

**Hope in my Heart**  
**In Memorium: September 11, 2001**  
**An original tatting design by Kristina Plaas, © 2001**



On September 11, 2001 thousands of Americans lost their lives as terrorist hijackers crashed two planes into the World Trade Center Twin Towers in New York City and another plane into the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. Due to the heroic actions of several passengers, a fourth plane crashed into the mountains of Pennsylvania, missing it's intended target in Washington. In the midst of the worst attack ever on American soil, the heroic actions of ordinary citizens demonstrated the faith we have in our nation and it's leaders, the unconditional love we share with each other, the hope we have for a better tomorrow, and the unified spirit of freedom that is the United States of America. This tatted heart honors those who lost their lives, those who tried to save them, and the friends and families who are forever changed by the tragic events of September 11, 2001.

Contained within the heart are the sacred symbols of hope. The center star represents the new star which shone over Bethlehem the night of Jesus' birth. The cross surrounding the star represents the atonement of Jesus Christ, His crucifixion at the hands of evil men, and the hope of the resurrection. The heart represents the unconditional love God has for each of us, His children, and the commandment that we have Charity, the pure love of Christ, for one another.

The heart in this picture was shuttle tatted by the designer using Flora 20 thread color no. 37. A 3/16th inch picot gauge was used for all small picots. The large joining picot in the center star and the large loopy picot at the center bottom were made using a 5/16th inch picot gauge.

**Abbreviations:**

R ring	RW reverse work
Ch chain	DNRW do not reverse work
p (-) picot	lp (--) long picot
j (+) join	SS switch shuttles
Sh shuttle	ctr center
prev previous	Rd round
BJ beaded join	SLJ shuttle lock join
SLT shoelace trick	
CTM continuous thread method	

**Beads:**

The use of seed beads makes a nice addition to the Hope Heart. A total of 96 beads are needed.

Center: Sh1-0, Sh2-12

Rd 1: Sh1-0, Sh2-6, BJ-3

Rd 2: Sh1-15, Sh2-44, BJ-16 (or, if using one Sh and ball, Sh1-0, ball-59)

Total: Sh1-15, Sh2-62, BJ-19 (or, if using one Sh and ball, Sh1-0, ball-77) = 96 beads

**Instructions:**

Wind two shuttles CTM; alternately 1 shuttle and ball thread wound CTM may be used. Close all rings, snug all chains to form a slight curve except the chains before and after the bottom cloverleaf should be mostly straight. Carefully examine the chains on Rd1 for symmetry before proceeding to make the next shuttle lock join.

Center Using Sh1

R: 5--5, RW;

Ch: \*3-3-3-3, RW;

R: 5+5 (j to lp of 1st R), RW\*\*;  
Repeat from \* to \*\* 3 more times  
Ch: 3-3-3-3, Sh j to base of first ring, DNRW.

#### Round 1

Ch: 7-3-3-7, RW;  
R: 9+9 (j to ctr p of 1st ch of prev Rd), RW;  
Ch: 7-3-3-7, SLJ to base of 2nd R of prev Rd, DNRW;  
Ch: 14-3-3-7, RW;  
R: 15+15 (j to ctr p on next ch of prev Rd), RW;  
Ch: 7-3-3-14, SLJ to base of 3rd R of prev Rd, DNRW;  
Ch: 7-3-3-7, RW;  
R: 9+9 (j to ctr p of 3rd ch of prev Rd), RW;  
Ch: 7-3-3-7, SLJ to base of 4th R of prev Rd, RW;

#### Round 2

Ch: 7-3, RW;  
R: 5+5 (j to last p on prev Rd), RW;  
Ch: 3-3-3-3, RW;  
R: 6+6 (j to next p on prev Rd), RW;  
Ch: 3-3-3-3, RW;  
R: 7+7 (J to next p on prev Rd), RW;  
Ch: 3-3-3-3-3-3-3-3 (7p), RW;  
R: 7+7 (j to 1st p of next ch on prev Rd), RW;  
Ch: 3-3-3-3, RW;  
R: 7+7 (j to 1st p of next ch on prev Rd), RW;  
Ch: 3-3-3-3, RW;  
R: 9+9 (j to 3rd p of same ch on prev Rd), RW;  
Ch: 3-3-3-3, DNRW, SS (2Sh) or SLT (1Sh & ball) to switch threads before proceeding;  
R: 3+3-3-3-3-3 (j to last p on adjacent Ch), DNRW;  
R: 3+3-3-3-3--3-3-3-3-3 (j to last p on adjacent R), DNRW;  
R: 3+3-3-3-3-3 (j to last p on adjacent R), DNRW, SS/SLT to switch threads before proceeding;  
Ch: 3+3-3-3 (j to last p on adjacent R), RW  
R: 9+9 (j to 1st p of next ch on prev Rd), RW;  
Ch: 3-3-3-3, RW;  
R: 7+7 (j to 3rd p of same ch on prev Rd), RW;  
Ch: 3-3-3-3, RW;  
R: 7+7 (j to 3rd p of next ch on prev Rd), RW;  
Ch: 3-3-3-3-3-3-3-3 (7p), RW;  
R: 7+7 (j to 1st p of next ch on prev Rd), RW;  
Ch: 3-3-3-3, RW;  
R: 6+6 (j to next p on prev Rd), RW;  
Ch: 3-3-3-3, RW;  
R: 5+5 (j to next p on prev Rd), RW;  
Ch: 3-7, SLJ to base of 4th R on ctr Rd; cut, tie, and hide thread ends.  
Block with a steam iron, may starch or stiffen if desired.

Finished size approx. 3 x 3.5 in. when shuttle tatted with size 20 thread.

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