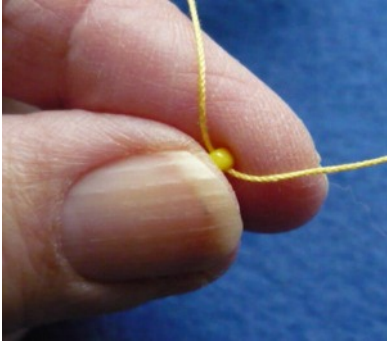


Floating Chains - used for stamens in flowers

You can make a lock stitch to start a floating chain but, as these are for stamens of a flower, I use a bead. String size 11 or 15 beads and wind about 2 ½ metres on your shuttle, with the beads. Do not cut. NB use reverse tatting, ie do not turn the stitches.

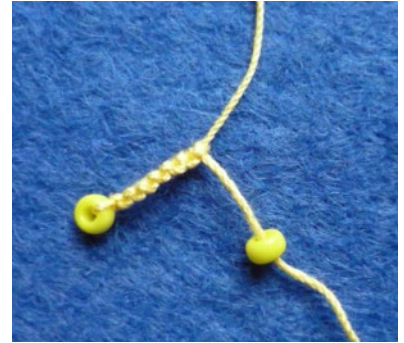
Bring up a bead and hold it 'in the pinch'



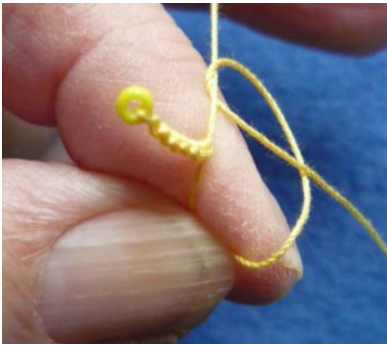
Reverse tat 6 or 7 double stitches



Bring up a bead and hold it about 1 cm from the floating chain



Reverse tat the first stitch but don't tighten it yet



Lift the loop of over the worked floating chain then move it up to the bead 'in the pinch'



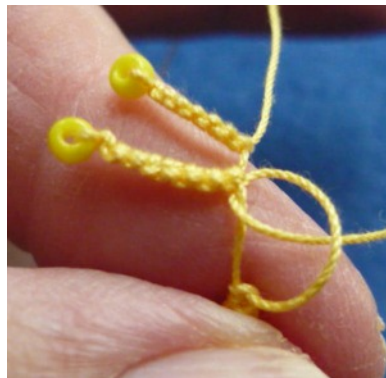
Reverse tat 6 - 7 stitches to cover the thread between the bead and the previous floating chain



Move up another bead and hold it in the pinch, leaving 1 cm of thread after the previous floating chain, reverse tat the first stitch leaving the loop loose



Lift the loop over the other floating chains then tighten it in place.



Continue until you have the required number of floating chains

