

Nalbound Hoop and Bauble Earrings



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Level

Intermediate - need to know basic stitches Oslo (1 on thumb, 1 behind), Mammen (1 on thumb, 2 behind), and Finnish 2+2 (2 on thumb and 2 behind)

Requirements

- Less than 10 g of worsted yarn
- Scissors
- Nalbinding needle
- Tapestry needle
- Sewing needle
- 2 - Hook earring findings
- 2 - 1" earring loop findings
- 6-8" of thread
- Pliers to open and close hook earring findings

1 START

Use the *Build Up Start for Nalbinding Stitches with Many Loops* to build up to 2 loops on thumb and 2 behind. But there's one difference. On step 3, you need to put the needle through the 1" earring loop as if you were picking up a stitch from a previous row of nalbinding. This will build the chain around the earring loop.

<http://theshyredfox.tumblr.com/post/140095538696/build-up-start-for-nalbinding-stitches-with-many>



2 COVERING THE EARRING LOOP

Chain 30 stitches this way (or enough to go around the wire loop). Stretch it to get rid of the bumps on the back. It should look like this.



Tighten the last 3 loops in the chain, and make sure the tail end is pulled tight too.

3 CLOSING THE LOOP

Securely connect the ends of the chain behind the finding connection (with the holes) and tuck in ends.



4 THE CENTER BAUBLE

Using the *Build Up Start for Nalbinding Stitches with Many Loops*, make a chain of 10 stitches. Then close the loop with the working yarn and pull tight. Then go through those same loops again. (You may not be able to do them all at once.) the bauble should be bean shaped now.



To make it more of a circle, connect the two ends with the same working thread. Secure and work in the working thread end, then trim. (Leave the tail thread.)



If you have a needle that can go through the hole on the loop finding with yarn, great do that - and put the tail yarn of the bauble into the hole, secure and trim. If you don't, here's how to solve it.

Fold the thread scrap in half and thread through the sewing needle. On the hoop finding, use the sewing needle to thread the scrap of thread through the hole. Wrap the tail of the bauble around the thread and pull through using the thread.



Then secure the tail yarn in the bauble (I put it through the center stitches of the bauble) and trim. Finally, attach your earring hook to the finding.

Wah-lah! You now have a lovely loop and bauble nalbound earring. Make one more for a pair.



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