A Heart for Laura

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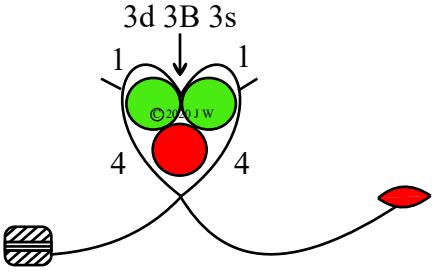
The sample was worked in one pass (using a split/bridging chain) but you can work the last chain on row 1 and cut and tie to the base of ring A, then wind two shuttles, CTM, to work the second row.

Requirements:
Size 20 thread, 6 red and 12 green size 11 seed beads,
2 shuttles and the usual tatting equipment

Abbreviations:
CTM = continuous thread method ,
R = ring, p = picot, vsp = very small picot,
cl = close ring, RW = reverse work, CH. = Chain,
+ = join, sj = shuttle join, 3B = 3 beads
Bdp = beaded dropped/downward picot -
work 3 first half stitches (3d), move up
3 beads, 3 second half stitches (3s)
When you close the ring 'coax' the Bdp
to drop downwards into the centre of the ring.

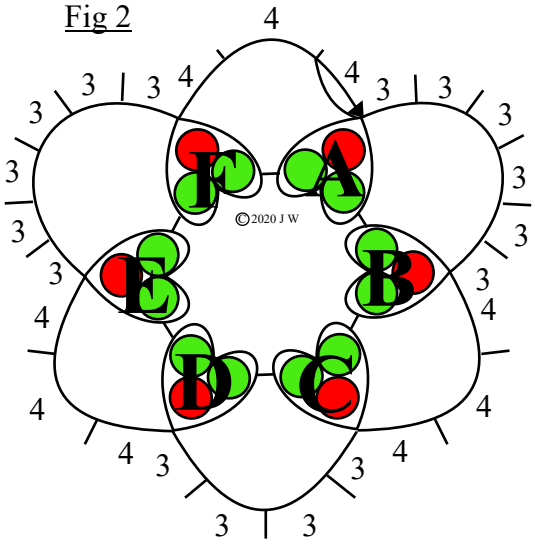
Row 1
String the beads (1 green, 1 red, 1 green) six times, then wind about 5 metres, with the beads, on your shuttle.. Do not cut.

Fig 1



R.A	4, p, 1, Bdp, 1, p, 4, cl, (Fig 1), RW
CH.	3, (p, 3) x 5, (Fig 2), RW
R.B	4, + to ring A, 1, Bdp, 1, p, 4, cl, RW
CH.	4, (p, 4) x 2, RW
R.C	4, + to ring B, 1, Bdp, 1, p, 4, cl, RW
CH.	3, (p, 3) x 3, RW,
R.D	4, + to ring C, 1, Bdp, 1, p, 4, cl, RW
CH.	4, (p, 4) x 2, RRW
R.E	4, + to ring D, 1, Bdp, 1, p, 4, cl, RW
CH.	3, (p, 3) x 5, RW
R.F	4, + to ring E, 1, Bdp, 1, + to ring A, 4, cl, RW
CH.	4, vsp, 4, split/bridging chain to base of ring A (see tutorial on page 3)

Fig 2



Continue on to row 2
NOTE if not working the split/bridging chain -
work the chain 4, vsp, 4, vsp, 4, cut and tie to the base of ring A

Row 2

CH.	5, RW
R.A	5, + to first picot on adjacent chain, 5, cl, RW
CH.	8, RW
*R.B	8, + to adjacent picot, 8, cl, RW
CH.	8, RW

