

Neue Schiffchenspitzen Inspired Snowflake

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The original German tatting pattern book (circa 1921)
<http://www.georgiaseitz.com/public/NeueSchiffchenspitzen.pdf>

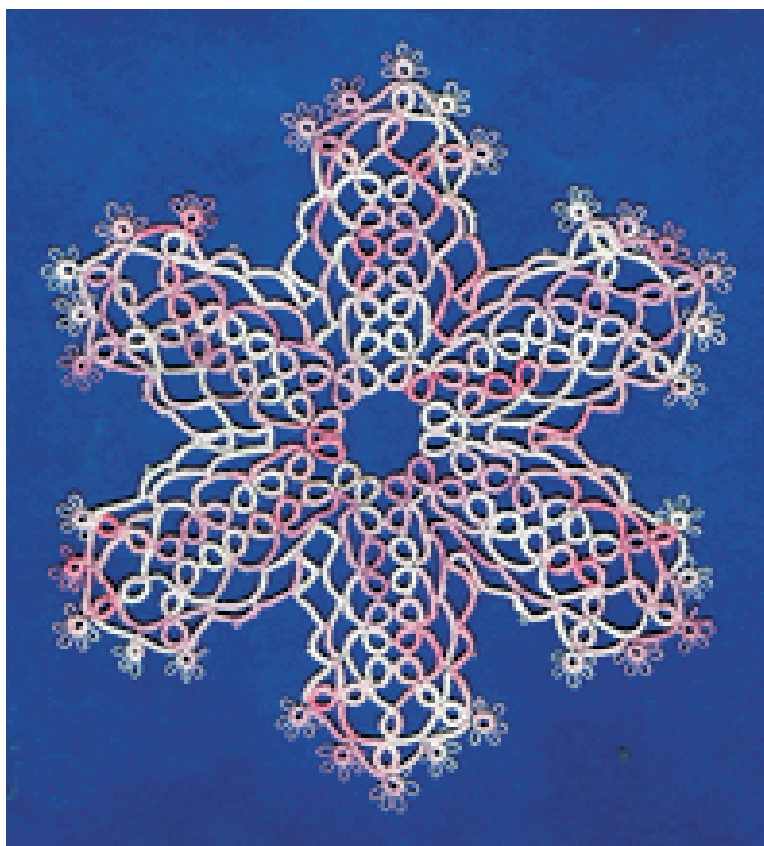
This snowflake pattern was derived from the doily pattern on the cover. There is another picture on page 14 of the book (page 15 of the PDF). There is no pattern included for the doily. Back in 1921, the publisher simply wrote "Write us for the pattern".

But my computer and I (at 400% magnification) counted the stitches and here you are. I modified the original pattern from 8 spokes to 6 to make a snowflake and further modified the outer rows to let the snowflake shape come through.

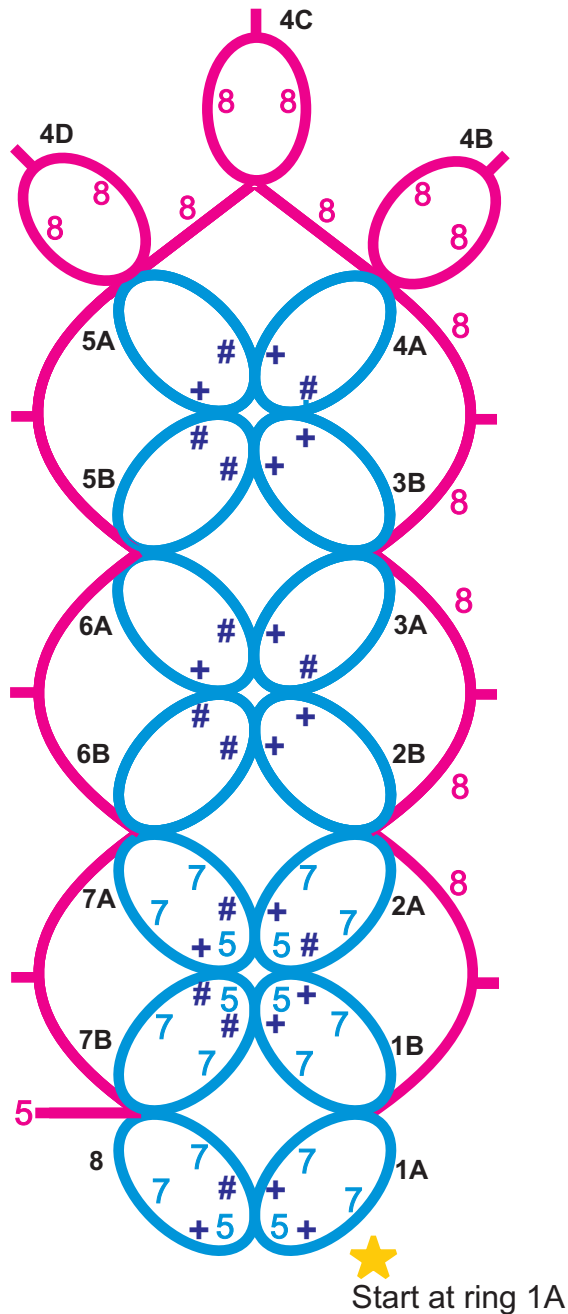
While the end results looks a little unusual, it is truly composed of rounds. The first round is in a star arrangement and the next 2 rounds follow the outline created in the first round.

My sample was worked in antique size 80 variegated thread and measures 5.5 inches from tip to tip. I imagine larger threads will come out quite a bit larger than that.

Happy Tatting!



ROUND 1



Start at ring 1A



Substitute this ring for Ring 8 in the 6th point of the snowflake



Substitute this ring for Ring 1A in the remaining points of the snowflake

Picots on the rings are shown inside the ring as a +.

