A Broad Lace of 5 Loops

The broad lace is explained here with using departed (=linked, bicolour) loops, because this makes it easier to keep track of the *upper* and *lower* shank of the loop. The Broad Lace of 5 Loops will only look right if all the loops are picked up *reversed*, e.g. so that the upper and lower shank switch places when switching sides.

Make 5 departed loops and set them up as follows: **3 loops with the darker colour up on the index, middle and ring finger of the left hand. 2 loops with the lighter colour up on the middle and ring finger of the right hand, leaving the index finger free.** Thumbs are only used as helpers and this pattern does not need to involve the little fingers at all.
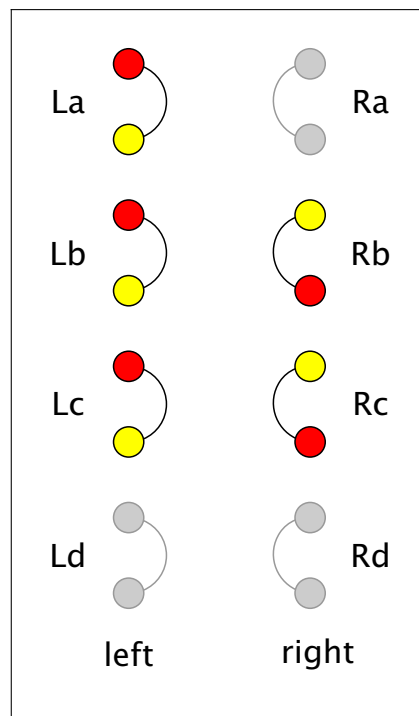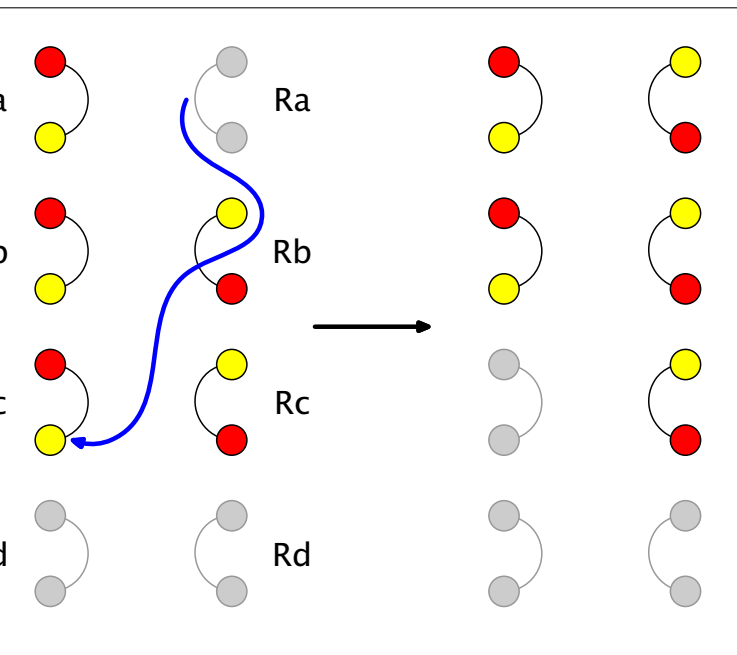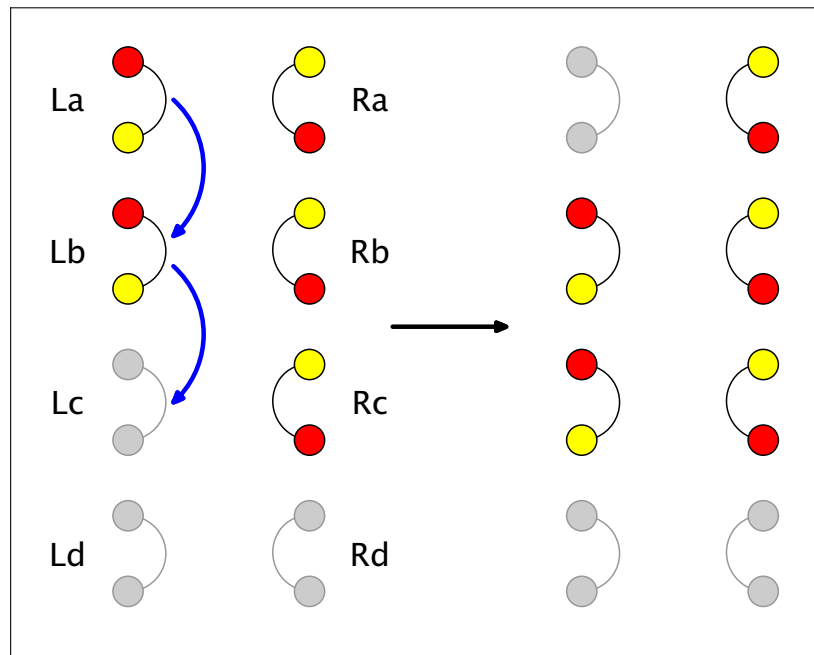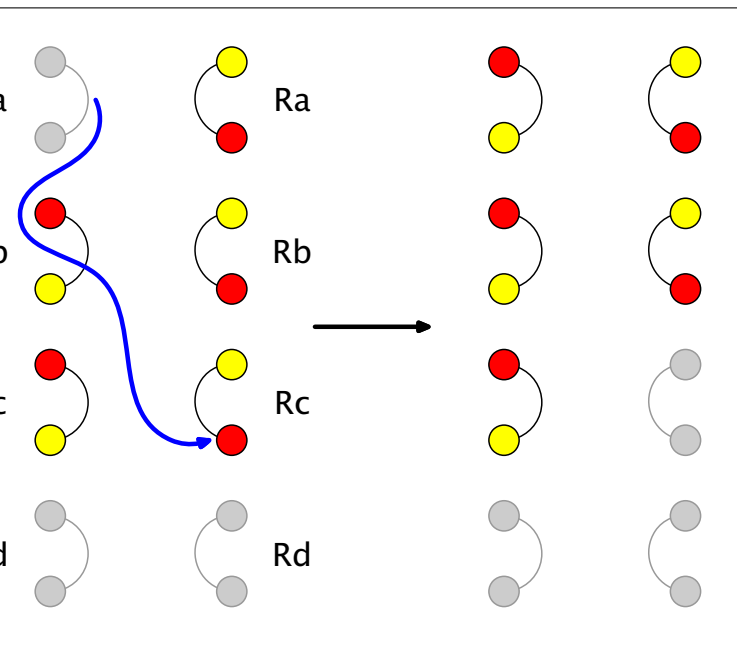

