

“Pruning Hooks”

Tatted earrings by Marilee Rockley

Inspiration for this design included the Biblical passage, *“They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks....”* Isaiah 2:4 and Micah 4:3.

Techniques used:

Ring, chain, picot, floating ring

Materials for one pair:

- 2 shuttles
- Small crochet hook for joining
- Size 10 thread: about 6 yards
- Size 8° seed beads: 8
- Earring findings



In size 10 Lizbeth thread the finished earring measures about 1½ inches (4 cm) long.
For a daintier effect try finer thread with smaller seed beads.

Preparation: String 4 seed beads onto the thread. Wind shuttle 1 with about a yard of thread, then wind 1½ yards onto shuttle 2, putting all the seed beads onto shuttle 2.

Start with small ring at tip of curve.
R 6. RW.

Inside chain:

Note: floating rings (FR) are made with shuttle 2

Ch 3-3-3--4.

FR 2-3.

Ch 4. *Tighten curve by pulling on core (shuttle 1) thread.*

Note: the bead picots in this project are a little different in that the bead is added between 1st and 2nd halves of a double stitch.



Slide up a bead into the working circle of thread around left hand. FR 1, then only the first half of a ds.
Slide a bead into place, then tat the 2nd half of ds, 1-3.
Ch 4.

Slide up a bead into the working circle , FR 1, then only the first half of a ds. Slide a bead into place, then tat the 2nd half of ds, 1-3.

Ch 5.

Slide up a bead into the working circle , FR 1, then only the first half of a ds. Slide a bead into place, then tat the 2nd half of ds, 1-3.

Ch 5.

Last beaded ring:

Note: this ring is smaller

Slide up a bead into the working circle , FR 1, then only the first half of a ds.

Slide a bead into place, then tat the 2nd half of ds, 1-2.

Ch 4. *Tighten curve by pulling on core (shuttle 1) thread.*

Top ring:

RW. R 14. RW.



Outside chain:

Ch 4, join to p of ring.

Ch 5, join to p of next ring.

Ch 6, join to p of next ring.

Ch 7, join to p of next ring.

Adjust tension by pulling on core (shuttle 1) thread.



Outside small ring:

Ch 2 first halves of a ds. *This turns the chain to face outside.*

FR 6.

Ch 2 second halves of a ds. *This turns the chain back to face inside.*

Ch 5, join to p of next ring.

Ch 6, join to next p.

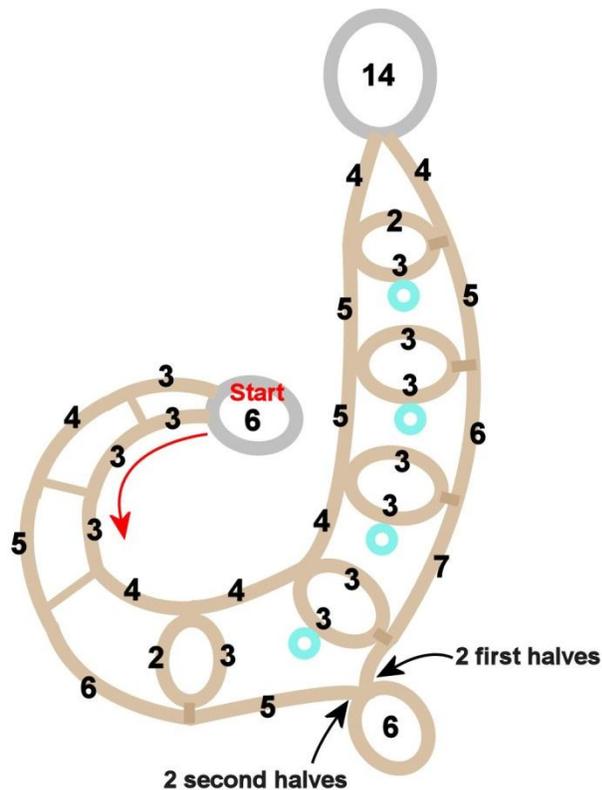
Ch 5, join to next p.

Ch 4, join to next p.

Ch 3.

Finishing:

Adjust tension, then cut threads, leaving tails long enough to tie and sew in ends. Sew core thread through base of starting ring. Tie threads securely, then sew ends under the caps of a few stitches, tug to tighten, and trim. Attach earring findings to top ring.



Abbreviations:	
Ch	chain
ds	double stitch
FR	floating ring
p,	- picot
--	- larger picot
R	ring
RW	reverse work