Corresponding locations on succeeding rings show a # where a join occurs.

Blue lines are tatted frontside

Red lines are tatted backside

All picots in Rnd 1 are small joining picots

All the picots on blue rings will be joined in Round 1

- indicates a join

Ring **1A**: 7 - 5 - 7 Do not reverse

Ring **1B**: 7 - 5 + 7 Reverse Work

Chain: 8 - 8 Reverse Work

Ring **2A**: 7 # 5 - 7 DNR

Join # to + of previous ring

Ring **2B**: 7 - 5 + 7 RW

Chain: 8 - 8 RW

Rings **3A** and **3B** and **chain** work the same as **2A**, **2B** and **chain**

Ring **4A**: 7 # 5 - 7 RW

Ring **4B**: 8 - 8 DNR

Chain: 8 DNR

Ring **4C**: 8 - 8 DNR

Chain: 8 DNR

Ring **4D**: 8 - 8 RW

Ring **5A**: 7 # 5 + 7 RW

Chain: 8 - 8 RW

Ring **5B**: 7 # 5 # 7 DNR

Groups **6** and **7** - Repeat group **5**

Ring **8**: 7 # 5 - 7 RW

Chain: 5 RW

Repeat entire sequence **5X**, replacing the first and last rings as shown

Join the last ring to the first ring

Cut, tie and hide ends

ROUND 2

Blue lines are tatted frontside

All picots in Round 2 are small joining picots

Begin at the yellow star; work clockwise

With 2 shuttles CTM, join thread at the picot on the first chain from Round 1

Start each round on a different spoke so the ends can be hidden in different places.

SH (1) - Chain: 8 - 8

Lock Join to the next Rnd 1 picot

Chain: 8 - 8, LJ to next picot

Chain: 6, LJ to picot on 1st ring

SH (2) - Floating Ring: 8 - 8

SH (1) - Chain: 8 - 8, LJ to picot on 2d ring

SH (2) - Floating Ring: 8 - 8

SH (1) - Chain: 8 - 8, LJ to picot on 3d ring

SH (2) - Floating Ring: 8 - 8

SH (1) - Chain: 6, LJ to next picot

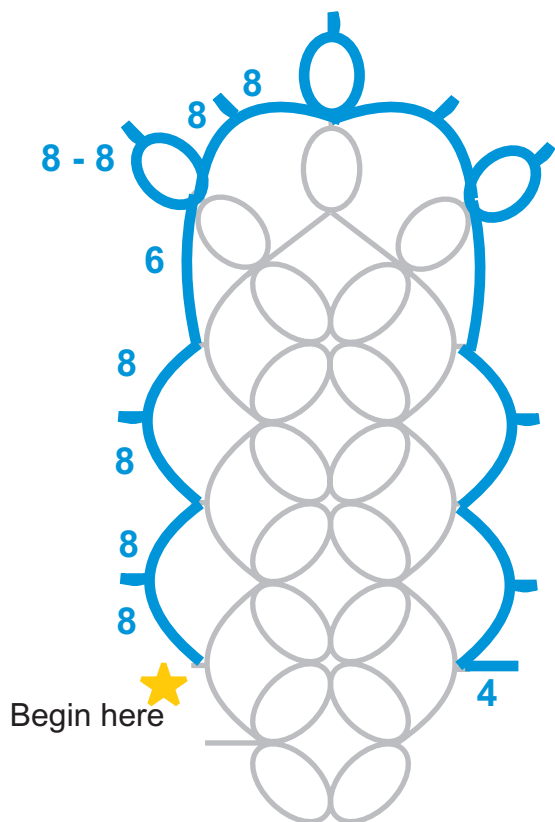
Chain: 8 - 8, LJ to next picot

Chain: 8 - 8, LJ to next picot

Chain: 4, LJ to 1st picot of next spoke

Repeat 5 times around the snowflake

Cut, tie and hide ends



It may seem odd to work the outer rows clockwise, but it prevents having to reverse work, which with this pattern could be rather confusing.

The rings are tatted frontside because they are floating rings above the chains. Therefore, the outer rounds require 2 shuttles.

ROUND 3

Blue lines are tatted frontside

Begin at the yellow star; work clockwise

With 2 shuttles CTM, join thread at the picot on the first chain from Round 2

Start each round on a different spoke so the ends can be hidden in different places.

SH (1) - (spoke 1) Chain: 8 - 8

(spoke 2 - 6) Chain: 8 - join to last picot of previous spoke - 8

Lock Join to the next Rnd 2 picot

Chain: 6 - 6, LJ to LJ on Rnd 2

Chain: 10, LJ to picot on 1st ring

SH (2) - Floating Ring: 2 - 2 - 2 - 2 - 2

SH (1) - Chain: 10, LJ to next Rnd 2 picot

SH (2) - Floating Ring: 2 - 2 - 2 - 2 - 2

SH (1) - Chain: 10, LJ to picot on 2d ring

SH (2) - Floating Ring: 2 - 2 - 2 - 2 - 2

SH (1) - Chain: 10, LJ to next Rnd 2 picot

SH (2) - Floating Ring: 2 - 2 - 2 - 2 - 2

SH (1) - Chain: 10, LJ to picot on 3d ring

SH (2) - Floating Ring: 2 - 2 - 2 - 2 - 2

SH (1) - Chain: 10, LJ to LJ on Rnd 2

Chain: 6 - 6, LJ to next picot

(spoke 1-5) Chain: 8 - 8, LJ to next picot

(spoke 6) Chain: 8 - join to first picot of first spoke - 8

Chain: 4, LJ to first picot on next spoke

Repeat 5 times around the snowflake, observing the changes for different spokes

Cut, tie and hide ends, starch and enjoy!