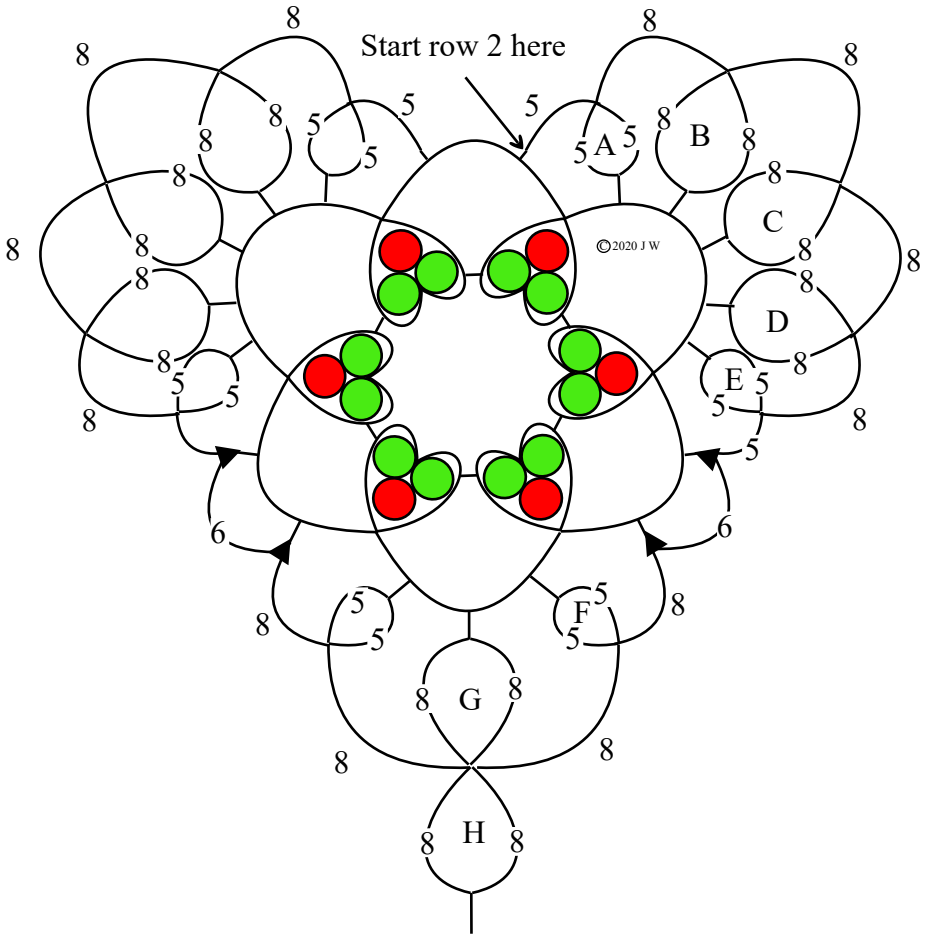
Repeat from * to ** twice more

R.E	5, + to adjacent picot, 5, cl, RW
CH.	5, sj to picot on adjacent chain, 6, sj to adjacent picot on the same chain, 8, RW
R.F	5, + to first picot on adjacent chain, 5, cl, RW
CH.	8, RW
R.G	8, + to adjacent picot on the same chain, 8, cl

Pull off 1½ metres from the ball and wind onto a second shuttle
Using second shuttle
Shuttle 2 R.H 8, p, 8, cl,

Swap back to shuttle 1, but do not reverse work, then continue from the bottom upwards

Work the other half of the heart to match the first half using the second shuttle as a ball
Cut and tie to the vsp on the last chain on row 1. Secure the ends, block and stiffen if required.



Bridging Chains aka Split Chains

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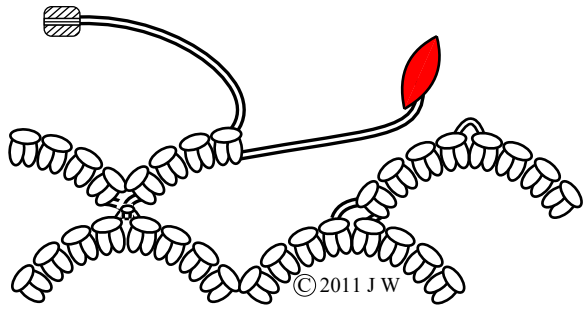
Work the chain as far as the ' climbing out' point



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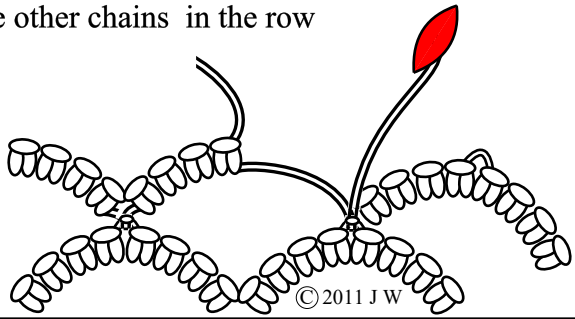
Work a shuttle join to the start of the row leaving a gap in the shuttle thread so that the completed chain will match the other chains in the row



