

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTS

A friendship bracelet or a decoration for a card

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Requirements:

Size 20 threads in green, yellow, blue, red and purple (or colours of your choice), black or gold size 11 or 8, a size 0 4 crochet hook, 5 shuttles and the usual tatting equipment

Abbreviations:

The colour of the shuttle refers to the colour of the thread, R = ring, p = picot (the height of the beads), cl = close ring, RW = reverse work,

Reverse tat - the stitches are not turned/flipped (as on the second side of a split ring)

NB when working the chains hold the core threads in such a way that the chain will curve the opposite way from the previous chain as in the photograph and diagram.

Wind about 2 metres of yellow, blue, red and purple thread separately on four shuttles and about 3 metres on the fifth shuttle then knot them together leaving 6 inch (15 cm) ends

*Yellow shuttle R. 8, p, 8, cl

Take out the green shuttle and hold all the other threads together on the back of your hand.

Reverse tat with the green shuttle holding the other 4 threads as the core thread

Green shuttle CH. 7, p, 2, p, 2, p, 7, tension to cover the core threads

Blue shuttle R. 8, add a bead and join to the picot on the yellow ring, 8, cl. RW

Red shuttle R. 8, p, 8, cl

Pick up the green shuttle and hold all the other coloured threads, together, on the back of your hand.

Reverse tat with the green shuttle holding the other 4 threads as the core thread

Green shuttle CH. 7, p, 2, p, 2, p, 7, tension to cover the core threads

Purple shuttle R. 8, add a bead and join to the picot on the red ring, 8, cl, RW**

Repeat from * to ** for the length required

For the friendship bracelet, knot all the ends together then cut leaving 6 inch (15 cm) ends

