

Tatted Spider Earrings

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I made these for my friend, Connie, who said her daughter would steal them right off of her ears when she got home.

You will need nine clear or white seed beads and one pearl bead, or desired beads for the spider to hang from. Also, it requires one larger bead for the abdomen. I used size 20 black thread, and two ear wires. I have never seen a tating pattern that can not be done with needle tating,

Requires split rings to tat the twisted cord picot legs.

One shuttle wound with a little thread and the larger bead strung on the shuttle thread, and then about 20 more wraps around the shuttle. Leave a tail about 15" long and cut from the ball.

Begin with the body split ring with the legs and eyes. Tat one DS with the tail as the first half of the split ring. The remaining stitches are all the second half of the split ring as follows:

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The legs are twisted cord picots. Twist the thread the same direction as the twist of the thread and use a picot gauge to measure the length of the leg plus a little extra as the twist will shorten the final length a bit. Tat the stitch between the legs and then remove the picot gauge. The thread will make twisted cord, which may need to be straightened by inserting a needle or crochet hook in the middle and pulling the middle so the leg is even.

With practice these get easier to tat.

Next do the abdomen. Put the tail thread through the first picot of the second side of the body to give it more stability. You may tat this anyway that you wish to put the bead in the middle. I did it the way I describe in my earring book. My beads required 12 DS on each side of the split ring so the bead would fit inside.

Put the seed beads and the pearl bead, or whatever beads you use for this part onto both thread ends, and then tat a ring around the ear wire.

Enjoy!