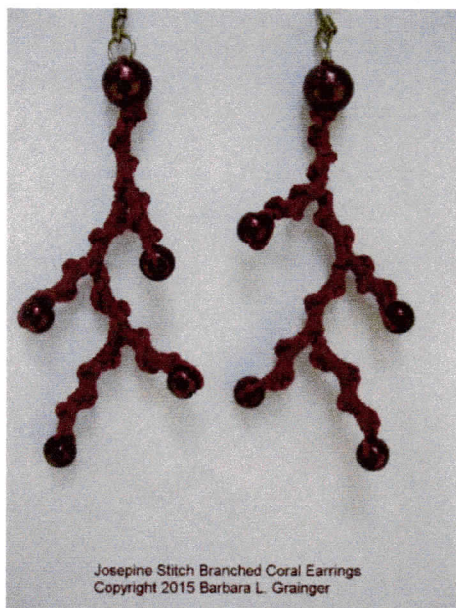


FLOATING JOSEPHINE CHAIN BRANCHED CORAL EARRINGS

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Materials List:

Thread: Size 10

Needle: Size 5

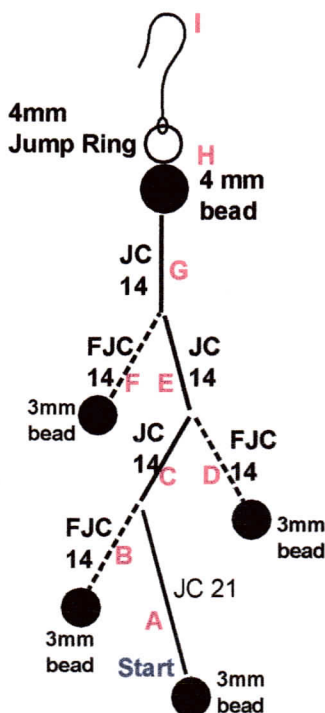
- 4mm bead (2)
- 3mm bead (8)
- 4mm jump ring (2)
- ? Earwires (2)

JS = Josephine Stitch

—— Josephine Chain (JC)

----- Floating Josephine Chain (FJC)

- A. JC: 21 JS and knot
- B. FJC: 14 JS, add 3mm bead rethread needle, pull through and knot.
- C. JC: 14 JS and knot.
- D. FJC: 14 JS, add 3mm bead rethread needle, pull through and knot.
- E. JC: 14 JS and knot
- F. FJC: 14 JS, add 3mm bead rethread needle, pull through and knot.
- G. JC: 14 JS and knot.
- H. Add 4mm bead and jump ring.
- I. Add Earwire.



Note: The chart is drawn from the earring on the right in the picture. The earring on the left is turned backwards in a mirror image the way you'd wear them on your ears.

These adorable little branched coral earrings are made using only the Josephine Stitch alternating between **Josephine Chains** for the trunk and **Floating Josephine Chains** for the branches. It uses only the first half of the "double stitch" to make the Josephine Stitch (JS) which makes the twist flow from upper right to lower left on the Josephine Chain. You may use the 2nd half if you prefer, which reverses the twist.

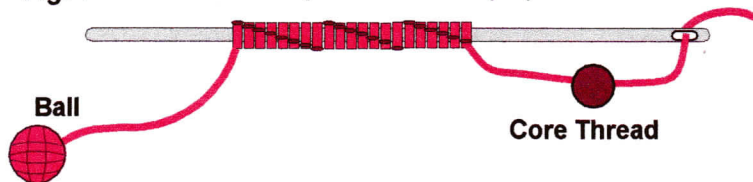
There is a difference between a **regular** Josephine Chain (JC) and a **Floating** Josephine Chain (FJC). The regular Josephine Chain is worked over the point of the needle with the thread that comes from the ball (ball thread), while the **Floating** Josephine Chain is worked over the eye of the needle with the 'core' thread, (also known as the eye thread because it goes through the needle's eye).

