

Celtic or Overlapping Friendship Bracelets

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Version 1



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The bracelet measures about 3/4" in diameter when worked in size 20 thread.

Materials required: Four colours, beads and four shuttles.

Skills needed – knowledge of rings on chains.

To work this easy but effective piece you will need four shuttles as there are rings thrown off the chains. Add beads to main ring shuttles before starting. Two beads for each ring plus two extras for the end rings.

Abbreviations

RoCh	Ring on chain	B	Bead in place of picot
R	ring	Ch	Chain
SS	Switch shuttles	RW	Reverse work
Cl	close	p	picot

Instructions

Side A with 1st pair of shuttles

* 3 beads at back of hand before starting

R1: 4 B 4 B 4 B (leave small space after the B for further joins) 4 Cl RW

Ch: 6 * Put these two shuttles down and pick up second pair.

Side B with 2nd pair of shuttles

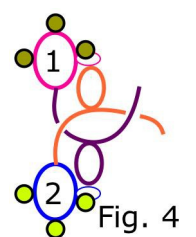
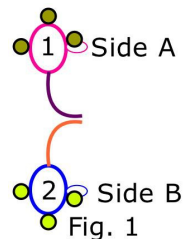
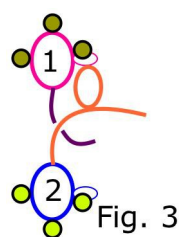
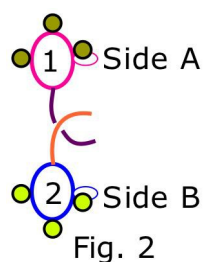
Work from * to * as above (ring 2 - see fig. 1).

Put down these two shuttles and return to side A shuttles and hold with the ring uppermost and with the chain behind the chain on side B – see fig. 2.

Using the chain shuttle on side B make a RoCh as follows.

RoCh: 3 + (3rd p on side A's R just below bead) 3 Cl SS

Ch: 6 See fig. 3. Change to Side A shuttles and RW



Side A with 1st pair of shuttles

Keep previous Ch **OVER** 2nd pair of shuttles and using chain thread make RoCh.

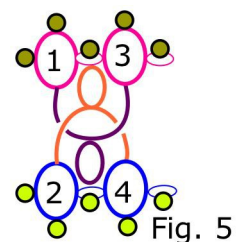
RoCh: 3 + (3rd p on R on side B just below bead) 3 Cl SS

Ch: 6 See fig. 4 above.

Turn work upside down & continue with same shuttles taking the chain just made **OVER** the previous Ch. 2 beads at the back of the hand.

R3: 4 + (3rd p of R1 – keeping B at the top of the picot) 4 B 4 B (leave small space after the B for further joins) 4 Cl RW

Ch: 6 Change to side B shuttles



Side B with 2nd pair of shuttles

2 beads at back of hand – check that chain on this pair of shuttles is above last chain.

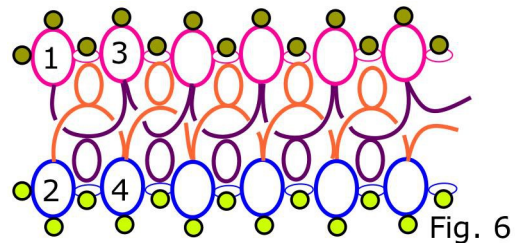
R4: 4 + (3rd p of R2 – keeping B at the top) 4 B 4 B (leave small space after the B for further joins) 4 Cl RW

Ch: 6 SS see fig. 5

Take shuttles OVER previous chain and make

RoCh: 3 + (3rd p of last pink R) 3 Cl SS

Ch: 6 Change to side A shuttles and RW



Side A with 1st pair of shuttles

RoCh: 3 + (3rd p of last R on side A) 3 Cl SS

Ch: 6 See fig. 6

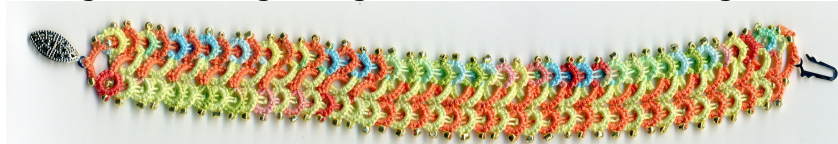
By now you should have established the pattern and it should be straightforward. Just keep an eye on the chains to keep them overlapping! Make bracelet to fit wrist taking into account the clasps.

