

3D Snowflake

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Snowflake from the front



Snowflake from the side



Requirements:

Size 20 thread, 2 small 15 mm diameter clear plastic curtain rings, 72 size 9 or 11 seed beads, a Big Eyed Needle (or similar) for stringing the beads, a size 6 mm bead for the centre, about ½ metre of sewing thread, and the usual tatting equipment.

Abbreviations:

CH. = Chain, 3B = three beads, tension = push up or spread out the stitch to the given measurement, sj = shuttle join, R. = Ring, cl = close ring, RW = reverse work.

Snowflake pattern - make 2

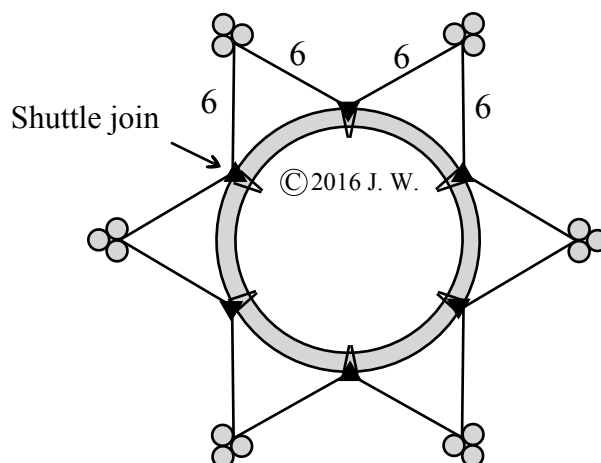
Row 1

String 18 of the beads then wind about ½ metre on your shuttle leaving all the beads on the ball thread. Do not cut.

CH. *Work a sj into the plastic ring,
6, 3B, 6, tension to $\frac{5}{8}$ inch (15 mm),**

Repeat from * to ** five more times.

Cut and tie to the first shuttle join then secure the ends.



Row 2

String 18 seed beads then wind about 1½ metres on your shuttle, leaving the beads on the ball thread.

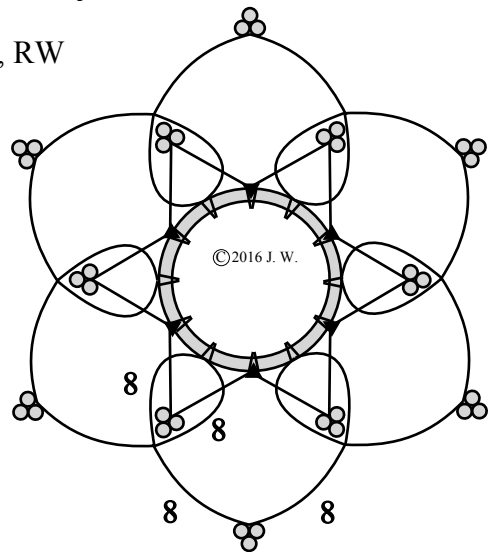
NB the rings on this row are joined to the plastic ring, between shuttle joins on row 1 and behind the chains.

- R. 8, join to the plastic ring between two sjs of row 1, 8, cl, RW
CH. 8, 3B, 8, tension to $\frac{3}{4}$ inch (19 mm), RW
*R. 8, join between the adjacent sjs on row 1, 8, cl, RW
CH. 8, 3B, 8, tension to $\frac{3}{4}$ inch (19 mm), RW**

Repeat from * to ** four more times

Cut and tie to the base of the first ring then secure the ends,

Work the second snowflake.



To assemble your 3D snowflake.

- 1) Fold your sewing thread in half and thread the cut ends through the eye of your needle .
- 2) From the back, pass the needle through a shuttle join on row 1 of one of the snowflakes. then through the loop in the sewing thread and pull it through to fasten it
- 3) Pick up the 6 mm bead then pass the needle back through the shuttle join on the opposite side of the plastic ring, from front to back.
- 4) From the back of the second snowflake pass the needle through a shuttle join to the plastic ring, back up through the 6 mm bead, and through the opposite shuttle join on the second the plastic ring,
- 5) Tighten the thread to bring the two snowflakes together.
- 6) Separate the snowflakes a little unthread the needle, then tie the thread to hold the snowflakes together.
- 7) Make a hanging loop in the sewing cotton thread by tying an overhand knot about 2 inches (5 cm) above the snowflake

The black thread shows stages 2 to 3



The black thread shows the two snowflakes tied together, back to back.

