

Star Anise Studs

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A very simple 2-round removable/replaceable 3-D Cluny tatting insert to spice up old studs.

Materials & Size :

Anchor Crochet Cotton size 20.
Pink : 4054-0007.
2 full shuttles (bobbins) for 1 pair of earrings.
6 beads loaded in SH1

Final Size : 1¼" / 3½ cm

Abbreviations/Symbols :

- - small (joining) picot
Cl - close ring
MP - mock picot space
B - bead
LJ - lock join
- - - - long picot
- - - - longer picot

Techniques Used : Cluny tatting , Lock Join, Mock Picot space, Long Picots, Beads.

About Tally/Cluny Petal : I have indicated the wrap counts for weaving, but being freeform, these can be easily adjusted . 1 wrap = movement of weaving thread from right to left & back to right (or vice versa for left handed tatters)

Front petal should taper more towards the top tip

Back petal should ideally be wider than the front one so as to be visible from side(s). It should also be longer in order to make the curve visible & distinct . Can use 4 or 5 warp loom

Instructions :

Central Ring (CR): 3 - 3 - 3 - 3 - 3 - 3 Cl. Climb out with MP space.

*** **Front Petal :** 12 wraps/passes Cl. B .

Back Petal : 24 wraps/passes (wider) . Cl. LJ to base (in MP)

Chain : 1 - - - 1 - - - - 1 - - - 1 . LJ to next picot of central ring.

Repeat from *** to make 6 petals in all. LJ last chain to MP. Tie, cut & hide ends.

Notes :

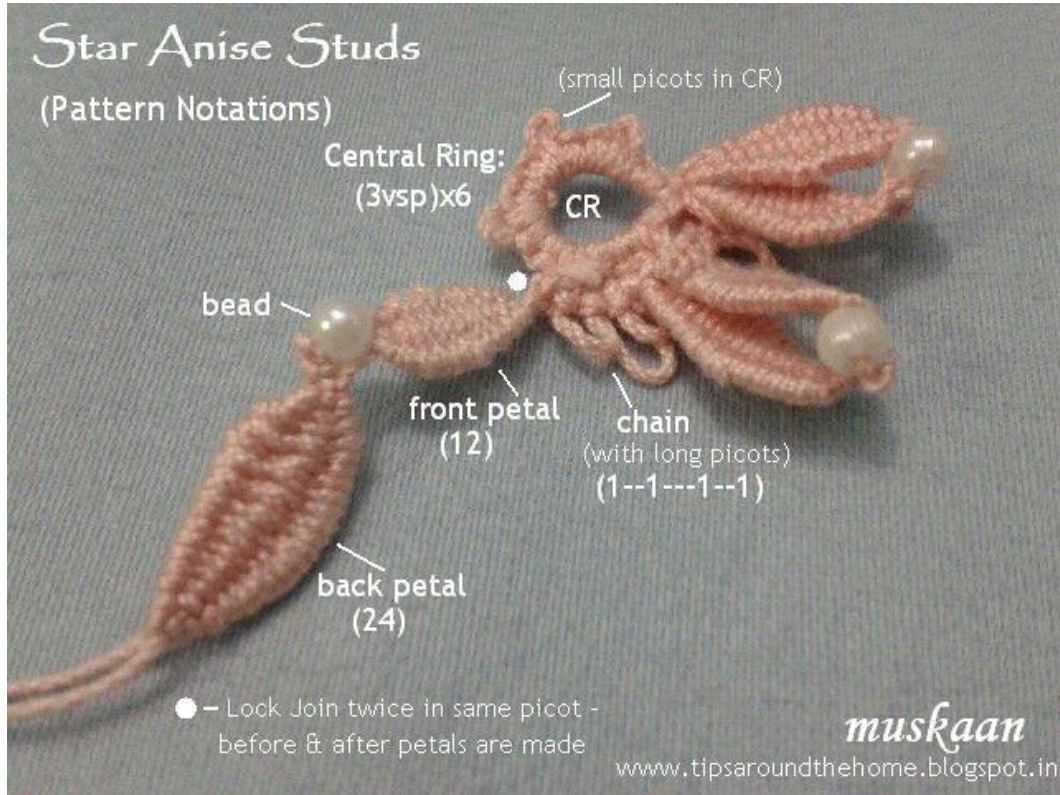
- This is a prototype. It is unblocked & unstiffened, since the tallies become sufficiently stiff to hold their shape. Stiffen if required.
- For the chain picots in round 2, one can use ruffled or floral picots so that they 'fold' inwards.
- If using a single colour, you can choose whichever shuttle is closest for making the next element. No need to keep track of shuttles.
- If using as decorative inserts, one can adjust the size of central ring to fit neatly & securely behind the pearl stud of choice.

Some Variations :

- These are simply 'inserts', & can be made in different colours, to match outfit.
- Add a bead/pearl in the space between the 2 overlapping clunies - like a pearl in an oyster or seed in the star anise !
- Make front petal lighter colour & back petal in darker shade. But will require managing & switching shuttles to keep the right colour in place.
- Can be converted into earrings (danglers) or pendant by adding the findings as required. A bead/pearl can be added in center of CR using long picot.

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