

Mini Tassel Earrings

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Shopping list...

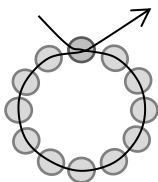
- Size 15 seed beads
- 24 x 2mm Chinese Rondelles
- 2 x Habico Signature Collection Mini Luxury Tassels – available from Yorkshire Trading Co.
- Size 12 or 13 needle
- KO thread or thread of choice
- 2 x earring findings of choice
- 2 x split rings - optional
- 2 x small elastic bands - optional



Be tassel ready for a packed International Beading Week, with this quick make design by Karen.

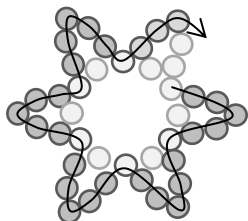
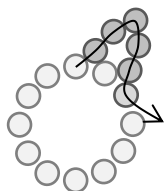
Using a pack of silver topped mini tassels and a small number of beads, this quick make stash busting design is on trend and ideal for beginners to get to grips with working in the round.

Getting started. Wrap an elastic band around the fringing of each tassel, then prepare a needle with an arm's length of stretched thread.

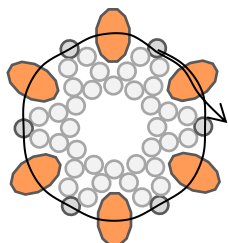


Round 1. Pick up 12x15's, thread through all the beads, plus the first two again to create a ring, slide it over the top of the tassel and pull the thread in tight.

Round 2. Pick up 5x15's, miss a bead and thread through the next to create a picot.

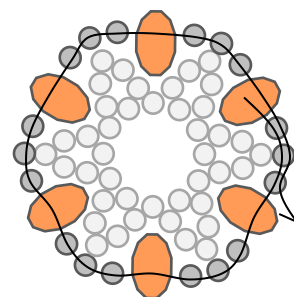


Round 3. Pick up 1x Rondelle, and thread through the middle bead of the next picot. Repeat five times, then thread through the first Rondelle again.



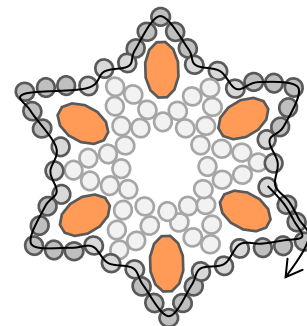
N.B. Your beadwork may curl up, so smooth it down to enable it to lay flat against the tassel head.

Round 4. Pick up 3x15's and thread through the next Rondelle six times, then on through the first three beads again.

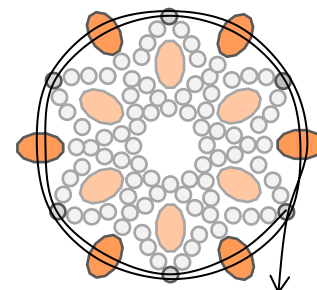


Round 5. Pick up 5x15's, miss the Rondelle and thread through the next set of three seed beads to create a picot.

Repeat five times, then step up through the first three beads of the first picot to exit the middle bead.



Round 6. Repeat Round 3, adding a Rondelle between each picot. Pull in and tighten the last row, thread through all the beads again, then weave in, secure and trim the thread.



and finally... repeat Steps 1 – 6. Attach a split ring and earring finding to each tassel and remove the elastic bands.



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