

**Mock Ring with Bead © Jane Eborall 2014**  
**Similar to a Self Closing Mock Ring**

This is a technique which is useful when a large bead needs to be surrounded by tatting. This method gives a better result than surrounding the bead with a normal chain.

Take the ball of thread and make a loop leaving a short end (approximately 10") to finger tat with.



Fig. 1

Using the end finger tat the number of doubles required to take you halfway round the bead – the pattern should tell you how many doubles although tension, the thread used and the size of the bead may make slight adjustment necessary.

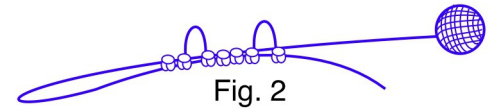


Fig. 2

There may be picots included too.

When the required number of doubles and picots are made add the large bead to the loop at the beginning.

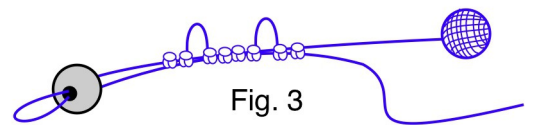


Fig. 3

Now place a safety pin or paperclip to the space between the bead and the first double stitched worked. Check that it lies at the TOP of the thread near the heads of the stitches.

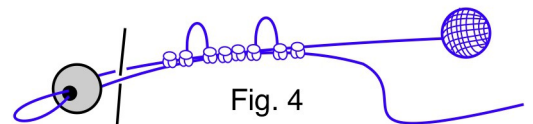


Fig. 4

Next take the short end through the loop after it emerges from the bead.

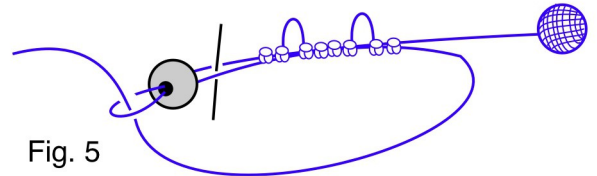


Fig. 5

Tighten the work by pulling the short end and make sure it lies snugly against the bead.

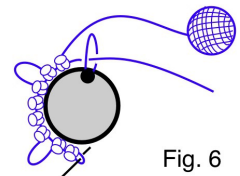


Fig. 6

Continue with the pattern round the second side of the bead.

Finally take the short end through the loop (removing the pin).

Some patterns may now ask you to continue with another element so just follow the directions given.

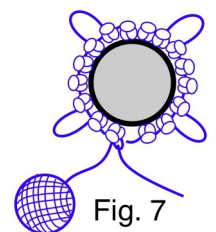


Fig. 7