

Joan's First New Snowflake....Using my new Shuttle (thanks Ursula ☺)

This is a spin-off from Vida Sunderman's "Flower Snowflake" pattern (Tatted Snowflakes, 1995). I kept forgetting to join the points of the star, and the center stitches came out too sloppy for me, so I modified the pattern to make it easier for me...now I can make this snowflake by memory and in one night without mistakes. I used 12 pearl white thread (or Anchor 40). ☺

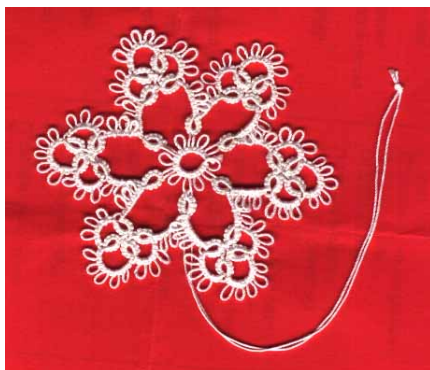
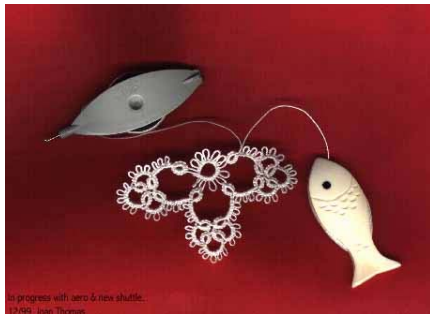
Notes: All rings are 5ds,P,5ds; except for the center ring and the first ring of the 4 grouping, it is 5ds, p, 5ds. All chains are 3 picots separated by 2ds, except for the longer segment at the end of each point (referred to as the long chain), which is 5 picots separated by 2ds. (that is, 2ds,P,2ds,P,2ds,P, 2ds,P,2ds,P,2ds) and for the chains/rings attached to the center ring, these are 3P separated by 3ds. Reverse work as needed to keep snowflake flat.

1. Start with 2 shuttles at the center ring: 12 long picots separated by 2ds. You can use a mock picot, MP, and split ring, SR, to eliminate the knot. If you don't use the MP/SR method, then join a ring to a picot of center ring (when you repeat the steps, skip a picot in between because only 6 of the 12 picots will have rings joined to them)
2. Chain, 3P separated by 3ds
3. Ring, 5ds, P, 5ds. The other 3 rings will join to this picot.
4. Chain, 3P separated by 2ds
5. Ring joining to last ring's picot
6. Long Chain (5 picots, 2ds)
7. Ring joining to last joined picot
8. Chain,
9. Ring joining to last joined picot (finished the grouping of 4 rings for point)
10. Chain, 3P separated by 2ds
11. Ring joined to a picot of center ring - skipping one in between.

Repeat from Step 2 until done.

Have fun!

☺ Joan Thomas 12/99, revised 2/3/08



My tatting scrap book & memories...

How did I begin? In 1997 at the Craft Basket, I picked up the little DMC Tatting booklet, shuttle, and thread. I didn't get very far, I couldn't "make it flip" and my rings wouldn't slide. Only two libraries in CT had any tatting books...so I soon looked online for a Yahoo group and found Betsy Evans - she lived right here in Newtown! She got me started with a few 1:1 sessions; I thought I would never catch on. Soon after in 1998, I went to the first annual "Tatting Convention" weekend in Hector NY. I took a beginner's lesson there and came home with knotted threads, the tatting and shuttle collection fever, and a few new NY friends.

We called ourselves the Nutmeggers - Linda VanScoy, Jeanne Z., Betsy, Pat Marshall and Phyllis Collier. We meet a few times a year to share new techniques, our work, patterns, threads, chocolate, and stories of our lives. *I'm thankful for them all!*

While I try to keep a log of my tatting online (<http://www.bebpublishing.com/tatting.html>), there is nothing like seeing the real thing. So here is my brag book, some of my work, and some of others.
ENJOY! Joan ☺