

## “Roundabout” tatted earrings



### Techniques used:

Self-closing mock ring, lock stitch, chains, lock joins, bead picots on chains.

### Supplies for one pair of earrings:

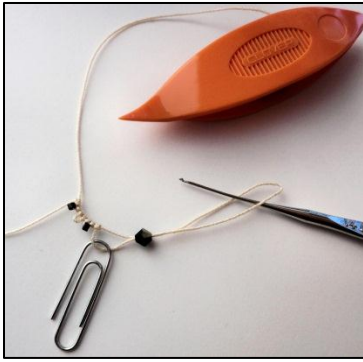
- Tattting shuttle
- Size 10 Lizbeth thread: about 3 yards
- Size 20 Lizbeth thread: about 3 yards
- Steel crochet hook size 12/.7mm to 14/.6mm
- Choice of size 10° seed beads **or** 11° Delicas: 48
- 4mm round or faceted beads: 2
- 5mm to 6mm jump rings: 2
- 4mm jump rings: 2
- Earring findings

*The “Roundabout” motif is tatted in 3 rounds. Rounds 1 and 2 are worked without a break, in size 20 thread. Then, size 10 thread is used for round 3.*

### Round 1:

String 4 seed beads onto the size 20 thread. Wind the shuttle with about a half yard of thread, leaving the thread attached to the ball and keeping all the beads on the ball thread.

Begin with a SCMR (*tatted the same as a chain*), leaving a large loop at the beginning.



SCMR 2, bp, 2 - 2, bp, 2.

Slip the 4mm bead over the starting loop (a paper clip is helpful as a space saver between the start of the tatting and the bead). Then, put the shuttle through the loop. Tighten the loop up snug to the bead by pulling on the shuttle thread. *(You have tatted halfway around the bead at this point.)*



Resume the SCMR by leaving a picot right at the end of the bead, then, 2, bp, 2 - 2, bp, 2.

Pull core (shuttle thread) to tighten, then remove the paper clip and LJ to the base of the bead.

Following that, leave space to equal the size of a picot, and LS (to form a mock picot). Do not RW.



**Round 2:**

[Ch 3 - 3 - 3. LJ to next open picot.] 4 times.

Leaving long tails for sewing, cut threads.

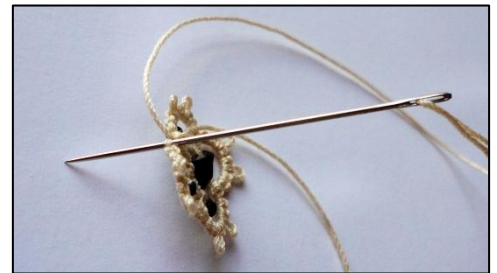
Put core thread through the mock picot, and tie tails on back. Sew in ends (one method is to sew under the caps of the stitches, going back and forth about 4 times).



**Round 3:**

String 20 seed beads onto the size 10

thread. Wind the shuttle with about a half yard, leaving the thread attached to the ball and keeping all the beads on the ball thread.



Attach the thread with a LJ to the 1<sup>st</sup> picot of any Ch of round 2.

\*[Ch 2, bp] 5 times, 2. LJ to 2<sup>nd</sup> picot of the same Ch of round 2.

Ch 5. LJ to 1<sup>st</sup> picot of next Ch of round 2. Repeat from \*4 times.

Tie, cut, and sew in ends.



**Finishing:**

Use jump rings to attach earring finding at a beaded Ch of round 3.





**Size 20 thread for rounds 1 and 2**

**Size 10 thread for round 3**



**Abbreviations:**

bp bead picot (a picot with a bead in it)  
Ch chain  
LJ lock join  
- picot  
R ring  
SCMR self-closing mock ring

The finished motif measures about 1 and 3/8 inches (3.5 cm) when finished as written. Have fun experimenting!