

Christmas Tree Brooch

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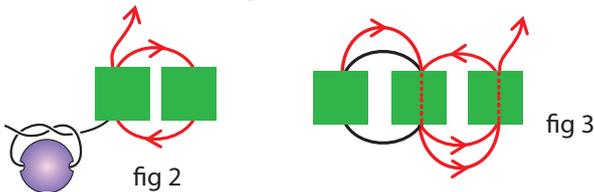
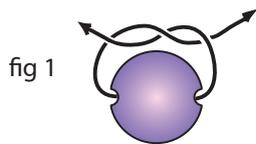
A fantastic quick make with Miyuki 4x4x4mm cubes. Once you have the basic tree you can customise it with beady decorations.

You Will Need -

- Forty-four MC40017 silver-lined Christmas green cube A
- Six MC40005F silver-lined dark topaz frost cube B
- A tiny pinch of 15-0042 size 15/0 silver lined gold seed beads C
- One MB664 metal star bead D & a 20mm brooch pin.
- Emerald or brown beading thread & a beading needle



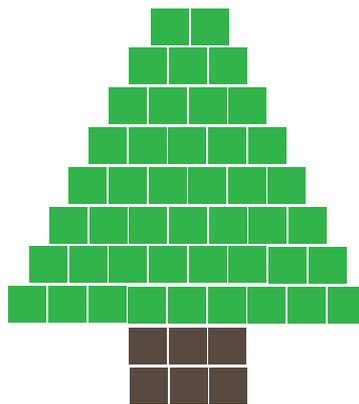
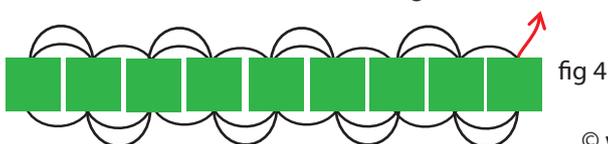
1 Prepare the needle with 1.5m of double thread and tie a spare bead 10cm from the end with a single knot to anchor the work (fig 1) this is called a **keeper bead**.



2 Thread on 2A. Pass the needle through the first A bead again to bring them parallel to one another (fig 2).

Pass down the second A bead and thread on 1A. Pass down the second A and back up the new A (fig 3) - this is ladder stitch. Repeat until the row is 9A long (fig 4).

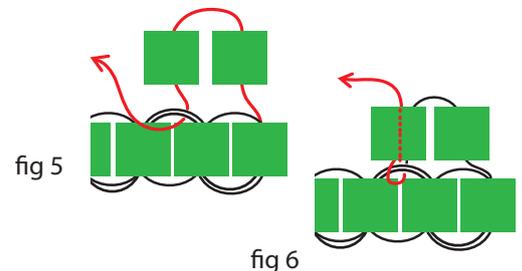
You have made the bottom row of the grid.



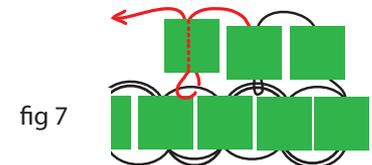
The Grid

if you want more information about the stitches used in this project see the technique downloads for brick stitch & square stitch

3 Thread on 2A. Pass the needle under the **second** thread loop along the top edge of the first row (fig 5). Pass the needle up the last A bead again (fig 6) to bring the new beads to sit on top of the first row.



4 The rest of the row is worked one bead at a time.



Thread on 1A. Pass the needle under the **next** thread loop along and back up the new bead (fig 7). Repeat to add 8A in total for this row. (see the grid left).

5 Following the grid start the next row as in step 3 with a two bead stitch. Work to the end of the row with single bead stitches.

Work to the top of the grid to complete the triangle shape - you will finish with the thread emerging from one of the top two A beads.

6 Thread on 1C, the D bead and 3C. Pass the needle back down the D bead to bring the 3C into a picot to anchor the thread. Thread on 1C and pass the needle down the other A bead at the top of the tree.

Pull the thread firmly so the star sits proudly at the top.

Continues.....



7 Work the needle down through the holes in the tree beads to emerge from the middle A bead the very bottom of the triangle. Have a look at the grid - the trunk is made from six beads and attaches to the middle three A beads along the bottom edge of the triangle - the centre X bead, the bead to the left L and the bead to the right R on fig 8.

8 Thread on 3B. Pass the needle through the second B bead again in the same direction to bring the last two beads parallel. Pass through the last B bead to point the needle towards the R bead (fig 8).

Thread on 1B. Pass the needle through the B bead closest to the X bead in the same direction as before and back up through the new B bead (fig 9) -this is square stitch.

Following fig 10 pass the needle up through the R bead, down through the X bead and the two B beads of the trunk below the X bead. You are now in the right position to add two more B beads as before to join up to bead L (shown as dotted outlines in fig 10).

fig 8

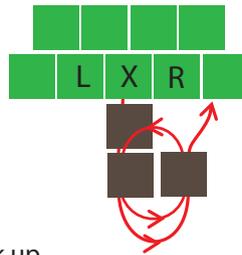


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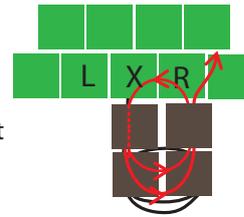
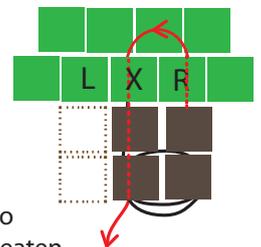


fig 10



9 Pass the needle through to the centre back of the tree and stitch a brooch back into place firmly.

Pass the needle up and down through the beads to emerge next to the keeper bead. Remove the keeper bead and tie the needle end of the thread to the tails with a secure double knot. Pass the needle through a few beads to neaten before trimming the needle thread close to the beads. Attach the needle to the other thread tails and neaten and trim similarly.

10 Decoration - Now you can decorate the tree to your heart's desire.....

-  Try strings of size 15/0 beads wrapping around the tree like tinsel
-  Use a combination of frost green size 15/0 seed beads and silver lined Delica beads to make fairy lights
-  Stitch sequins and beads to represent baubles