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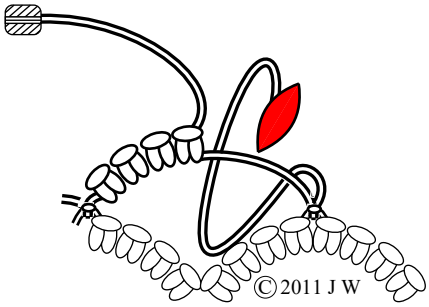
Using a crochet hook, pull a loop from the shuttle thread under the bare thread from the back through to the front



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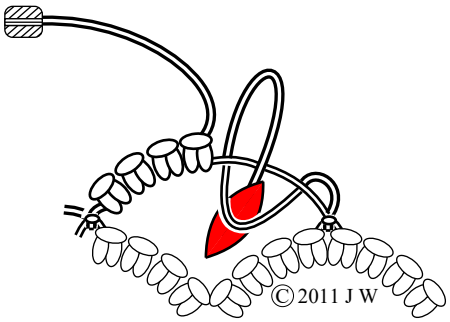
Pass the shuttle through the loop - from the back to the front



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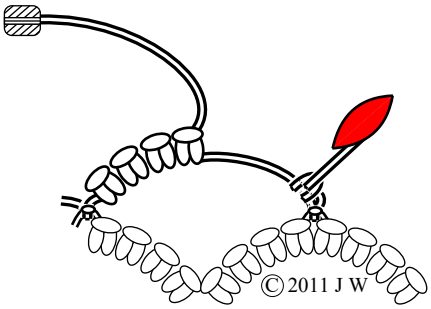
Pull the shuttle to close the loop



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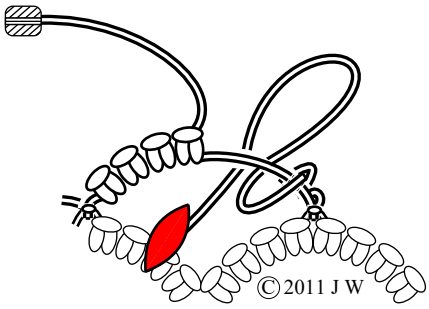
Use the crochet hook again but this time pull a loop in the shuttle thread under the bare thread from the front to the back



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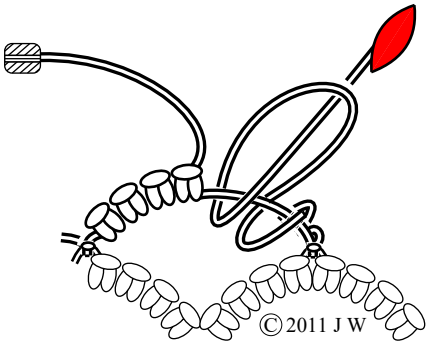

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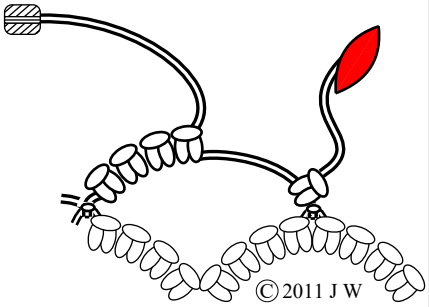
Tension the stitch



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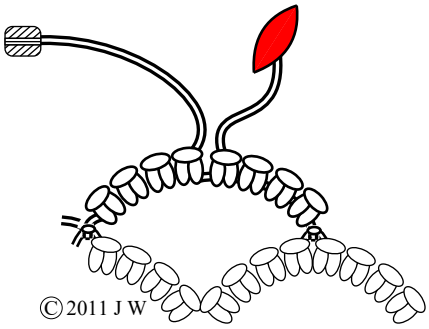
Continue until the correct number of double stitches have been worked.



Split, or Bridging, Chains

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2)

Work a shuttle join to the start of the row, leaving a gap in the shuttle thread so that the completed chain will match the other chains in the row

3)

Using a crochet hook, pull a loop from the shuttle thread under the bare thread from the back through to the front

4)

Pass the shuttle through the loop - from the back to the front

5)

Pull the shuttle to close the loop. At this stage you can see in the picture that the stitch doesn't look correct

6)

Use the crochet hook again, but this time pull a loop in the shuttle thread under the bare thread from the front to the back

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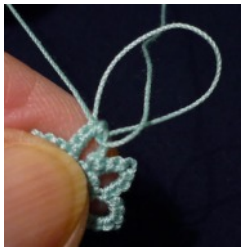
Pass the shuttle through the loop from the front to the back



8)

Tension the stitch and the stitch will now look like a double stitch

9)

Continue until the correct number of double stitches have been worked.