These earrings also look adorable without beads, so if you're not into beads, just work the pattern without them. You may add more branches if you wish to make a longer pair or a matching necklace.

NEEDLE TATTING STEP BY STEP INSTRUCTIONS

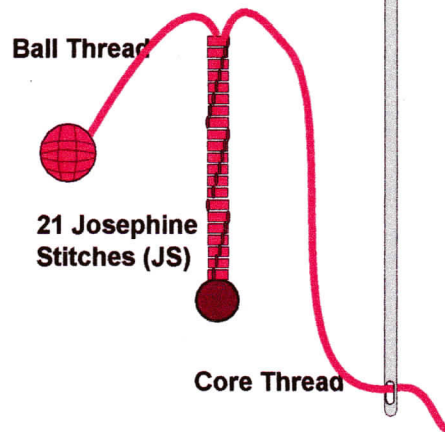
These instructions are written specifically for needle tatting. Shuttle tatters please follow the chart on page one.

Fig. 1 21 Josephine Stitches (JS)



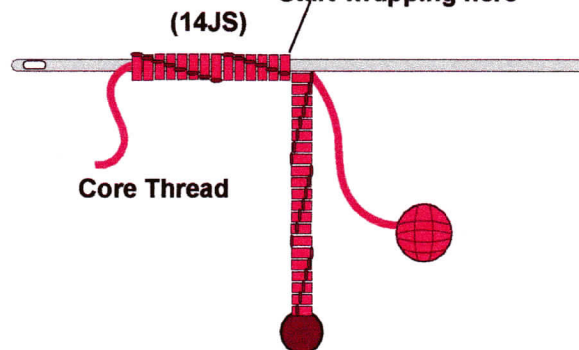
A. JC (Josephine Chain): String 1, 3mm bead on core thread and thread needle. Leave a 30" tail for the loop. With ball thread, work 21 JS (Josephine Stitches) over tip of needle. (Fig. 1) Pull stitches off needle all the way down to the end of the thread to complete the chain. (Fig. 2) Knot.

Fig. 2 Josephine Chain



B. FJC (Floating Josephine Chain): Unthread needle. Turn needle around so the eye end is on the left and ball thread is on the right. (It helps if you actually move the ball to the right.) Lay eye-end of needle on JC (Josephine Chain) just made. Work 14 JS over needle's eye with core thread. (Fig. 3) (Stitches work from the center of the needle back towards the eye).

Fig. 3 Floating Josephine Chain Start wrapping here



B continued:

String 1, 3mm bead on core thread and rethread needle. (Fig. 4) Pull stitches off needle to complete the floating Josephine chain (FJC). (Fig. 5) Knot.

Fig. 4 Floating Josephine Chain (14 JS)

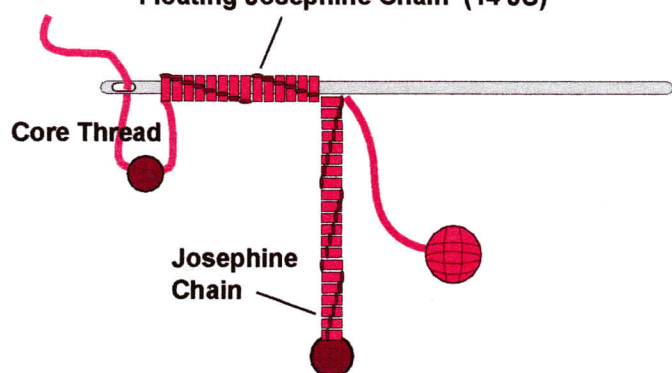
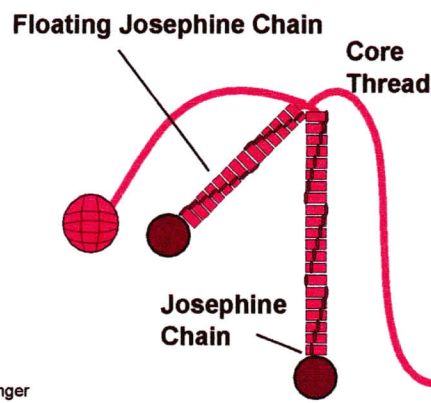


Fig. 5



C. JC: Lay needle on previous JC and work 14 JS over tip of needle with ball thread. (Fig. 6) Pull stitches off needle to complete the chain. (Fig. 7) Knot. This Josephine Chain now stacks on top and becomes a part of the first Josephine Chain, while the **Floating** Josephine Chain becomes a branch of the coral.

