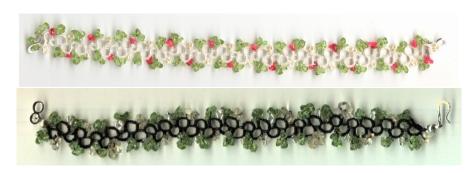
WANDERING BLOOMS BRACELET

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INGREDIENTS

- 1×11 m spool Kreinik Very Fine (#4) Braid (white or black)
- 1 × 1m length Kreinik Silk Serica (to match braid)
 Any silk or strong, slipperly synthetic, about the same size as #10 crochet cotton should do the trick.
- Peridot chips (about 120 pieces)Or green size 8 seed beads, or about 20 little glass leaf beads.
- 2mm rice-shaped pearls (about 60)Or size 10 or 11 seed beads, or about 20 little tulip beads, rosebud beads, millefiori, etc..
- Spinel or Citrine chips (about 60)
 As for the pearls, lots of different stuff you could substitute.
- $-1 \times clasp$ for necklace
- $-2 \times \text{bead tips}$

TOOLS

- 1 tatting shuttle
- 1 crochet hook, 0.6mm/size 14
- size 11 beading needle, big eye needle, or twisted wire needle
- pliers

DIRECTIONS

- 1. Wind the silk onto the shuttle. In order to avoid wasting silk, I first wind a bit of thread (#30 crochet cotton) onto the shuttle, then tie the end of the cotton and the end of the silk together.
- 2. String the gemstone chips and pearls in the following order: * three peridot chips, three pearls, three peridot chips, three spinel/citrine chips, repeat from *.
- 3. Put the ends of the silk and the braid together, as if to tie ball and shuttle threads, but don't tie a knot.
- 4. Thread one of the bead tips onto both threads.
- 5. Make a big knot that doesn't slip back through the hole of the bead tip when tugged firmly. You can crazy glue the knot in place if desired, then squeeze shut.
- 6. Finally we get to the actual tatting. Work the first stitch tight against the bead tip.

First, a few abbreviations:

- long picot (about $\frac{1}{8}$ in tall)
- A picot with three peridot chips
- B picot with three pearls
- C picot with three spinel/citrine chips
- RW reverse work
 - + join

Note that all joins are to the long (empty) picots.

Here's the pattern:

$$2 - RW$$

$$* 2 + 8 - RW$$

repeat from * for desired length, omitting final picot

- 7. Cut both threads, about 5" away from the last double stitch, leaving plenty of room to tie a knot.
- 8. Thread a bead tip onto both threads and slide up tightly against the last double stitch.
- 9. Tie a big knot as close to the work as possible inside the tip (I find it easiest to tie it loosely around a crochet hook, then sort of slide it in as close to the tip as possible). Make sure it doesn't slip through when tugged firmly. You can crazy glue this in place inside the tip, then squeeze closed.
- 10. Trim ends.
- 11. Attach clasp to bead tips.
- 12. You're done—enjoy. $\ddot{\sim}$