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Although I've called this an earring I see many more possibilities for it as a zip pull, decoration or whatever and wherever the imagination can take you!!

Materials required:

Small beads. No 20 thread. Small jump ring.

Skills Required:

Knowledge of split rings, rings on chains, adding beads to picots.

Abbreviations

Abbicviations			
R	ring	Ch	chain
– or p	picot	Vlp	Very long picot (holding 5 beads)
RoCh	ring on chain	В	move bead in place of p
+ B	add bead to picot before joining	Btwn	between
+	join	vsp	very small picot (smallest you can make)
SS	Switch shuttles	DNRW	Do not reverse work
Cl	close	T & C	Tie and cut

N.B. The easiest way to make the chains and rings on chains is to finger tat them. If you are using two colours (as I have) you will need a 1 yard length of the second colour. If using the same colour - leave 1 yard before starting the first ring. You will need to add two beads to the chain thread <u>as you are working</u> which is reason it is easier to finger tat.

I also use this way of adding beads to the VIp's before they are made so that every picot is exactly the right size for the beads.

R1: 2-2 + (small jump ring) 2 - 2 Rw

Ch: 2 Rw

R2: 2 + B (R1) 3 Vlp (5 beads) 2 - 2 Rw

Ch: 2 Vlp (3 beads) 4 Rw

R3: 2 + B (R2) 2 + (Vlp R2) 1 Vlp (5 beads) 2 - 2 Rw

Ch: 2 SS DNRW add B to Ch thread and move close to last ds before starting

next R

RoCh4: 6 - 3 - 3 take thread back through last B SS DNRW

Ch: 2 Rw

R5: 2 + B(R3) 2 + (Vlp R3) 1 Vlp (5 beads) 2 - 2 Rw

Ch: 2 SS DNRW add B to Ch thread and move close to last ds before starting next R ROCh6: $2 + B (2^{nd} p RoCh4) 2 - 2 - 2$ take thread back through last B SS DNRW

Ch: 2 Rw

R7: 2 + B (R5) 2 + (Vlp R5) 1 Vlp (5 beads) 2 - 2 Rw

Ch: 2 Rw

R8: 2 + B (R7) 2 + (Vlp R7) 1 Vlp (5 beads) 2 - 2 Rw

Ch: $2 + B (3^{rd} p RoCh6) 2 Rw$

R9: 2 + B (R8) 2 + (Vlp R8) 1 Vlp (5 beads) 2 - 2 Rw

Ch: 2 Rw

R10: 2 + B (R9) 2 + (Vlp R9) 1 Vlp (5 beads) 2 - 2 Rw

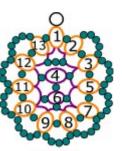


Fig. 1

Ch: $2 + B (2^{nd} p RoCh6) 2 Rw$

R11: 2 + B (R10) 2 + (Vlp R10) 1 Vlp (5 beads) 2 - 2 Rw

 $2 + B (1^{st} p RoCh4) 2 Rw$

R12: 2 + B (R11) 2 + (Vlp R11) 1 Vlp (5 beads) 2 - 2 Rw

Ch: 4 + 3B's (Ch btwn R2 & R3) 2 R13: 2 + B (R12) 2 + (Vlp R12) 3 + B (1st p R1) 2 Rw

Ch: 2 T & C base R1

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