

How to 'NEEDLE' the thread

The best way to prepare thread for beading is to use washable, safe, and non-toxic liquid glue. *Elmer's no run school glue gel* is great for this purpose.

- Take a length of thread needed for the project. For small projects or samples it is helpful to use a short thread, about 2 yards.
- Study the thread carefully to see the direction of its twist (right or left).
- Dip a tail into liquid glue.
- Twist it really tight following the direction of the thread twist rubbing glue into thread.
- Let it dry. You may need to do it again to stiffen the thread more.



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- When the thread is firm enough, put the 'needled' tail on a piece of cardboard, and slash with a sharp razor-blade.
- To thread the tatting needle use the opposite tail and leave the part of the thread with the 'needled' tail as your ball. This way you can always add beads if needed.

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Pendant, Pin, or Tree decoration.

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For the ornament you will need:

About five yards of 4-ply cotton thread, and 76 beads size 8.
In this project there are: **10** Dark Green round beads,
22 Green cylinder beads and **44** Light Gold cylinder beads.

Use tatting needle #3.



Symbols and abbreviations:

- ▯ ds made with the **left** knotting thread
- ▯ ds made with the **right** knotting thread
- Green cylinder bead
- Dark Green round bead
- Light Gold cylinder bead

PR Pearl Ring

PCh Pearl Chain

• close a ring or shape a chain

RW reverse work

LJ lock join

Before you start

(in case there are no kits available):

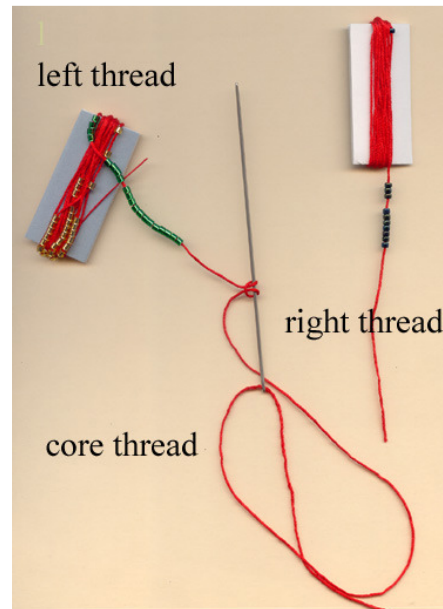
- Take two lengths of thread: 3½ and 1½ yards and 'needle' the tails.
- String 10 ● on 1½ yard thread; this is your **right** side knotting thread.
- Pick up the 3 yards thread and string 22 ■ + 44 ■; this is continuous **core** and **left** side knotting thread.
- Place tatting needle on the **core** part of the thread.

Attention!

The pattern consists of **units** (sets with the same bead/stitch count):

[■ ■ ▯ ● ▯] is a unit for multiple repeats (with beads on **both** knotting threads).

[■ ■ ▯ ▯] is a unit for multiple repeats (with beads on the **left** knotting thread only).



Pattern:

1) PR: ▯ ▯ [■ ■ ▯ ● ▯] x 10, finish with: ■ ■ ▯.***RW**

Before starting Pearl Chain pull and fold core thread to make the Pearl Chain padded.

2) PCh: ▯ ▯ [■ ■ ▯ ▯] x 21, finish with: ■ ■ ▯.**LJ**

to the base of PR1.

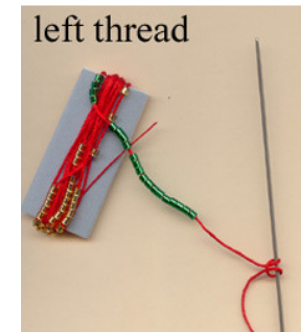
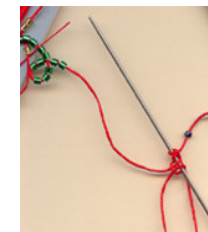
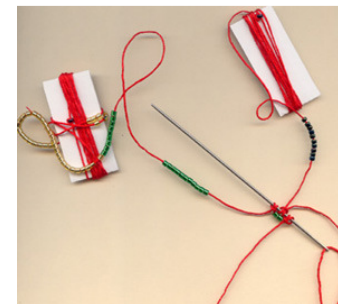
Tie and hide the tails.

*Before closing Pearl Ring, make sure that **both** knotting threads are on the front of your tatting, and arranged in proper order for the next Pearl Ring and/or Pearl Chain.

A few words about Pearl tatting with Beads

1) Make a stitch (▯) with **left knotting thread**; tatting needle is in your **right hand**.

2) Switch tatting needle to **left hand** and make a stitch (▯) with **right knotting thread**.



3) Switch tatting needle back to **right hand**, push bead or beads from the left thread, and make a stitch (▯) with **left knotting thread** (see the pattern).

4) Switch tatting needle to **left hand**, push bead or beads from the right thread (see the pattern), and make a stitch (▯) with **right knotting thread**.

