

"Carnival" earrings

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Supplies for one pair of earrings:

Size 20 crochet cotton
52 seed beads size 10 or 11
2 round beads 6mm
2 teardrop beads
1 tatting shuttle
A fine crochet hook
Earring findings



Abbreviations:

bp bead picot
cl r close ring
ds double stitch
j join
mm millimeter
p picot
r ring
sb seed bead
vsp very small picot

String the beads onto the thread before winding the shuttle. 10 seed beads, 1 drop bead, 16 seed beads. Then wind the shuttle, placing the beads a few turns back so they'll be out of your way until needed. All of the beads are on the shuttle thread, except for the 6mm bead.

Slide up 3 sb, and r 5, bp, 5, bp, 5, bp, 5, vsp, 10, cl r.

Slide up 3 sb, next r 10, j, 5, bp with 3 sb, 5, vsp, 10, cl r.

Slide up the next 9 beads and r 10, j, 5, large bp with the 9 beads, 5, vsp, 10, cl r.

Slide up 3 sb, r 10, j, 5, bp with 3 sb, 5, vsp, 10, cl r.

Slide up 3 sb, r 10, j, 5, bp, 5, bp, 5, bp, 5, cl r. Turn work.

Join the 6mm round bead by inserting the crochet hook through it, catching the ball thread and pulling it through the bead. Keep pulling the thread through to get a large enough loop to put the shuttle through.

Complete this join by pulling back on the ball thread until the join is hidden inside the bead. You'll have to pull and wiggle both threads to get the bead in place.

Then, keeping a firm hold on the bead, make a lock stitch centered at the top of it. (One half of a ds unflipped, the next half flipped as usual.)

Continue with a *lock stitch chain* (first half unflipped, next half flipped) for 1/4 inch. Then turn work.

The top ring contains the 6 remaining beads, and the ends are worked into this last ring.

R 2, bp, 2, bp, 2, bp, 2, join to earring finding, 2, bp, 2, bp, 2, bp, 2, cl r.

