

Pearly Lariat & Bracelet



You will need -

One 100g bag of glass pearl mix (MX097)

Approx 100 x 50mm headpins (FN016)

Approx 50 x 6mm jump rings (FN142)

2m x imitation suede lace (TG019)

Two pairs of box lace ends (FN150)

One Clasp Set (illustrated SS052)

Or order SEL052 (with SP findings)

or SEL053 (with GP findings)

from the website www.spellboundbead.co.uk or mail order by phone 01543 417650.

You will also need to use a pair of round nosed pliers; a pair of flat nosed pliers and a pair of wire cutters.

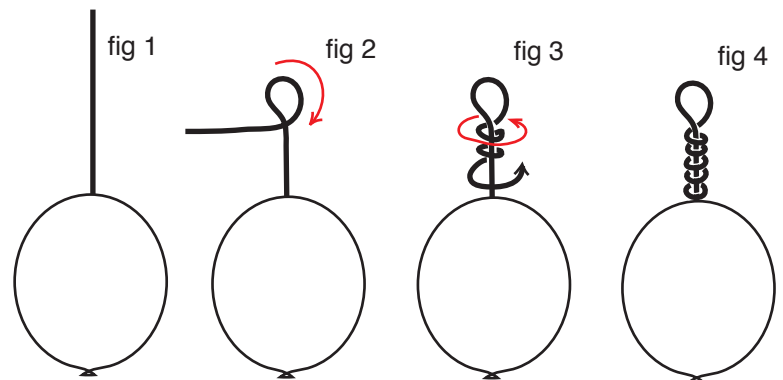


The Necklace

The pearly beads are used randomly throughout the design but you will find that the design works better if you tend to select 6mm - 12mm beads in a variety of colours. Do not use just one or two of a particularly strong shade - use at least four or five if you want to use one of the stronger tones.

To start you will need to make at least 50 individual pearl bead dangles onto the headpins.

a, Select your first pearl effect bead and thread it onto a headpin (fig 1). Using the tips of the round nosed pliers grip the pin 3 - 4mm from the top of the bead. Wrap the wire of the pin tightly around the pliers to make a circle of wire with the excess length pointing out at 90° to the main stem (fig 2). With the tips of the pliers still gripping the loop hold the end of the wire in your fingers and begin to wrap around the stem of the loop between the loop and the bead (fig 3). Wrap slowly and neatly starting just below the loop - the wraps need to be close together but not overlapping. Wrap right down to the top of the bead. Trim away any excess wire with the tips of your cutters (fig 4). Set aside and make a further 45 - 50 dangles in a similar fashion taking full advantage of the variety of colours and sizes in the pearly beads.



You now need to assemble the pearly clusters at the ends of the lariat.

c, The clusters are brought together on a series of jump rings. You must open and close the jump rings properly - if you have not used jump rings before refer to 'BASIC INSTRUCTIONS - Jump Rings' given on the site.

You will need to make two long clusters - one for either end of the lariat. Each long cluster will need thirteen pearly dangles of various sizes.

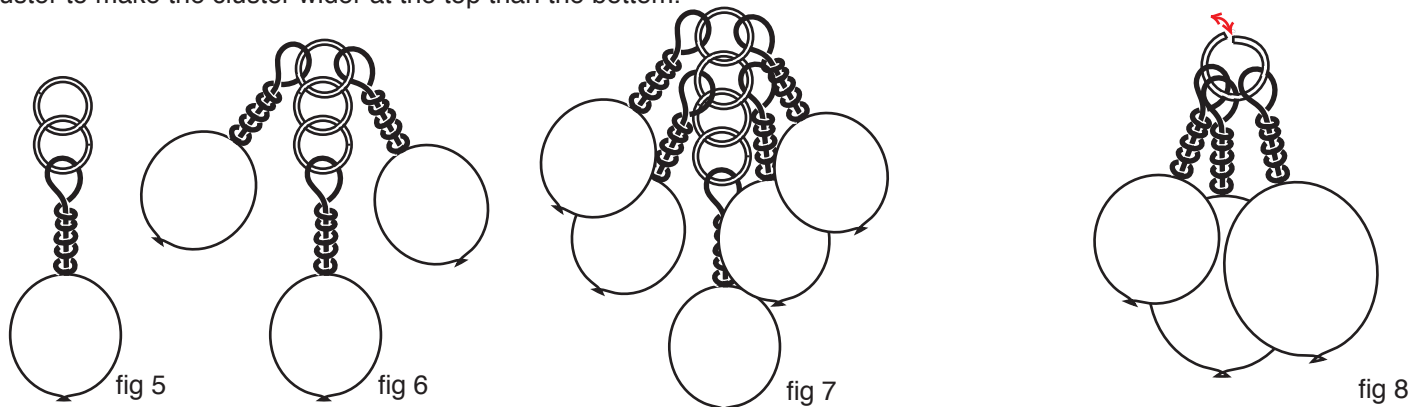
c, Link one jump ring onto the top of one of the smaller prepared pearl dangles. Link a second jump ring onto the first (fig 5). Open a third jump ring.