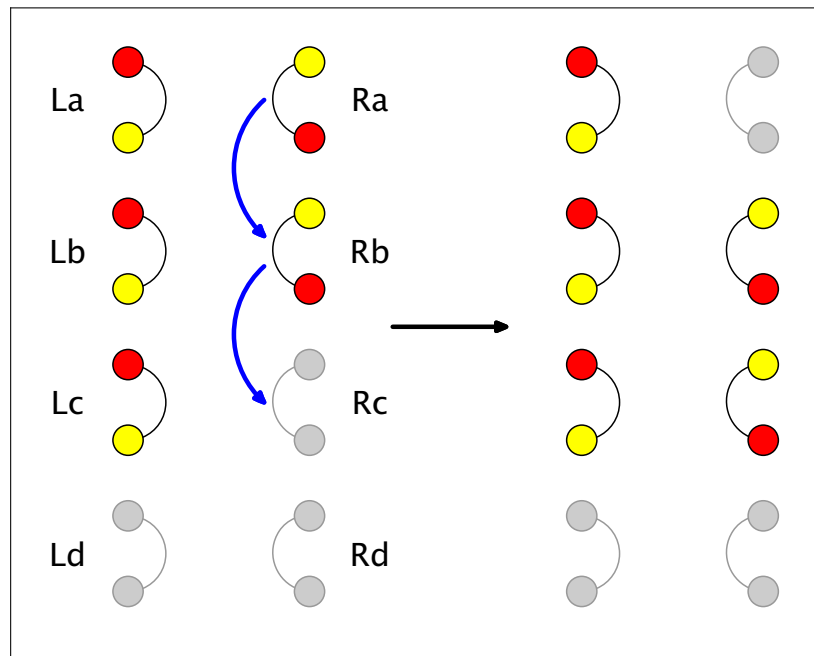**Figure 1** The start position for a 5-loop braid with departed loops

Put Ra through Rb and pick up
lower shank of Lc, pull through.

Shift Lb to Lc and La to Lb.

Put La through Lb and pick up
lower shank of Rc, pull through.

Shift Rb to Rc and Ra to Rb.

Figure 2 The movements of creating a 5-loop broad lace (= an unorthodox 5-loop fingerloop braid)