

# “Forget-Me-Knot” Fairy Ring

“Meteor” ring design seen in the Rings & Things 2007-08 wholesale catalog



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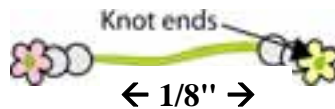
### Suggested materials for the sage colored fairy ring:

Qty.	Stock	Name
60"	#61-701-85	1mm braided cotton cord, light sage
60"	#61-319-14	Size 'E' silk bead cord, gold
40	#21-883-036	3mm round rock crystal quartz beads
40	#21-884-036	4mm round rock crystal quartz beads
40	#23-505-000	Glass flower spacer beads, assorted
1	#60-280	The Ultimate! adhesive

### Alternative materials for the pink meteor ring:

60"	#61-701-19	1mm braided cotton cord, light pink
60"	#61-319-19	Size 'E' silk bead cord, gold
40	#21-731-035	Tiny gemstone chips, tourmaline

**Tools:** Scissors, clipboard, tape



### Making the meteor strands:

- To make the meteor strands, it is best to string all the beads on one long thread of silk bead cord, then knot and cut them into individual sections. The pattern for each meteor is as follows: one glass flower spacer bead, one 4mm round rock crystal bead, two 4mm rock crystal quartz bead, one 3mm rock crystal quartz bead, and one glass flower spacer bead. Repeat this pattern 20 times, varying the glass flower colors.
- When forming each meteor strand, leave about 1/8" slack in the silk cord. Form a knot before and after each flower spacer bead, then cut the meteor strand from the long strand. Continue with the next one, knotting and cutting one at a time, until all 20 are completed. (See illustration above)
- Seal each knot with a drop of adhesive.

### Cut the cords:

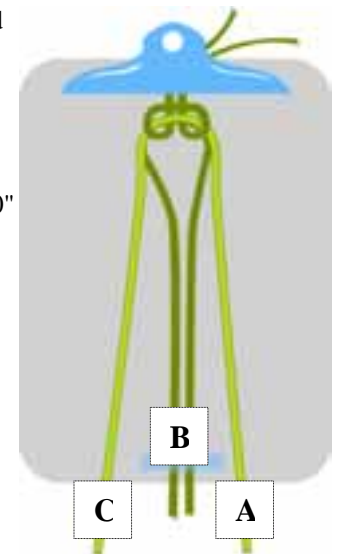
- Cut the braided cotton cord into one 40" piece and one 20" piece. Fold both pieces in half. The 20" piece is a stationary center cord "B"; the 40" strand will be knotting cords "A" and "C."

**TIP:** It is helpful to anchor knotting projects. A clipboard works well for this purpose. Clamp cord B at the fold, under the clip. Pull the loose ends taut, and tape them to the end of the clipboard.

- Tie strand A/C to strand B, near strand B's fold.

### Knotting (for steps 8 through 11 use the Knotting illustrations, lower right, as a guide):

- This ring uses one basic knot: the square-knot. The long knotting cord on the right will be the A cord. The two short, stationary cords in the middle are B cords. And finally, the long cord on the left will be cord C.
- Start with cord A and bring behind cords B, forming a loop with cord A (about the size of a 50-cent piece) on the right side.
- Now bring cord C behind the long length of A (now on the left side) and over cords B. Pull through the loop of cord A.
- Pull cords A and C to tighten the knot. This is a half-knot. (Note: be careful to maintain a consistent knot size throughout the project.)
- Repeat steps 8 through 10, but start on the left side instead of the right, making the second half of the square-knot.



### Knotting



**Adding the meteor strands:**

12. Divide the glass beads on each meteor strand in half, leaving the extra 1/8" thread in the middle.
13. Lay two meteor strands under cord B, with equal beads on each side. Tie your next half-knot, being mindful of the knotting pattern. Pull tightly.
14. Continue this pattern, inserting two meteor stands between each half-knot, until all 20 meteor strands have been knotted in.

**Finishing your ring:**

15. Make approximately 28 more half-knots (14 square-knots), altering the knotting from side to side as previously described.
16. Now carefully remove your ring from the clipboard. Pull cords B, to minimize the size of the loop. Take the cord ends B, and insert them back through the small loop at the beginning of the ring. Adjust the ring to size and fold cord B over, maintaining the desired size.
17. Clip off cord B's excess ends, at the point where the folded portion matches the portion of the ring that is already knotted.
18. Secure cord B with a drop of adhesive.
19. Now, continue the knotting pattern, over the top of cord B's folded ends, until you cover the remainder of the ring.
20. On the inside of the ring, knot cords A and C together. Cut the excess off and secure with adhesive.