Thread two medium pearly dangles onto this ring before linking onto the top ring of the two in fig 5 (fig 6).

Open a fourth jump ring.

Thread on two medium or small pearly dangles and link onto the top ring in fig 6 (fig 7). Note that the pearly dangles from fig 6 fall to either side of the new link added in fig 7 - this will ensure that the cluster is evenly balanced as if all the dangles fall to one side of the ring above the cluster will not hang straight and gaps will show all down the length.

Repeat fig 7 four more times to make a cluster seven jump rings long - use the larger pearly bead dangles towards the top of the cluster to make the cluster wider at the top than the bottom.

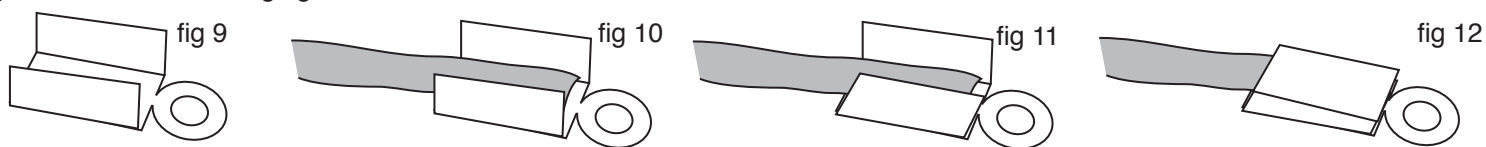


You now need to link up the remainder of the pearly dangles into clusters of three (fig 8). You will need to make at least eight of these three pearl clusters.

Threading up the Lariot

Trim 30cm of thonging from the main length and set aside for the bracelet. Try the longer length of thonging around the neck and tie loosely to the front where you want the finished lariot to sit. The knots along the length of the lariot will shorten the present length by 10cm - if the length is still much too long trim until it measures the desired finished length plus 10cm for the knots.

d, Pick up the first box lace end (fig 9) and place the end of the thong between the two sides of the box so the end of the thong just reaches up to the start of the loop tag (fig 10). With flat nosed pliers fold over the first side of the box flat onto the thong (fig 11). Repeat with the other flap of the box to overlap the first folded side (fig 12). Squeeze the box flat firmly but not too hard or you will break the thonging.

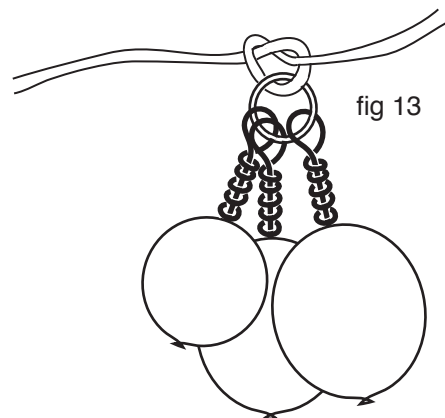


e, Thread your eight or ten three pearl clusters (as in fig 8) through their jump rings onto the plain end of the thong. Attach the second box lace end at the other end of the thong.

f, Twist open the top jump ring of the long pearly clusters and attach to the loop on the first box lace end. Repeat at the other end of the lariot with the second long pearly cluster.

g, All you need to do now is to space out the fig 8 pearly clusters along the length of the lariot. Let the first and last clusters just fall down onto the top of the box lace ends at either end of the lariot - the pearls of these clusters will conceal the lace end quite well. About 5cm from the first end of the lariot position the second cluster. Tie a simple overhand knot to trap the cluster in place (fig 13).

h, You will now need to tie the other clusters at intervals up the length of the lariot - try the lariot around the neck before you tie the clusters into place so you can place them appropriately.



The Bracelet

Making the bracelet is very similar to the lariot. Prepare 7 - 9 pearly clusters as in fig 9. Tie these clusters onto the bracelet thonging as in fig 13. 30cm of thong is plenty for the bracelet and you may need to trim the length but not until you have tied all of the knots!

Add a pair of box lace ends as above and attach the clasp with a jump ring at either side of the design.