRW

SCH back over space left on last Ch

Row 3

1 bead at back of hand before starting

SR10: FP 2 B 2 / FP 2 – 2 Cl SS

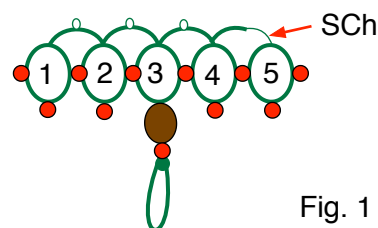


Fig. 1

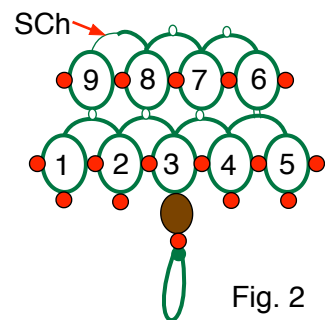


Fig. 2

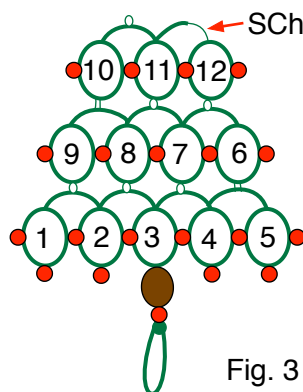


Fig. 3

Ch: 2 vsp 2 RW

R11: 2 + B (SR10) 2 + (row 2) 2 - 2 CI RW

CH: 2 RW leave small thread before starting R12

1 bead at back of hand before starting

R12: 2 + B (R11) 2 + (row 2) 2 B 2 CI DNRW

SCH back over space left on last Ch

Row 4

1 bead at back of hand before starting

SR13: FP 2 B 2 / /FP 2 - 2 CI DNRW SS

Ch: 2 + (star bead & metal split ring finding) 2 RW

1 bead at back of hand before starting

R14: 2 + B (SR13) 2 + (row 3) 2 B 2 CI T & C

Cut below the trunk knot and add a dab of glue for added safety.

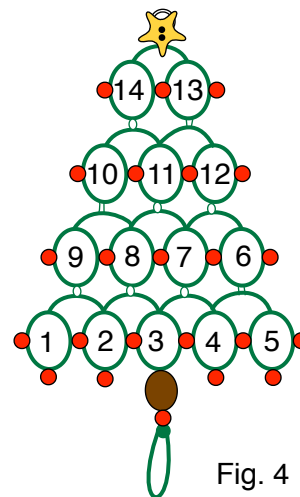


Fig. 4

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