Fig.6

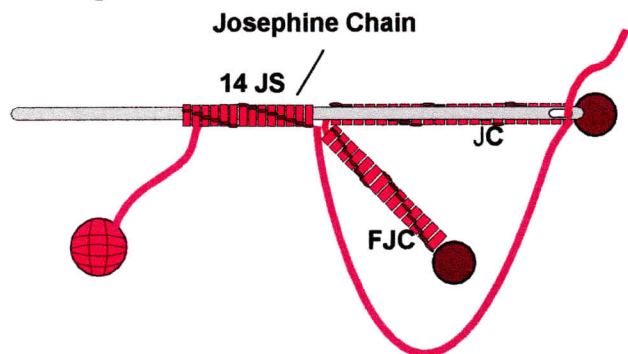
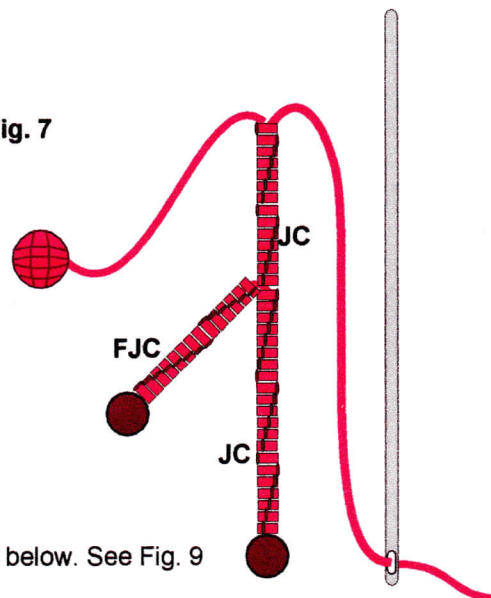


Fig. 7



Continue working **Floating** Josephine Chains and Josephine Chains as instructed below. See Fig. 9 for complete illustration.

D. FJC: Unthread needle. Turn needle around and lay eye-end of needle on JC. Work 14 JS over needle's eye with core thread. String 1, 3mm bead and rethread needle. Pull stitches off needle to complete the chain. Knot. (Fig. 9 D)

E. JC: Lay needle on JC and work 14 JS over tip of needle with ball thread. Pull stitches off needle to complete the chain. Knot. (Fig. 9 E)

F. FJC: Unthread needle. Turn needle around and lay eye-end of needle on JC. Work 14 JS over needle's eye with core thread. String 1, 3mm bead and re-thread needle. Pull stitches off needle to complete the chain. Knot. (fig. 9 F)

G. JC: Lay needle on JC and work 14 JS over tip of needle with ball thread. Pull stitches off needle to complete the chain. Knot. Cut threads leaving about 6 inches to finish the earring. (Fig. 9 G)

H. Pass both threads through 4mm bead, then through the jump ring. (Fig. 8-A) Pass both threads back down through the 4mm bead towards earring. (You may have to string the threads one at a time if the hole in the bead is small). Knot just below the bead, cut threads and secure with fray check or small spot of glue. (Fig 9 H)

I. Attach ear wire to the jump ring. Make second earring and enjoy! (Fig. 8-B)



Fig 8-B

Fig. 8-A

I've left a space between the bead and the other elements so you can see the thread path, but in reality you should pull the thread tight.

Fig. 9

Finished earring.

