

HAPPY JUST CRAFTING

Lotus Mandala Earrings - Quick Reference

A Javoevs House pattern - No. 38 - Advanced - 2 in (5 cm) mandala



Inspiration



Finished pattern

Build time: 4-6 hours per pair (2 evening sessions) - approx. 2.5 hours per earring

MATERIALS AT A GLANCE

- 0.5 mm waxed polyester cord, turquoise - approx. 22 yd per pair
- 2x welded 10 mm rings + 2x 4 mm jump rings + ear wires
- Pinning board, T-pins, fine tapestry needle
- Micro scissors + thread zap (or lighter)
- Optional: clear fabric stiffener

CORD CUTTING QUICK-REF (per earring)

Label	Purpose	Qty	Cut
A1-A16	Petal / working cords	16	20 in
B1-B2	Outer round leaders	2	24 in
C	Hanging loop	1	12 in
Total 10.6 yd - cut +3 in long		19	

KNOT ABBREVIATIONS

- RLH - Reverse Lark's Head: fold, loop behind ring, ends through.
- DHH - Double Half Hitch: 2 hitches over a taut leader.
- DDHH - Diagonal DHH: hitches along a 45-degree leader.
- PIC - Picot: pinned 3 mm loop left between hitches.
- OK - Overhand Knot: secures the hanging loop.

BUILD ORDER

#	Section	Time
1	Mount 16 cords on ring (RLH), mark north	20 m
2	Inner petal round - 8 DDHH leaves	45 m
3	Outer point round - 8 arches on B1/B2	45 m
4	Picot edging - 3 loops per edge	30 m
5	Hanging loop, jump ring, ear wire	10 m
6	Trim, melt-seal, block flat; repeat for pair	10 m

TOP 5 MISTAKES TO AVOID

- Knotting outer rounds as tightly as the center - the mandala cups. Ease tension as the radius grows.
- Skipping pins on petal tips - the 8 points drift off-circle and the flower goes lopsided.
- Unpinning picots too early - loops shrink unevenly and the lace edge loses rhythm.
- Trimming tails before every neighboring knot is tied - 0.5 mm cord cannot be re-joined.
- Building earring 2 from memory - always pin it over a tracing of earring 1.