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Crochet Rope Instructions

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Lady Barbara's CROCHET ROPE Instructions

Ingredients

- 2 x tubes # 8 or #6 seed beads - main colour (A)
- 1 x tubes #8 or #6 seed bead - spiral colour   (B)
- 1 x roll Miyuki Crochet Thread or 10m thread
- 2 x end cones (to fit over rope)
- A clasp and 20cm of 22g wire

Tools

- 1 x 2mm or 2.5mm crochet hook
- Big Eye Needle
- Round Nose & Chain Nose Pliers, Wire Cutters

Preparation

Thread *all* of your seed beads into the crochet thread using the big eye needle. Thread on 1 x A, 1 x B, THEN A, A, B, A, A, B….. until the end. Your LAST BEADS THREADED must be A, A, B, A for the pattern to work.

YOU MUST leave the thread attached to the roll! *No Cutting*, or you will have to rethread it all!

TIP: Double check your bead sequence as you string and at the end. If it is wrong it is easier to either rethread or squash an offending bead rather than discover it when crocheting and have your pattern out of sync.

Start to Crochet (see over for basics)

IGNORING YOUR BEADS . . .

1. Make a slip knot 10cm from the end of your crochet thread.
2. Put your hook into the slip knot and crochet 5 chain stitches (the slip knot counts as your first stitch making 6 stitches in total).
3. Crochet a slip stitch into the first chain stitch to make a loop.
4. Crochet 6 double crochet stitches into the centre of the ring.

These are your foundation rows, they give you a good base to start from.

TIP*: help identify your first double crochet row by taking 50cm of a different colour thread and holding it with your working yarn. Make a double crochet stitch into the centre of the ring with both your working yarn and the new yarn. Continue until you have made 6 double crochet stitches. Now your first double crochet row is clearly visible, continue with your first beaded row (the different colour thread can be removed at any stage after the first beaded row.)*

THE FIRST BEADED ROW

1. Put your hook into the first double crochet stitch of the base and slide a bead down the thread toward the hook.
 2. Holding the bead behind the hook, make a double crochet stitch.
3. Repeat 1 and 2 five more times, each time into the next stitch in the previous row.

This is your first row which should consist of 6 x double crochet stitches with a bead in each.

START THE NEXT ROW

1. Put your hook into the first beaded double crochet stitch of the previous row.
2. Push the bead *already stitched in place* to the right of your hook and slide down a new bead.
3. Holding the new bead behind the hook, make a double crochet stitch.
4. Place your hook into the next double crochet stitch and repeat steps 1 - 3 above 5 more times to complete the second row.

CONTINUE making circular rows in this fashion until the rope is the desired length (remember to allow for the extra length the clasp will add).

NOTE: The bead on the stitch you place you hook into should be be same colour as the bead you are sliding down to make the next stitch. If it isn't, you will need to undo your work until you find the error, it will be worth the effort now. Also look to check the sequence is right, you may need to crush some beads to get it right again.

TO FINISH THE ROPE

1. Make a final row of 6 double crochet stitches but *without any beads*.

2. Slip stitch around the 6 double crochet stitches you have just created to finish the end. Cut the crochet thread 10cm away from the last slip stitch and pull the tail through the last loop.

3. Make several firm knots with the tail into the last row of slip stitches. Glue/nail polish the knots.

4. Take 10cm of 22 gauge wire and thread it through your foundation rows. Using round nose pliers make a small wrapped loop.

5. Thread a cone onto the wire and make a second wrapped loop and attach one side of your clasp.

6. Repeat for the other side.

Crochet Basics

Holding the Hook

Writing grip
Hold the middle of the hook between thumb and index finger so the hook is facing you.

Overhand grip
Hold the middle of the hook with the tips of your thumb and index finger so the hook is facing you and your last 2 fingers are taking the weight of the hook.

Holding the Thread

With the right hand holding the hook the left hand needs to hold the yarn and the work. It is worth getting this right as the way you hold the yarn controls the tension and keeps it even.

Two finger grip
Take the working end of the yarn and loosely around the back of the index and middle fingers and grip the yarn firmly with your last 2 fingers.

One finger grip
Take the working end of the yarn around the front of the last 3 fingers and then over the top on the index finger and around to the front.

Holding the Work

With the working end of the yarn secure, take hold of the work with your index finger and thumb, close to the hook.

Slip Knot

Leave a 10cm tail and make an simple overhand knot with a loop that your hook can fit in to.

Slip Stitch

- Slide the hook into the first chain stitch and take the working yarn over the hook.
- Pull the hook and yarn through *both loops* on the hook.

This will leave you with a single loop on your hook. ready for the next stitch.

Chain Stitch

- Slide crochet hook into slip knot.
- Take the working thread over the crochet hook and pull it through the slip knot.

NOTE: It is important not to make chain stitches too tight as in the next row you will need to go back through these chain stiches to add another row.

Double Crochet

- Slide the hook into the first chain stitch (there should be 3 loops of thread on your hook - 2 from the chain stitch and one that was already on the hook from the previous stitch.)
- Take the working yarn over the hook and pull it through the *first chain stitch/ loop* on your hook.
- Take the working yarn over the hook again and pull this through the last two stitches on your hook.

A Basic Wrap to Finish the Ends

1. **GRIP** the wire near the tips of your pliers with your pliers against the end of the rope.

2. **PUSH** the wire directly away from you, so it forms a right angle.

3. **ROTATE** your pliers so they sit above the bend you have just created, you should now be gripping 1/3 the way up your pliers.

4. **PULL** the wire back toward you, over the top of the pliers and down to the floor

5. **POINT** your pliers to the sky, making sure the two wires face *away* from you.

6. **TRANSFER** to the other hand, turning the pliers as you go so that both pieces of wire now face toward you.

7. **MOVE** bead and wire only (*not* the pliers) so they point to the right. (Ease the grip on your pliers and use your fingers to do this).

8. **PULL** the short piece of wire hard across the top of the bead straight toward your heart. IMPORTANT: Thread on your clasp so it sits in the *back* of the loop you have just created. Re-insert your pliers into the loop, making sure that the clasp is at the *BACK* of the loop.

9. **WRAP** with chain nose pliers, 3 nice tight wraps, close together.

10. **TRIM** excess wire in close to the wrap and if necessary squash the last little bit in with your chain nose pliers.

11. **SLIDE DOWN** your cone, making sure it is tight against the rope and covering the first wrap. Rest your pliers against the cone and repeat the above 10 steps