

Star of David 2008

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This star is a variation on the pattern I taught at my home this month at my first ever tat days in Southwestern Ohio. It has a center ring and three rings in each of two more rounds. The rings and chains make four 6 pointed stars in negative space and three in the positive. Can you find all seven?



Begin with a ball of thread and one shuttle about half full with any thread CTM . My sample is Flora size 20 and the finished star is about 3" in diameter.

The Balanced Double Stitch (BDS) allows you to tat a long chain that will lie fairly straight. Tension should be snug and every 5 or 10 stitches push the BDS together into a straight line.

Instructions:

The first ring is a "REVERSE RING" which means that you tat the entire ring as if it were the second half of a split ring. This allows you to "throw off" another ring which ends up being the center ring of the star.

This star can also be tatted by beginning with the center ring which can be a beaded double core reverse ring or a self padded tripple core reverse ring, with the first ring of Round One as a split ring to climb out from the center.

Or, tat the center ring first if you are a beginner and just wish to just cut and tie instead of using split rings or reverse rings.

Round One

Reverse Ring (8 - 2 - 3 (Thrown off ring (3 - 3 - 3 - 3 - 3 - 3) 3 - 2 - 8) Turn

Chain (25 BDS (three seed beads or a large picot) 25 BDS) Turn

Ring (8 - 2 - 3 + 3 - 2 - 8) Turn



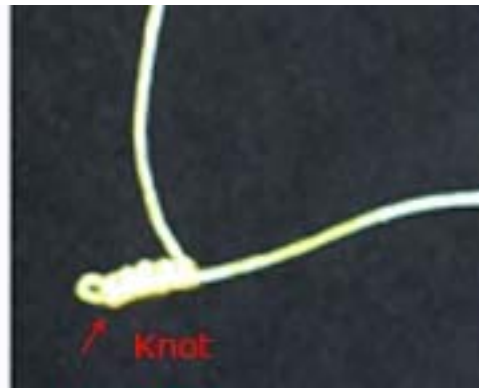
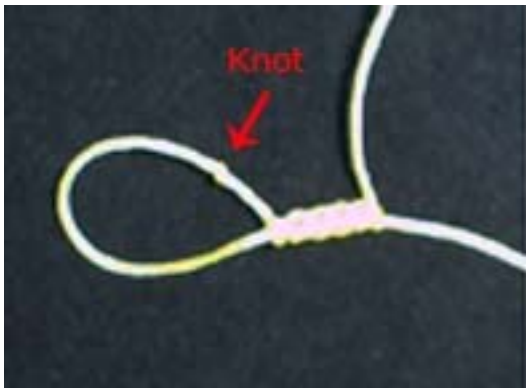
This join is skip one picot of the center ring and join to the next.

Chain (25 BDS (three seed beads or a large picot) 25 BDS) Turn

Repeat previous ring and chain, then cut leaving thread ends about 10" long. These will be used later.

Round Two

Wind a couple yards onto your shuttle CTM with the ball of thread. Begin on a paper clip or tie a knot between ball and shuttle and tat the 1st BDS the space of a picot from the knot to leave a picot at the beginning of the first chain of Round Two.



These photos show how the knot makes a picot at the beginning of the chain when the core thread is pulled through the stitches.

Chain (25 BDS) Turn

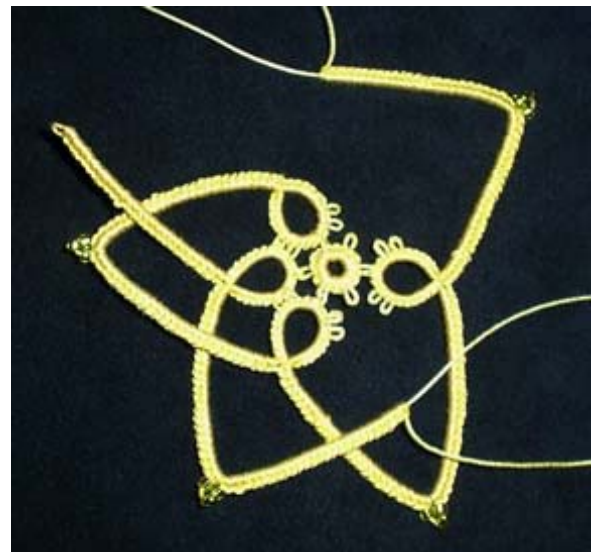
Ring (8 + 2 + 3 + 2 + 8) Turn

Join to the picots of two rings from Round One and to the picot of the center ring between the two rings of Round One.

Chain (25 BDS (three seed beads or a large picot) 25 BDS) Turn

This chain weaves over one chain of Round One then under the next as shown in the photo above.

Repeat the ring and chain so that you have three rings in this round, all joined to the rings of the previous round and to the center ring. Remember to weave the chains each time.



Chain (25 BDS) Cut leaving about 10" ends. Tie the ends through the picot at the beginning of this Round, and tie again leaving about a 6" loop to hang the star or use the ends to sew it onto clothing or glue it to a card hiding the ends in the card.

Weave the last chain of the first round as shown, and tie the ends at the beginning chain of the first round to complete the star. Hide the ends.

This photo shows the star with all the tatting completed. The ends from the first round will be tied to the beginning of the chain from the first round and these ends hidden, or used to sew the star onto clothing. And the ends from Round two will be tied through the picot left at the beginning of the chain that starts this round.

Add a bead on each of the two ends, and then put both ends through one bead and tie a double overhand knot (a shoelace trick that you put the thread through twice) to hold the bead in place. Finally, tie the ends together in a double overhand knot several inches away from the knot you just tied to make a loop for hanging the star.

Notice how the "ball" thread weaves through the points of the star as the chains were woven through by inserting the shuttle through the points of the first round. Just pull this thread on through when you cut it from the ball.

