

Cascade Earrings © Jane McLellan 2015



Skills required Knowledge of Single shuttle split rings, as well as rings.

Materials required For each earring you need a generous 2 metres of size 20 thread, 9 beads and an earring hook. The size of the beads is not important. I used quite big beads because I wanted the beads to dominate, but you could use small beads and have the tatting dominant.

Abbreviations R ring, SSSR single shuttle split ring, + join, () place join is made to, cl close, ds double stitch, vsp very small picot

Important Note When working a ring, the bead is put at the back of the hand before beginning. When working a split ring, the bead is left on the shuttle until the top of the ring is reached.

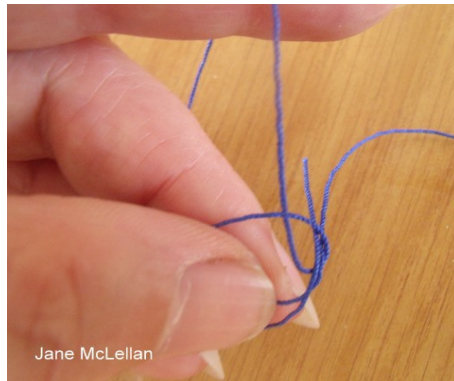
Wind 2 metres plus thread onto the shuttle and string 9 beads on.



R1: put a bead on the back of the hand before beginning:



Tat over the thread end for the first 5 or 6 ds to hide the thread end:



Work 8 ds, picot, 8 ds, cl so that the bead is caught at the top of the ring:



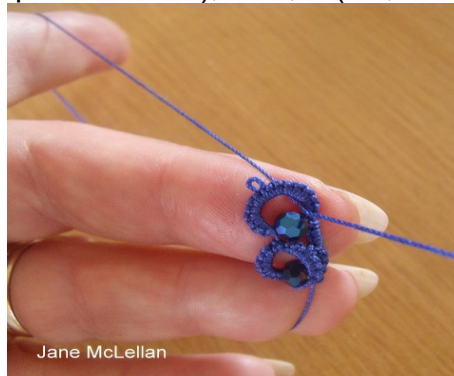
SSSR 2: Work 8 ds then move a bead from the shuttle:



Finger tat the second half of the split ring, 4 ds, vsp, 4 ds, cl



R3(bead on hand): 4 ds, + (vsp on SSSR 2), 4 ds, + (R1, next to bead), 8 ds, cl.



SSSR 4: 8 ds, move bead into position, finger tat 4 ds, vsp, 4 ds, cl.

R 5 (bead on hand): 4 ds, + (vsp on SSSR 4), 4 ds, + (space between R2 and R3), 4 ds, vsp, 4 ds cl.

R6 (bead on hand): 4 ds, + (vsp on R5), 4 ds, + (loop of thread over bead on R3), 8 ds, cl.

SSSR 7: 8 ds, move bead into position, finger tat 4 ds, vsp, 4 ds, cl.

R8 (bead on hand): 4 ds, + (vsp on R7), 4 ds, + (space between R4 and R5), 8 ds, cl.

SSSR 9; 8 ds, move bead into position, finger tat 8 ds, cl.

Join the shuttle thread to the middle of the thread over the last bead:



Add an earring hook to the shuttle thread and put it at the back of the hand before starting R10: 8 ds, picot with hook on it, 8 ds,, cl.



Note, you could do this last ring as a SSSR to hide the thread end, but I feel it's not secure enough, so I made a ring and then sewed the thread end in with a needle.

For a shorter version of the pattern without the pictures, see this blogpost:
<http://janemactats.blogspot.in/2015/10/trial-and-error.html>