


Christmas Snowflake or Flower

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Materials and tools:

Size 20 thread 6 size 9 or 10 beads, for row 1 plus 198 for rows 2 and 3 (204 altogether). 2 shuttles and the usual tatting equipment.

Abbreviations:

R = ring, p = picot (using a paper clip picot gauge,
 mp = medium picot (using a cocktail stick picot gauge),
 cl = close ring, RW = reverse work, CH. = Chain,
 d = first half of the stitch, s = second half of the stitch,
 B = bead, += join,
 CTM = continuous thread method 
 SR. = split ring (/ indicates where to swap shuttles and use shuttle 2)



Row 1

String the 6 beads. Wind about 3 metres shuttle leaving the beads on the ball thread. Do not cut.

- R.A 4, p, 2, (mp, 2) x 5, p, 4, cl, (Fig 1) RW
 CH. 4s, B, 4d, pull up chain, RW
 *R.B 4, + to last p on previous ring, 2, (mp, 2) x 5, p, 4, cl, (Fig 2) RW
 CH. 4s, B, 4d, pull up chain, RW

Repeat from * 3 more times then work ring F as follows: (Fig 3)

- R.F 4, + to last p on previous ring, 2, (mp, 2) x 5, + to first p on ring A, 4, cl, RW
 CH. 4s, B, 4d, pull up chain

Fig 1

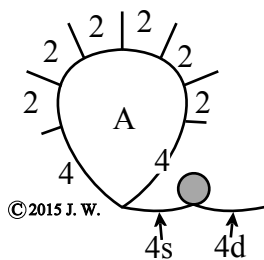


Fig 2

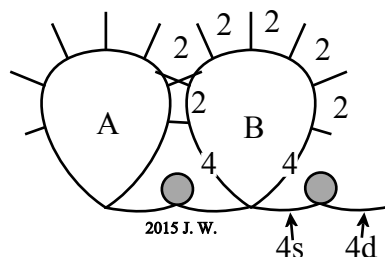
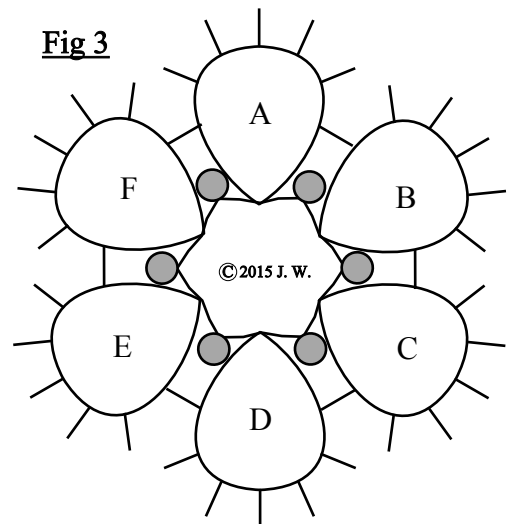


Fig 3



Row 2 (Fig 4)

String 99 beads then wind 2 shuttles CTM with about 4 metres, and all the beads, on shuttle 1 and 2 metres on shuttle 2.

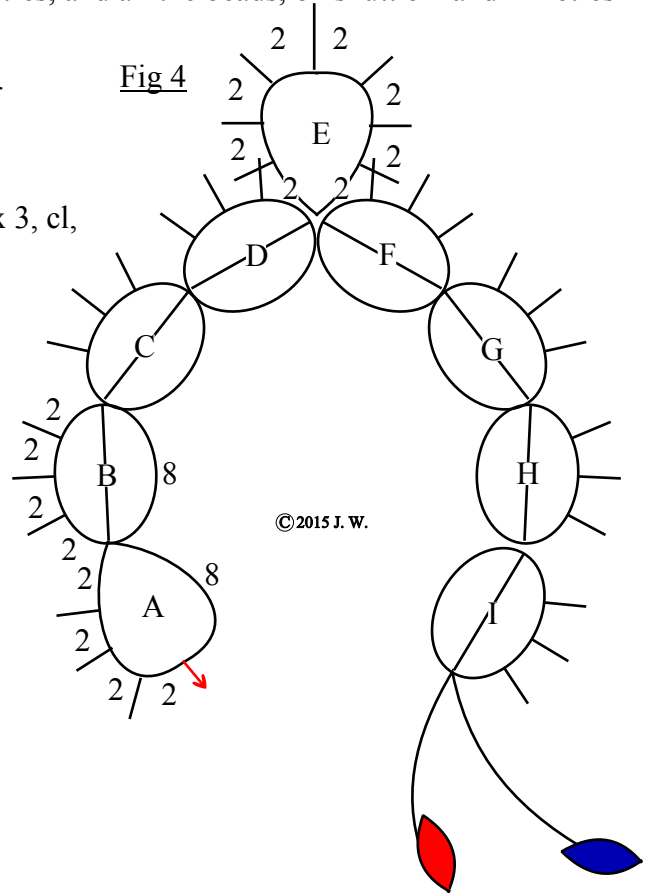
Note: all the rings are worked using, or start with, shuttle 1.

