Christmas Tree Brooch and Matching Earrings - 2008
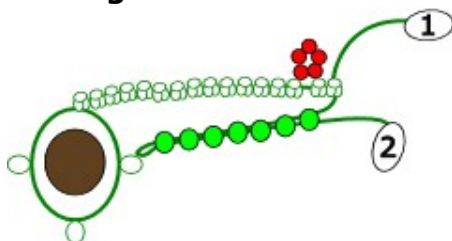## © Jane Eborall

Skills required. A knowledge of split rings and the desire to play with beads!!

Materials needed. For brooch and earrings no. 20 thread, seed beads for trunk, branches and lights, larger bead for base and star beads. Also for the brooch - a fastening for the back. I've used small coilless safety pins which are woven through the trunk beads when completed. For the earrings you will need split rings or jump rings.
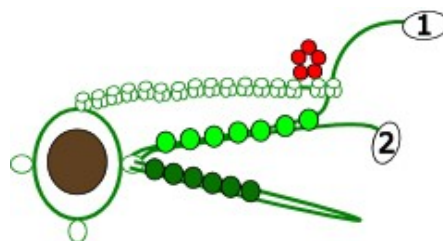
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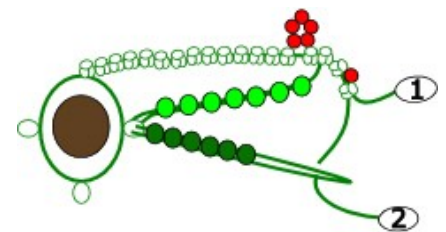|			
R	ring	Ch	chain
– or p	picot	SR	split ring
/	after the / make 2nd half of SR	B	move bead in place of p
+ B	add bead to picot before joining	Btwn	between
LBP	long beaded picot	vsp	very small picot (smallest you can make)
SH1	Shuttle 1 (shuttle in right hand)	SH2	Shuttle 2 (shuttle in right hand)
Lj	join made with shuttle thread	+	join
DNRW	Do not reverse work	Cl	close
SS	Switch shuttles	S	start
T & C	Tie and cut		

Making the branches

Work up to the first branch. Add the given amount of beads to the CORE thread and take this thread through the vsp on the SR
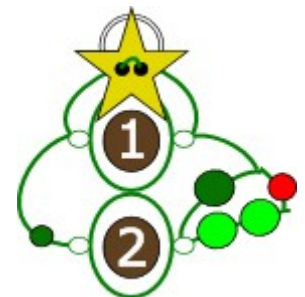
Now add the next specified number of beads and if you feel the need to - place a paperclip to prevent them falling off the thread.

Now work 1ds, MB, 1 ds before taking SH2 through the loop at the end of the beads.

Adding the star

Hold the jump ring behind the star button. Bring the chain thread up through the ring and the button. Take the thread back down through the second hole of the button, through the jump ring and take the core thread through the loop formed. Tighten carefully and continue.

Brooch

2 shuttles 18 beads on Sh1 – these are the lights. Using Sh1
R1:   3 vsp 3 vsp 3 vsp 3 + B to centre of R Cl
SR2:   3 vsp 3 / 3 vsp 3 + B to centre of R Cl
SR3:   3 vsp 3 / 3 vsp 3 + B to centre of R Cl
SR4:   3 vsp 3 / 3 vsp 3 + B to centre of R Cl
SR5:   3 vsp 3 / 3 vsp 3 + B to centre of R Cl
SR6:   3 vsp 3 / 3 vsp 3 + B to centre of R Cl SS DNRW
Ch: vsp 14 LBP (5 B's) + LBP 2 see fig. 1 and this link for LBP.

Fig. 1

Ch: + (7 beads to core thread) take core through vsp SR6 + (6 beads) 1 B 1 + (loop formed @ end of beads) 1 B 1 - see fig. 2 below
Ch: + (5 beads to core thread) take core through vsp SR5 + (4 beads) 1 B 1 + (loop formed @ end of beads) 1 B 1
Ch: + (4 beads to core thread) take core through vsp SR4 + (3 beads) 1 B 1 + (loop formed @ end of beads) 1 B 1
Ch: + (3 beads to core thread) take core through vsp SR3 + (2 beads) 1 B 1 + (loop formed @ end of beads) 1 B 1
Ch: + (2 beads to core thread) take core through vsp SR2 + (1 beads) 1 B 1 + (loop formed @ end of beads) (see fig. 3 below) 2 Lj (3rd vsp R1) 3 Lj (2nd vsp R1) + (star bead) 3 Lj (1st vsp R1) 2
Ch: + (1 bead to core thread) take core through vsp SR2 + (2 beads) 1 B 1 + (loop formed @ end of beads) 1 B 1
Ch: + (2 beads to core thread) take core through vsp SR3 + (3 beads) 1 B 1 + (loop formed @ end of beads) 1 B 1
Ch: + (3 beads to core thread) take core through vsp SR4 + (4 beads) 1 B 1 + (loop formed @ end of beads) 1 B 1
Ch: + (4 beads to core thread) take core through vsp SR5 + (5 beads) 1 B 1 + (loop formed @ end of beads) 1 B 1
Ch: + (6 beads to core thread) take core through vsp SR6 + (7 beads) 1 B 1 + (loop formed @ end of beads) 2 LBP (5 B's) + LBP (5 beads) 14 + (vsp @ base of SR6) - see fig. 4
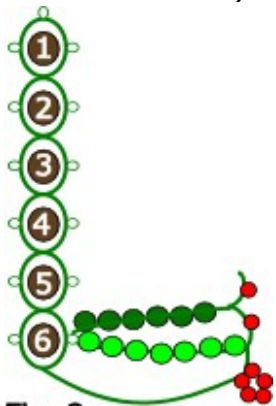

Fig. 2

Fig. 3

Fig. 4

Matching Earrings

For each tree you will need 2 shuttles, 12 beads on Sh1 (these are the lights), one star button and one small jump/split ring. Using Sh1
R1:   3 vsp 3 vsp 3 vsp 3 + B to centre of R Cl
SR2:   3 vsp 3 / 3 vsp 3 + B to centre of R Cl
SR3:   3 vsp 3 / 3 vsp 3 + B to centre of R Cl
SR4:   3 vsp 3 / 3 vsp 3 + B to centre of R Cl SS DNRW
Ch: vsp 12 LBP (3 B's) + LBP 2 + (5 beads to core thread) take core through vsp SR4 + (4 beads) 1 B 1 + (loop formed @ end of beads) 1 B 1

Ch: + (4 beads to core thread) take core through vsp SR3 + (3 beads) 1 B 1 + (loop formed @ end of beads) 1 B 1

Ch: + (2 beads to core thread) take core through vsp SR2 + (1 bead) 1 B 1 Lj (1st vsp R1) 3 Lj (2nd vsp R1) 2 + (star bead taking chain thread through the jump/split ring before taking thread through the star and again after) 2 + (2nd vsp on R1 - same vsp as before) 3 Lj (3rd vsp R1) 1 B 1

Ch: + (1 bead to core thread) take core through vsp SR2 + (2 beads) 1 B 1 + (loop formed @ end of beads) 1 B 1

Ch: + (3 beads to core thread) take core through vsp SR3 + (4 beads) 1 B 1 + (loop formed @ end of beads) 1 B 1

Ch: + (4 beads to core thread) take core through vsp SR4 + (5 beads) 1 B 1 + (loop formed @ end of beads) 2 LBP (3 beads) + LBP 12 + (vsp @ base of SR4)

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