

Tatted Candy Cane

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Description: This tatted Candy Cane is an intermediate to advanced project which requires split rings. It may be tatted with finger tating, needle tating, or shuttle tating.

It may be tatted with chains instead of split rings - for beginners who do not know split rings. Just tie the core threads together with a square knot at each intersection of the chains.

Materials:

Tating shuttles or needles (optional)

Two colors of tating or crochet thread size 20 or larger to learn.

These split rings weave through both the previous ring and the following ring. Before closing the rings you must be certain that the threads for the next ring are exactly woven through correctly.



Terms:

This project probably would look best tatted with red and white or pink and white. I used blue and brown, in the photo above because it is thread that I had handy. We'll call them color #1 and color #2 here.

C1S1 is Color #1, Shuttle #1 Used to tat the first & next to last rings, and the first half of each of the odd numbered split rings.

C1S2 is Color #1, Shuttle #2 Used to tat the second half of the odd numbered split rings

C2S1 is Color #2, Shuttle #1 Used to tat the second ring (first ring of the second color) , the first half of even numbered split rings, and the last ring.

C2S2 is Color #2, Shuttle #2 Used to tat the second half of even numbered split rings of the second color.

Instructions:

Interlocking split rings technique: SR (C1S1:6/C1S2:6)

Tat a split ring starting with Color #1 and Shuttle #1 then finish the split ring with Color #1 and Shuttle #2 Wrap the threads and repeat with the other pair of shuttles and the other color.

There are two tricks to making this do what we desire.

1. Before each ring is closed the thread for the next ring has to be woven through correctly. The Shuttle #1 thread goes under the thread of the previous ring, and around and back through in the same direction, wrapping completely around in a full circle. This is the loop of thread that goes around your hand to tat the first half of the next split ring. See the diagram on the next page. Deb Arnold does a similar technique to tat around the finger holes in a pair of scissors.

2. The Shuttle #2 thread comes over the thread from the previous ring, and is used to tat the second half of each split ring.

I do finger tatting, but needles or shuttles could be used, they just have to go through the rings before they are closed. This is similar to other interwoven split ring designs.

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Ring1 (10) use C1S1 Color 1 shuttle #1 do not close this ring until the thread for the second ring is inserted through the ring.

The second ring is the second color, shuttle #1 . This is not a split ring!

Ring2 (12) Before closing this ring weave the threads from ring one through for the third ring. Shuttle #1 under, around, and back under. Shuttle #2 over. (See diagram below)

Ring3 - 8 SR(8/4) Before closing this ring weave the threads from previous ring through for the next ring.

Shuttle #1 under, around, and back under. Shuttle #2 over.

Ring9 - 14 SR(6/6) Before closing this ring weave the threads from previous ring through for the next ring.

Shuttle #1 under, around, and back under. Shuttle #2 over.

15th ring (12) This is tatted with the first color, and is not a split ring, but it does have to have the thread woven under, and around and under again like the first half of the split rings.

Final Ring (10) This is tatted with the second color, and is not a split ring, but it does have to have the thread woven under, and around and under again like the first half of the split rings.

Detail diagram for weaving the threads through the previous ring:

This diagram does not show the bend in the cand cane (rings 3 -8) just the interweaving.

It may want to twist a bit: twist opposite direction, block, glue, or sew to shape.

