Flower Motif using Onion Ring joins to hold the chains in place

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This flower motif is worked in two rows one after the other without cutting the threads between.

Abbreviations:

R. = ring   p = picot   cl = close ring   RW = reverse work   CH. = chain
sj = shuttle join (shown as a very small triangle in the diagram)
Orj = onion ring join (shown as a plus sign in the diagram)

Requirements:

Size 20 thread, a paperclip picot gauge and the usual tatting equipment.

Wind about 1 ½ metres on your shuttle. Do not cut.

NB   The picots on the chains need to be the height of your double stitches and not larger – using the paperclip as a picot gauge should give you the correct size.

Row 1

R.A   7, p, 2, p, 7, cl, RW
CH.   8, p, 8, RW
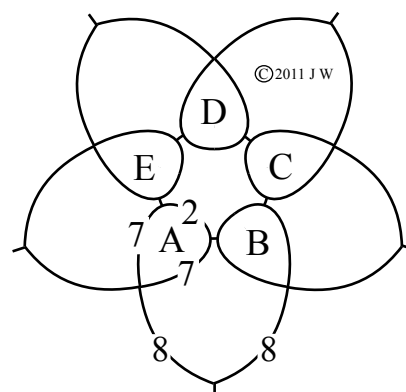*R.B   7, + to the previous ring, 2, p, 7, cl, RW
CH.   8, p, 8, RW
Repeat from * twice more.
R.E   7, + to previous ring, 2, + to ring 'A', 7, cl, RW
CH.   8, p, 8,
sj to the base of ring 'A' and continue onto the 2nd row.

Row 2

This row consists of just chains which are joined to the 1st row using two different types of joins:-

a) shuttle joins to the base of the rings (very small triangles in the diagram)

b) Onion ring joins to the picots on the chains (+ in the diagram)

**CH. 8, Orj to the picot on the chain of 1st row, 8, sj to the base of the next ring of the 1st row
Repeat from ** three times more then
CH.   8, Orj to the picot on the chain of 1st row, 8,
Cut and tie to the same place as the shuttle join at the start of the row.