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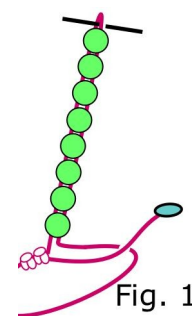
This is a simple ring and chain pattern. Called an OctoStarFlake because I realised it was neither 'quite' a star (5 sided) or 'quite' a snowflake (6 sided)!! Long beaded picots are joined to each other with a technique shown in the pattern below.

Abbreviations

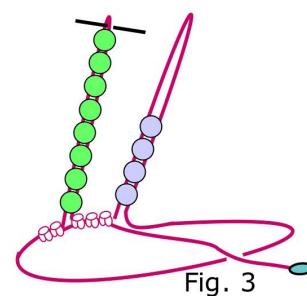
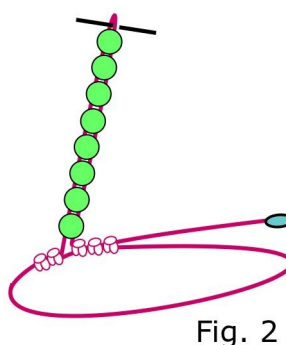
R	Ring	Ch	chain
RW	Reverse work	Cl	close
MB	Move bead (this is a bead on the LBP core/shuttle thread)		Long beaded picot
+ B	Add bead to picot before joining	CR	Centre ring
SS	Switch shuttles		

Technique

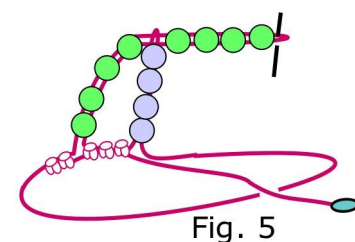
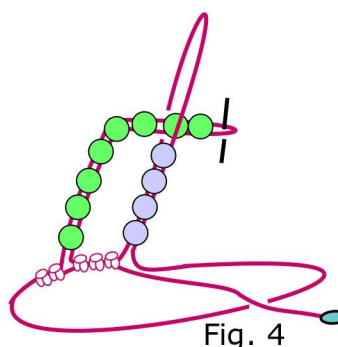
1. Work the number of doubles stated and add given number of beads to thread at back of hand (LBP) holding them in place with a safety pin or paperclip. Tighten thread. See fig. 1.



2. Work next given number of doubles as stated in pattern and then make another LBP with the given number of beads but do **NOT** add a holding pin. See figs 2 & 3.



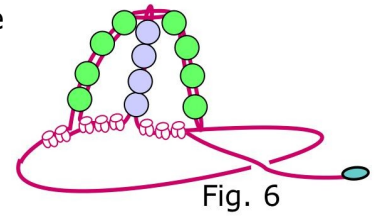
3. Now take the first LBP through the loop at the end of the second LBP and move it along to lie in between the beads as stated on the pattern. See fig. 4.



4. Tighten the second LBP. See fig. 5.

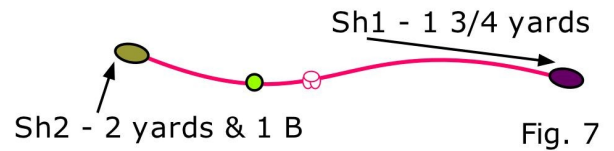
Work the next set of doubles and then remove the safety pin from the first LBP and join back onto the ring with a normal join. See fig. 6.

5. Continue the pattern.



Pattern

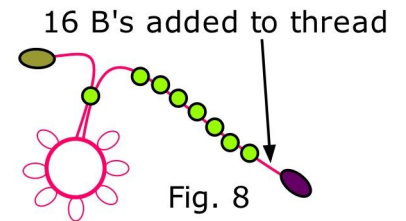
Add 1 bead to thread and wind 2 shuttles CTM (1 $\frac{3}{4}$ yards on Sh1 and 2 yards on Sh2) leaving the bead on Sh2 before starting. Use Sh1 to start



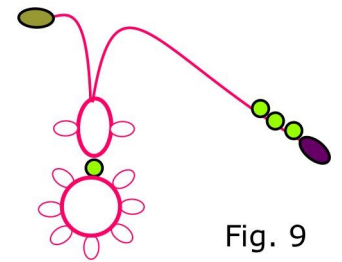
CR: 2 - 2 - 2 - 2 - 2 - 2 - 2 - 2 CI

Unwind Sh1 and take the end through the bead.

Add a further 16 beads to Sh1 before re-winding onto shuttle.



SR1: 2 - 2 / 2 - 2 CI RW



Continue with pattern as follows using the technique shown above.

Ch: 2 vsp 1 MB LBP (14 B) 4 LBP (3 B) 4 MB + (1st LBP) 1 vsp 2 RW

R2: 2 + B (SR1) 2 + B (CR) 2 - 2 CI RW

Ch: 2 + (vsp last Ch) 1 MB LBP (14 B) 4 LBP (3 B) 4 MB + (1st LBP) 1 vsp 2 RW

*R3: 2 + B (last R) 2 + B (CR) 2 - 2 CI RW

Ch: 2 + (vsp last Ch) 1 MB LBP (14 B) 4 LBP (3 B) 4 MB + (1st LBP) 1 vsp 2 RW

Repeat from * 4 times until you have worked 7 rings and 7 chains.

R8: 2 + B (last R) 2 + (CR) 2 + (B on R1) 2 CI RW

Ch: 2 + (vsp last Ch) 1 MB LBP (14 B) 4 LBP (3 B) 4 MB + (1st LBP) 1 + (vsp on 1st Ch) 2 T & C

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