

"Ruffled Orbit"

Tatted earrings by Marilee Rockley

Each earring measures about 2 and 3/4 inches (7 cm) long when made in size 20 thread. These are nice dangles with a 3 dimensional effect.

Supplies for one pair:

- 2 tatting shuttles
- Size 20 or 30 crochet cotton
- 56 seed beads size 10° or 11°
- 2 size 6mm round beads
- 2 teardrop beads (top drilled)
- Earring findings
- Very small steel crochet hook

Preparation:

String beads onto the thread (*before winding the shuttles*) in the following order:

14 seed beads, 1 teardrop bead, 14 seed beads.

Wind 2 shuttles, having most of the beads on Sh 1, the last 3 seed beads on Sh 2.

Start with large ring at bottom:

Slide up 11 seed beads, 1 teardrop bead, 11 more seed beads and R 2, bp, 2, bp, 2, bp, 2, bp, 2, long picot with the next 13 beads in it, 2, bp, 2, bp, 2, bp, 2, bp, 2.

Small SR 5/5.

"Hidden" Chain: Ch 1, long picot about 15mm when open, 1.
(*Hint: to avoid measuring, slip the 6mm round bead on while forming the picot, then hold in place temporarily with a paper clip.*)

Large SR 15/15. LJ the long picot (*with the 6mm bead placed on it*) to the end of the large SR.

Small SR 5/5.

Victorian Sets: ZZ Ch 10 sets of 4/4. (*4 first halves of a ds, followed by 4 second halves = one set*)

AJ between the first SR and the "Hidden" Ch.

Continue ZZ Ch with 10 more sets of 4/4. LJ to the end of the second SR.

Slide up 3 seed beads,

SR 2, bp, 2, bp, 2, bp, 2 / 2, bp, 2, bp, 2, bp, 2. (*Seed beads on 2nd half of SR are from Sh 2.*)

Last R (*work ends into this*) 5, j to finding, 5.



Techniques and Abbreviations

Ring - **R**

Chain - **Ch**

Double stitch - **ds**

Split rings - **SR**

Bead picots (*picot with a bead in it*) **bp**

Join - **j**

Alligator join - **AJ**

Lock join - **LJ**

Victorian Sets - **ZZ**

2 tatting shuttles - **Sh1** and **Sh2**

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Photos of work in progress

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Beads on first ring



"Hidden" chain with bead



Lock join to end of split ring



Alligator join, step 1



Alligator join, step 2



Finished earring