Snowflake Earrings 2022 © Jane Eborall

Although this pattern may look complicated it's simply rings with beads - no fancy techniques. The large bead in the middle of each snowflake is added to the BASE of the first ring and later joined to ring 4 whilst also adding a further large bead to lie between the two snowflakes.

Abbreviations
R   ring   - or p picot   MBBH move bead to back of hand before starting ring
(2)   number of beads needed at back of hand shown in brackets
+   join   B   move bead on back of hand
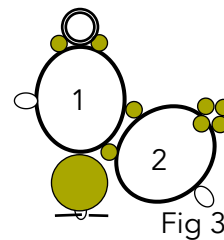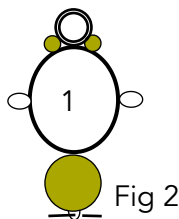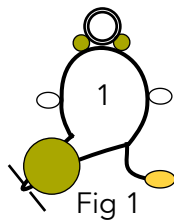MB   move bead on shuttle thread   [ ] numbers between brackets refer to number of beads to move into place

Materials required: 1 shuttle, size 20 thread, ¼" beads (6), size 11 seed beads, earring findings, ¼" closed rings.

Finished earrings measure 1¾" approximately.

Top snowflake
Add 1 yard and 26 beads to thread for top snowflake. Extra small beads needed for joining picots.
R1:   MBBH (2) 2 - 2 B 1+ (¼" ring) 1 B 2 - 2 Before closing the ring add large bead to the core thread next to the first double and hold in place with a paperclip Cl. See figs 1 & 2.

Fig 1   Fig 2   Fig 3

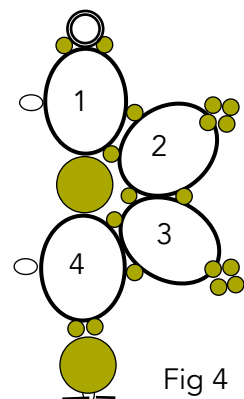R2:   MBBH (3) 2 + B (last p R1) 2 [B3 & MB1] 2 - 2 Cl
MB on shuttle to base of last ring
R3:   MBBH (3) 2 + B (last p R2) 2 [B3 & MB1] 2 - 2 Cl
MB on shuttle to base of last ring
R4:   MBBH (2) 2 + B (last p R3) 1 B (1) + (another large bead held in place with paperclip) 1 B (1) 1 - 2 now join to the first large B on R1 (close to the start of this ring), removing the paperclip Cl.
MB on shuttle to base of last ring.

Fig 4

R5:   MBBH (3) 2 + B (last p R4) 2 [B3 & MB1] 2 - 2 Cl MB on shuttle to base of last ring
R6:   MBBH (3) 2 + B (last p R5) 2 [B3 & MB1] 2 + B (R1) 2 Cl
MB on shuttle to base of last ring T&C base R1

Bottom snowflake - almost the same as the top one
Add 1 yard and 28 beads to thread for bottom snowflake. Extra small beads needed for joining picots.
R1:   MBBH (2) 2 - 2 B + 1 (large B on top snowflake removing paperclip) 1 B 2 - 2 Before closing the ring add large bead to the core thread next to the first double and hold in place with a paperclip Cl MB on shuttle to base of last ring.
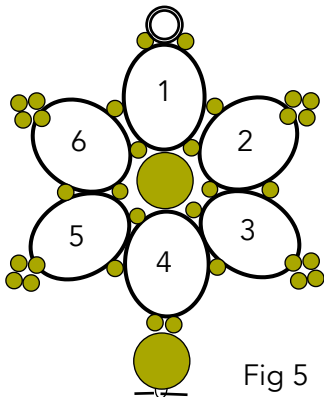R2:   MBBH (3) 2 + B (last p R1) 2 [B3 & MB1] 2 - 2 Cl MB on shuttle to base of last ring
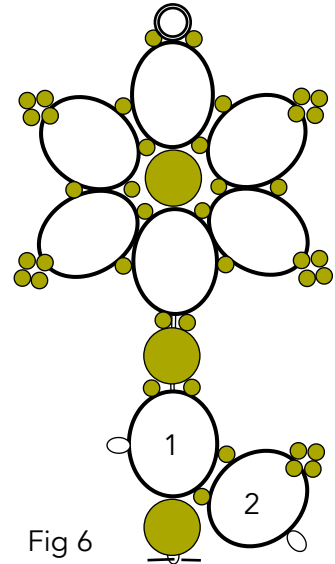
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Fig 6

R3:   MBBH (3) 2 + B (last p R2) 2 [B3 & MB1] 2 - 2 Cl MB on shuttle to base of last ring
R4:   MBBH (3) 2 + B (last p R3) 2 [B3 & MB1] 2 - 2 join to the large B (close to the start of this ring), removing the paperclip Cl. MB on shuttle to base of last ring
R5:   MBBH (3) 2 + B (last p R4) 2 [B3 & MB1] 2 - 2 Cl MB on shuttle to base of last ring
R6:   MBBH (3) 2 + B (last p R5) 2 [B3 & MB1] 2 + B (R1) 2 Cl MB on shuttle to base of last ring T&C base R1
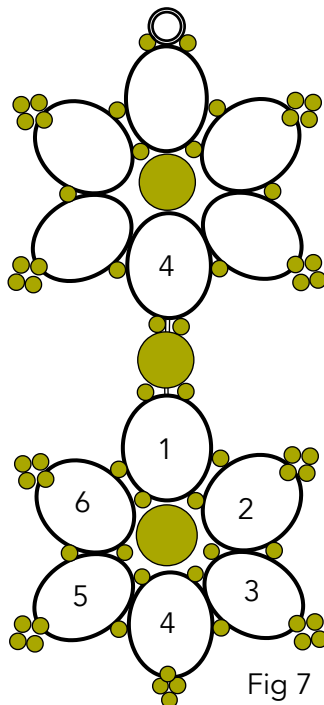
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