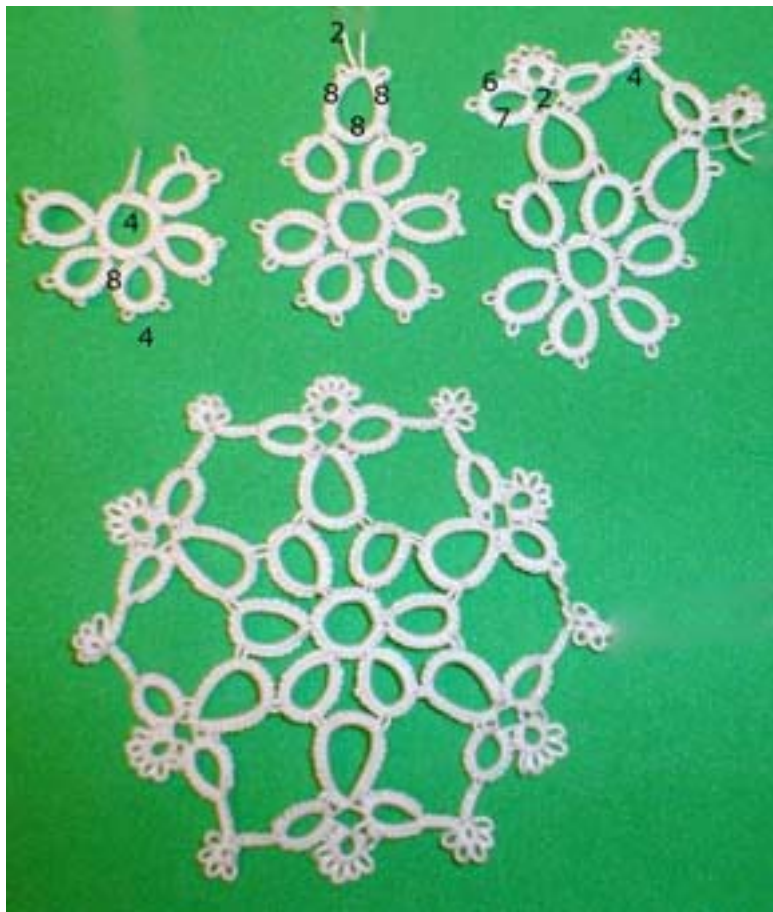


GLORIA SNOWFLAKE

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“And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on Earth Peace, Goodwill to men...”

One of the best things about the Christmas season is the opportunity to spend time with family and friends, and enjoy the music of the season. Last week Dan and I went to a performance of Handel’s Messiah presented by the Dayton Philharmonic Orchestra. WOW!!! That is some of my favorite music, and the only really difficult part about the entire performance was resisting the temptation to sing along.

Then, the next day, as I was going through my Christmas ornaments, I came across a snowflake that I tatted many years ago, but never wrote the instructions...

Well, in thinking about how the snowflake was constructed I imagined it with angels around the outside, similar to the angels in the Angel Heart edging by Lynda K. that is on the tatted pattern calendar. With Lynda’s kind permission I have borrowed the angels and created a second snowflake for 2008. This one is not Celtic, and it does require split rings, so it is not really for beginners. But I like providing beginners the motivation to learn split rings. Enjoy!

Center

Split Ring (4 / [Ring 8 – 4 – 8] 4 ring 4 ring 4 ring 4 ring 4)

There are a total of 5 identical rings thrown off which are sep by 4 stitches. See pic top left.

Climbing out to the outside row: Split Ring (8/8 – 4) See pic top center.

Row of angels

First Angel

BODY: Split Ring (8 + 8 - 2 / 8 - 2)

WING: Ring (2 + 7 - 6 - 2)

HEAD: Ring (2 + 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 + 2)

WING: Split Ring (2 + 7 / 2 + 6)

Star between the angels

Chain 4, turn, Ring (1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1), turn, Chain 4

Second Angel

WING: Split Ring (7 - 2 / 6 - 2)

BODY: Ring (2 + 8 + 8 + 8 - 2) [Tatted with the shuttle thread closer to the center]

HEAD: Ring (2 + 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 2) [Tatted with the shuttle thread farther from the center]

WING: Split Ring (2 + 7 / 2 + 6)

Repeat Stars and Angels around, joining the last star to the picot on the wing of the first angel.



The snowflake on the left has picots for “feathers” on the wings. It is tatted with size 5 Pearl Cotton and measures about 4 inches across. The one on the right is tatted with Cebelia, size 30. It measures about 2.5 inches across.