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Materials

Almost 4 metres size 10 thread, 3x5mm beads, 10 smaller beads, 3 small safety pins

Abbreviations

ds double stitch; + join; p picot; vsp very small picot; B slide bead into place

Method, step by step

1. Pull out about 3 metres thread from the ball. Double it over and thread the 3 larger beads over the loop. Slide the beads so there is a picot-size loop below them and use a safety pin to hold that loop for later joining.
2. Pull out another 60cm thread and wind it onto the shuttle.
3. Make a lock stitch (first half unflipped), leaving a very small space above the beads.
4. vsp 1ds
5. Put one small bead onto thread before starting floating chain. Floating chain 12B12. Use a safety pin to hold the 'picot' at the end of the floating chain.
6. 4ds
7. Put 3 small beads on thread before starting floating chain. Floating chain 8BBB8. Use a safety pin to hold the 'picot' at end of chain.
8. 3ds. + p at the end of the first floating chain, taking it under the second floating chain.
9. 2ds
10. + p at end of the second floating chain.
11. 2ds
12. + p at the bottom of the 3 beads, using the shuttle thread .
13. Use the 'ball' thread to make small ring 3p3 for the tail.
14. 2 ds
15. Add 3 beads to thread before making floating chain, 8BBB8. Use a safety pin to hold the p at end of the floating chain
16. 2ds
17. Add 1 bead to thread before making floating chain 12B12. Use a safety pin to hold the p at the end of the floating chain
18. 3ds
19. + floating chain with 3 beads, taking it over the other floating chain.
20. 4ds
21. + next floating chain.
22. 1ds
23. + the small gap above the 3 beads
24. 3ds
25. Make floating chain of 6ds, with bead at the end . When the chain is complete, twist it so that the antenna is facing the right way.
26. 2ds
27. Make another floating chain of 6ds with bead at the end
28. 3 ds. + vsp at the beginning. Tie and cut and hide ends.