For the last rings on each side work as follows. 3 beads at the back of the hand.

R: 4 + (3rd p of last R) 4 B 4 B 4 Cl

Version 2

Skills needed. Knowledge of making a ring on a chain. Also all rings will be interlinked.



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Side A - 1st pair of shuttles – beads on all four shuttles

2 beads at back of hand

*R1: 4 B 4 B 4 – 4 Cl RW

Ch: 6 SS 2 B's at back of hand

RoCh: 4 B 4 B 4 – 4 Cl SS

Ch: 6

Side B - 2nd pair of shuttles

2 beads at back of hand

R2: 4 B 4 B 4 – 4 Cl RW

Ch: 6 SS 2 B's at back of hand

RoCh: 4 B 4 B 4 – 4 Cl SS

Ch: 6 - see fig. 7

Turn the 2nd pair of shuttles upside down (1st R facing downwards) and using the 1st pair of shuttles work

Side A - 1st pair of shuttles – take chain under last chain made by 2nd pair of shuttles before working

1 B at back of hand

R3: 4 + (3rd p on R1 bringing the picot **UP** through the centre of RoCh on 2nd pair of shuttles)

4 B 4 – 4 Cl RW

Ch: 6

Side B - 2nd pair of shuttles – take chain made by 2nd pair of shuttles over last chain before working

1 B at back of hand

R4: 4 + (3rd p on R2 taking the picot **DOWN** through the centre of RoCh on 1st pair of shuttles)

4 B 4 – 4 Cl RW

Ch: 6 SS

B at back of hand

RoCh: 4 + (3rd p on last RoCh on 2nd pair of shuttles bringing p **UP** through R3) 4 B 4 – 4 Cl SS

Ch: 6

Side A - 1st pair of shuttles – take chain over last chain made by 2nd pair of shuttles

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before working

B at back of hand

RoCh: 4 + (3rd p on last RoCh on 1st pair of shuttles taking the picot **DOWN** through the centre of R4) 4 B 4 - 4 Cl SS

Ch: 6

By now you should have established the pattern and it should be straightforward. Just keep an eye on the chains to keep them overlapping! For the last two Rings and RoCh work as follows.

R: 4 +(last ring through previous ring) 4 B 4 B 4 See figs. 8 & 9

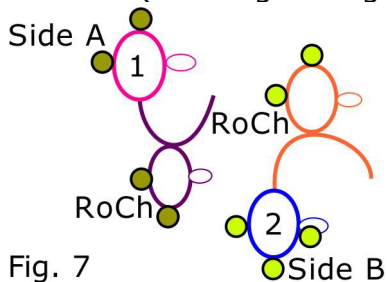


Fig. 7

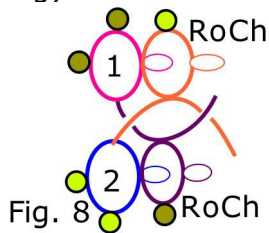


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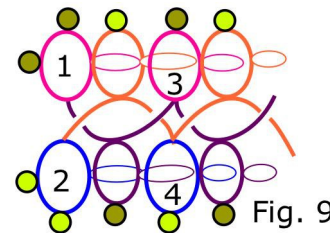


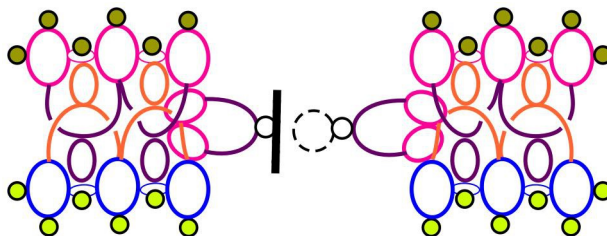
Fig. 9

Adding the clasps

R1: 4 - 4 Cl RW

Ch: 6 + (clasp) 6 RW

R2: 4 + (R1 after taking R1 down behind first two chains and back up again) 4 Cl T & C- see fig. 10



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