

Ladder Lace

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There are so many beautiful colors of the ladder yarn, and I was playing with doing tatting on it this weekend. This is a very lightweight bracelet. Here is the result!



Begin with a couple of yards of pearl cotton on a tatting shuttle with the thread cut from the ball and a tail of about 12". Fold over the end on a piece of ladder yarn and put a loop of the tatting thread end through the hole in the ladder yarn. Put the shuttle and thread end through the loop of tatting thread to make a larks head knot on the end of the folded over ladder yarn.

Using Dora Young's knotless tatting method(split chain), make three tatted DS in each section of the ladder yarn with picots between them as shown in the photo.

Ten of the sections of ladder yarn plus one folded over on each end make a nice size bracelet. That's 12 sections of the ladder yarn for a seven inch bracelet. Depending upon the clasp used and the length desired, adjust the count accordingly.

Fold over the first section of ladder yarn and tat over both sections of the yarn at the same time. Do the same for the other end. At the end tat one DS, and then tat a clover to attach a clasp.

Ring (3 + 3 - 3 - 3) The join is to the picot between the DS on the yarn.

Ring (3 + 12 - 3)

Ring (3 + 3 - 3 - 3)

Tat one more DS on the end of the yarn. Now join to the last picot of the clover.

Continue tatting DS around the yarn back to the beginning. The last DS is on the end, next to the beginning DS.

Tat a ring with the thread tail from the beginning and one with the shuttle.

Ring (3 + 3 - 3 - 3) The join is to the picot between the DS on the yarn.

The middle ring of the clover is a split ring.

Split Ring (3 + 12 /3)

Close the ring and tie the ends in a square knot through the picot of the smaller ring. Hide the ends in the tatting and then cut close to the work. Add a clasp of your choice.

This is beautiful without beads, but string beads on the thread before you start, to slide into place as you tat if you wish. Beads add bling! For anyone allergic to metal you could make the middle ring of the clover larger on one end and add a large bead to the one on the other end instead of using a metal clasp. Put a drop of fray check on each end of the ladder yarn. Enjoy !!!