CHRISTMAS SNOWFLAKE

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This snowflake is made using Split Rings, rings thrown from split rings, and Mock Rings, so it is not for the faint-hearted!

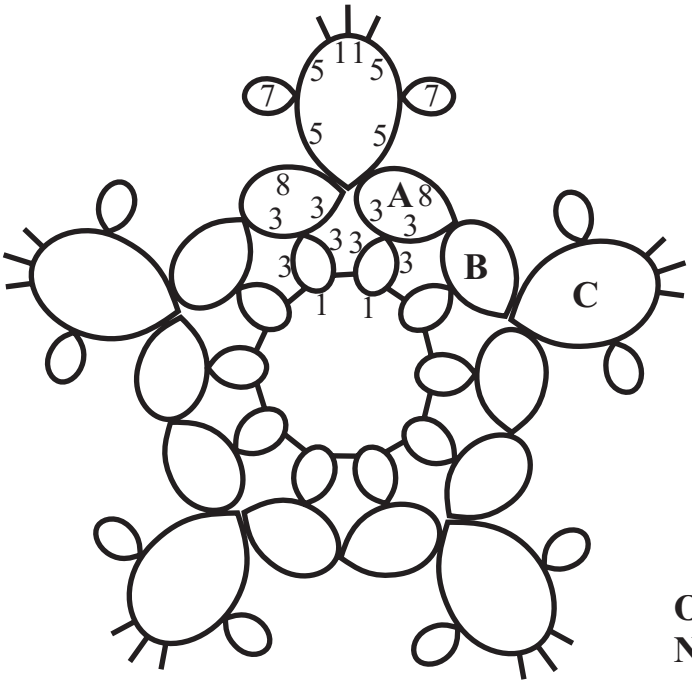
A ring thrown from a split ring is always made on the *second side* of the split ring. The second side is made by 'wrapping' the stitches onto the core thread without flipping them, so the shuttle you use for this can stop wrapping and be used to make another ring before continuing wrapping.

A mock ring is a ring that looks like a ring but is really a chain joined up at the base to form a ring. This enables the tatter to 'throw' rings from the central (mock) ring.

The snowflake begins with Ring A, which is made as a split ring using Shuttle 1 for the first side and Shuttle 2 for the second side:

SR 8ds / 3ds [drop split ring and using shuttle 2, flip work to the wrong side and make a thrown ring of 3ds, tiny picot, 1ds, tiny picot, 3ds, close] pick up ring and flip back and reposition on hand, 3ds, close split ring.

Without flipping work, make Ring B, which is exactly as Ring A, but join the thrown ring to the previous thrown ring at the first tiny picot as you go.



Ring C is a mock ring. Begin by using Shuttle 1 over your left hand and Shuttle 2 in your right, ready to chain. Unwind about 10cm of Shuttle 2 and leave it hanging in a loop - that is, leave some thread hanging and draw the thread about 10cm down toward the shuttle into the pinch of your left hand, ready to start the stitches. The threads should look like they usually do when starting a chain, only there's a loop of thread hanging down in the space of the palm of your left hand. Chain 5ds. Drop the chain so far and using only Shuttle 1, make the first thrown ring os 7ds, close. Pick up the chain as before, 5ds, picot, 1ds, longer picot, 1ds, picot as first, 5ds. Drop chain again and make second thrown ring of 7ds using Shuttle 1, pick up chain, 5ds. Close the mock ring by threading Shuttle 2 through the loop of thread left at the beginning of the mock ring. Thread the shuttle from the back of the look to the front, making sure to untwist the loop before passing the shuttle through. Gently pull on Shuttle 2 to draw the mock ring closed. Tension the work before continuing.

The snowflake continues in the same manner, repeating Rings A, B and C throughout, joining only the inner thrown rings from Rings A and B to each other as you go. Tat until 10 split rings are complete, finishing with a Ring C as the final ring. Make and overhand knot with the threads to finish and sew in ends.

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