

Snowy Christmas Tree Earrings

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Materials:

Tatting cotton size 20 or finer, the finer the thread the smaller the earrings.

10 seed beads

1 pair earring findings

Strong PVA craft glue

Method:

Thread 10 beads onto thread before filling shuttle.

Fill shuttle with green thread. If you are making with just one colour then do not cut thread from ball. If you are making the snowy ones the fill the shuttle with white thread and attach to the white thread.

- R1 2 -2-2-2-2-2-2-2 cl RW
- Ch1 14 ds DNRW
- R2 2-2-2 bead 2-2-2, cl RW
- Ch2 10 + miss one p and join to next p of R1, 9 ds RW
- R3 2 + join to 1st p of R2, 2 p 2 bead 2 - 2 - 2 cl RW
- Ch3 9 miss one p and join to next p of R1, 8 ds, RW
- R4 2 + join to 1st p of R3, 2 p 2 bead 2 - 2 - 2 cl RW
- Ch4 6 - 5, RW
- R5 2 + join to 1st p of R4, 2 p 2 bead 2 - 2 - 2 cl RW
- Ch5 5, RW
- R6 2 + join to 1st p of R5, 2 p 2 bead 2 - 2 - 2 cl DNRW
- R7 2 + join to 1st p of R6, 2-2-2 j to earring finding, 2-2-2-2 cl DNRW
- R8 2 + join to 1st p of R7, 2 p 2 bead 2 - 2 - 2 cl RW
- Ch6 5, RW
- R9 2 + join to 1st p of R8, 2 p 2 bead 2 - 2 - 2 cl RW
- Ch7 5 - 6, RW
- R10 2 + join to 1st p of R9, 2 p 2 bead 2 - 2 - 2 cl RW
- Ch8 8 j to same p of R1 as Ch3 9 ds, RW
- R11 2 + join to 1st p of R10, 2 p 2 bead 2 - 2 - 2 cl RW
- Ch9 9 miss one p and j to next p of R1 10 ds, RW
- R12 2 + join to 1st p of R11, 2 p 2 bead 2 - 2 - 2 cl DNRW
- Ch10 14 ds, j to base of R1, RW using shoe lace trick (SLT)
- Ch11 2, vsp, 7, vsp, 2 RW using SLT, 2 j to vsp 7, j to vsp, 2 j to base of R1

Either use this as a flat earring or, alternatively, - for a 3D effect, make another motif leaving out R7. Place a film of glue down the centre of one of the motifs and press the two motifs together. Leave to dry and then spray to whole earring with hair spray, press into shape and leave to dry. The hairspray provides a great shape and lasts a long time and then, if the earrings become soft and lose their shape simply spray again with hairspray.

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