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The Sept. 26/27, 2004 lesson is shared with the online tatting class by Nina Libin (tatting designer, author of "Tatted Lace of Beads" and the continuing series, "Lace of Beads", #5 has just been published and is a superb booklet!) There are pictures for 3 snowflakes.

Many thanks to Nina Libin.

These patterns develop the possibilities of self-closing mock rings (SCMR) which are the subject of 'Lace of Beads' #5.

September Snowflake -1:



*1) Ring 6 ds; medium size picot; 6ds; close & reverse.

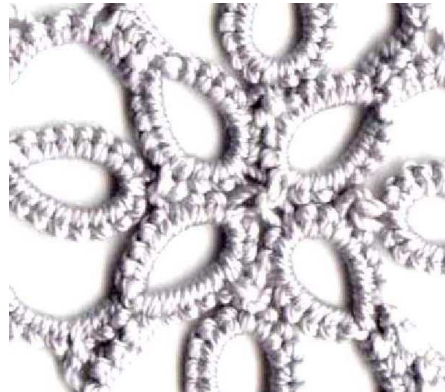
2) Chain: 6ds, put a marker in (a different color thread or a paper clip); 6ds; put a marker in; 4ds; decorative picot; 2ds; decorative picot; 2ds; decorative picot; 4ds; make a wrap join (place your shuttle thread over the marked place); 6ds; make a wrap join; 6ds; shape the chain and reverse work.

Repeat from * four more times, that will take you through positions 3 – 10.

11) Ring 6 ds; swirl join (put your crochet hook in picots of 5 previous rings

and make a regular join); 6ds; close and reverse.

Close-ups of Nina's Swirl Join:



12) Chain: 6ds, put a marker in (a different color thread or a paper clip); 6ds; put a marker in; 4ds; decorative picot; 2ds; decorative picot; 2ds; decorative picot; 4ds; make a wrap join (place your shuttle thread over the marked place); 6ds; make a wrap join; 6ds; shape the chain & lock join to the base of R1.

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Same pattern using one shuttle and ball. Wind the shuttle Continuous Thread Method(CTM)

*1) Ring 6 ds; medium size picot; 6ds; close and reverse.

2) Chain: 6ds, put a marker in (a different color thread or a paper clip);

3) 6ds; put a marker in;

4) 4ds; decorative picot; 2ds; decorative picot;

5) 2ds; decorative picot; 4ds; make a wrap join (place your shuttle thread over the marked place);

6) 6ds; make a wrap join;

7) 6ds; shape the chain and reverse work.

Repeat positions 1 through 7 four more times.

You will have a line of 5 rings and 5 chains arranged into mock rings. [\(see diagram\)](#)

Start the sixth ring:

R: 6 ds; swirl join (put your crochet hook in picots of 5 previous rings and make a regular join); 6ds; close and reverse. Repeat positions 2 through 7; shape the chain and lock join it to the base of R1.

September Snowflake - 2:

*1) Ring 6 ds; medium size picot; 6ds; close and reverse.

2) Chain: 6ds, put a marker in (a different color thread or a paper clip); 2ds; decorative picot; 2ds; decorative picot; 2ds; decorative picot; 2ds; put a marker in; 4ds; decorative picot; 1ds; decorative picot; 1ds; decorative picot; 1ds; decorative picot; 1ds; decorative picot; 4ds; make a wrap join (place your shuttle thread over the marked place); 2ds; decorative picot; 2ds; decorative picot; 2ds; decorative picot; 2ds; make a wrap join; 6ds; shape the chain & reverse work.



Repeat from * four more times, that will take you through positions 3 – 10.

11) Ring 6 ds; swirl join (put your crochet hook in picots of 5 previous rings and make a regular join); 6ds; close and reverse.

12) Chain: 6ds, put a marker in (a different color thread or a paper clip); 2ds; decorative picot; 2ds; decorative picot; 2ds; decorative picot; 2ds; put a marker in; 4ds; decorative picot; 1ds; decorative picot; 1ds; decorative picot; 1ds; decorative picot; 1ds; decorative picot; 1ds; decorative picot; 4ds; make a wrap join (place your shuttle thread over the marked place); 2ds; decorative picot; 2ds; decorative picot; 2ds; decorative picot; 2ds; make a wrap join; 6ds; shape the chain and lock join it to the base of R1.

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This next snowflake has beads placed both on picots which Nina has named “up beads” and on the foundation thread (aka, shuttle thread, ring thread, carrying cord.) which she has named down beads.



September snowflake - 3:

*1) Ring 6 ds; medium size picot; 6ds; close and reverse.

2) Chain 2ds; one bead up, one down; 1ds; one bead up, one down; 1ds; one bead up, one down; 4ds; one bead up, one down; 1ds; one bead up, one down; 2ds; three beads up; 4ds; two beads up and two down; 2ds; three up beads; 2ds; one bead up, one down; 2ds; three up beads; 2ds; one bead up, one down; 2ds three up beads; 2ds; two beads up, two down; 2ds; make a wrap join (place your shuttle thread over the 4ds space, and keep tatting); 2ds; one bead up, one down; 2ds three up beads; 2ds; one bead up, one down; 1ds; one bead up, one down; 2ds; make a wrap join; 2ds; one bead up, one down; 1ds; one bead up, one down; 1ds; one bead up, one down; 2ds; shape the chain and reverse. Repeat from * four more times, that will take you through positions 3 – 10.



11) Ring 6 ds; swirl join (put your crochet hook in picots of 5 previous rings and make a regular join); 6ds; close and reverse.

12) Chain 2ds; one bead up, one down; 1ds; one bead up, one down; 1ds; one bead up, one down; 4ds; one bead up, one down; 1ds; one bead up, one down; 2ds; three beads up; 4ds; two beads up and two down; 2ds; three up beads; 2ds; one bead up, one down; 2ds; three up beads; 2ds; one bead up, one down; 2ds three up beads; 2ds; two beads up, two down; 2ds; make a wrap join (place your shuttle thread over the 4ds space, and keep tatting); 2ds; one bead up, one down; 2ds three up beads; 2ds; one bead up, one down; 1ds; one bead up, one down; 2ds; make a wrap join; 2ds; one bead up, one down; 1ds; one bead up, one down; 1ds; one bead up, one down; 2ds; shape the chain and lock join it to the base of the first ring. ©Nina Libin, 2004

Note added 10-05-04:

Mimi Dillman made a count of the beads for this snowflake. She suggests that each repeat has 18 down beads and 33 up beads which makes a total of 108 down beads wound on the shuttle thread and 198 up beads loaded onto the ball thread.

Mimi also counted beads on the free pattern at Nina's website. That flake pattern has a repeat with 12 down beads and 27 up beads which totals 72 down beads on the shuttle thread and 162 up beads on the ball thread.