First arm/petal

- R.A Bring 3 beads into the ring round your hand.
8, + to joining p between rings F and A, 2, (B, 2) x 3, cl,
- SR.B Bring 3 beads into the ring round your hand.
2, (B, 2) x 3 / 8, cl
- SR.C As SR,B
- SR.D As SR.C
- R.E Bring 9 beads into the ring round your hand.
2, (B, 2) x 3, 3B, 2, (B, 2) x 3, cl
- SR.F As SR,D
- SR.G As SR.F
- SR.H As SR.G
- SR.I As SR.H

Using your hook, draw a loop in the shuttle 2 thread through the joining picot between rings B and C (see Fig 5)

Fig 4



Second arm/petal

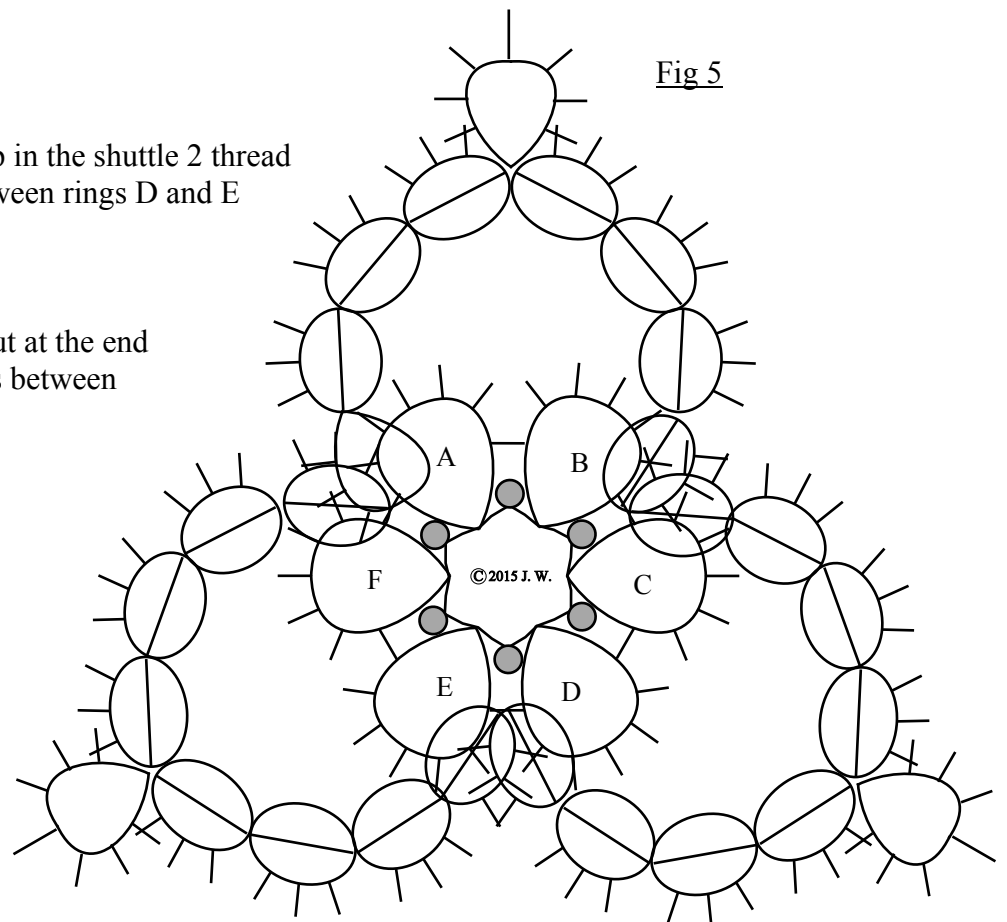
- SR.A 2, (B, 2) x 3 / 8, cl
- SR.B As SR.A
- SR.C As SR.B
- SR.D As SR.C
- R.E 2, (p, 2) x 3, mp, 2, (p, 2) x 3, cl
- SR.F As SR.D
- SR.G As SR.F
- SR.H As SR.G
- SR.I As SR.H

Using your hook, draw a loop in the shuttle 2 thread through the joining picot between rings D and E (see Fig 5)

Third arm/petal

Repeat the second arm/petal but at the end cut and tie to the joining picots between rings F and A. Secure the ends.

Fig 5



Row 3 (Fig 6) this row is coloured red to make it easier to see where the joins are made.

String 99 beads then wind 2 shuttles CTM with about 4 metres, and all the beads, on shuttle 1 and 2 metres on shuttle 2.

Note: all the rings are worked using, or start with, shuttle 1.

First arm/petal

- R.A Bring 3 beads into the ring round your hand.
8, + to joining p between rings E and F, 2, (B, 2) x 3, cl,
SR.B Bring 3 beads into the ring round your hand.
2, (B, 2) x 3 / 8, cl
SR.C As SR,B
SR.D As SR.C
R.E Bring 9 beads into the ring round your hand.
2, (B, 2) x 3, 3B, 2, (B, 2) x 3, cl
SR.F As SR,D
SR.G As SR.F
SR.H As SR.G
SR.I As SR.H

Before joining to row 1 bring the tatting, and the shuttles, through the petal between rings E and F from the back of your work to the front.

Now take the shuttles over to the back of your work before joining to the joining picot between ring A and B as you did in row 2 (Fig 6)

Second arm/petal

- SR.A Bring 3 beads into the ring round your hand.
2, (B, 2) x 3 / 8, cl
SR.B As SR.A
SR.C As SR.B
SR.D As SR.C
R.E Bring 9 beads into the ring round your hand.
2, (B, 2) x 3, 3B, 2, (B, 2) x 3, cl
SR.F As SR.D
SR.G As SR.F
SR.H As SR.G
SR.I As SR.H

Bring the tatted rings and the shuttles through to the front as before and then over to the back and join to the joining picot between rings C and D.

Third arm/petal

Work as for the second petal then overlap the rings, cut the threads and tie to the joining picot between rings E and F. Secure the ends.

Block and stiffen as required.

Fig 6

