

An Element-al Approach to Tatting Design

SECTION 1: GENERAL TIPS & TECHNIQUES

Creating & Notating Your Pattern

Designing Leaves

Housekeeping

Adding in a new shuttle or ball without a knot (Eborall)

Balanced Double Stitch for large rings and chains

Front Side / Back Side

Hiding Ends (Tat over, Using filament & thread loops)

Hiding Ends in Split Cluny

Hiding Ends in Ring Only Tatting (Single Shuttle work)

Joins

Alligator

Blipless Joins

Catherine Wheel Join

Continuous Thread Join

Double Continuous Thread Join

Lark's Head Picot Join

Lock Stitch (1st half flipped vs 2nd half flipped)

Pulled Loop Join (Libin)

Slope and Roll Join

Up vs Down Joins

Swirl Join (Libin)

Loading Beads on Thread

Move continuously to next round or element

Block Tatting

Continuous Thread Join

Double Core Single Shuttle Split Ring

Single Shuttle Split Ring

Split Chain

Split Cluny

Split Josephine Knots

Split Ring

Starting

Chain with a false picot

Starting Rings, Chains, Split Rings, SCRMS without tying knots (Eborall)

Thread

Using embroidery floss

Thread Estimation (estimate amount to load on shuttle to avoid leftovers)

Needle Tatting Techniques

Floating Josephine Knot Chain

Interlocking Chains Ring

Interlocking Chains Ring with Floating Rings

Single Shuttle Techniques

Chain
Floating Chain
Mignonette
Ring on Ring
Split Chain
Split Ring

SECTION 2: SUBSTITUTIONS

Move in a Straight Line

Balanced Double Stitch Chains (Ruth Perry)
Block Tatting
Braids
 Block tatted
 Candy Cane Plait (Ruth Perry)
 Chain Link
 False Plait with Beads
 Four shuttle
 Half-Closed Rings
 Interlaced Split Rings
 Purl Chain
 Woven Split Rings
Double Double Stitch Chains (Jane Eborall)
Hairpin Lace or Mock Hairpin Lace
Half-Closed Rings
Interlocked Rings
Lock Chain
Pearl Tatting
RicRac
S Chain
Split Josephine Knots
Split Rings
Z Chain

Replace a Center

Button or similar item you can tat into
Covered Ring (plastic or wire)
Interlocking Chains Ring (Needle Tatting)
Interlocking Chains Ring with Floating Rings (Needle Tatting)
Needle Weaving

Replace a Chain

Bare Thread (single shuttle round, possibly Mignonette rounds)
Block Tatting
Convex vs Concave Chains (see S and Z chain tutorial)
Hairpin Lace or Mock Hairpin Lace
Interlaced Picots

Interlocked Rings
Padded Double Stitch Chain
Pointed Chain
RicRac
Spiral Knot Stitch
Split Cluny
Split Josephine Knots
Split Rings or Dora Young Split Rings

Replace a Ring

Beads
Block Tatting
Bullion Stitch
Button
Cluny
Covered Ring (Plastic or wire)
Curled Onion Ring
Dimpled Ring
Floating Ring
Folded Ring
Half-Moon Split Rings (chains)
Inverted Tatted Chain
Layered Rings
Lock Chain Block Tatting
Maltese Ring
Mock Ring
Onion Ring
Padded Double Stitch Ring
Ring Element (Two, Clover, Four, etc.)
Roll Tatting
Self-closing Mock Ring
Self-Padded Ring
Split Cluny
Split Ring
Square Rings

Replace a Round

Beads (string of)
Braid
Covered Ring (plastic or wire)
RicRac
Single Shuttle work (possibly Mignonette)

Miscellaneous - Also see Simple to Complex Changes in Appearance

Bullion Stitch
Butterfly on Clover (Caruso)
Candy Cane Plait (Perry)
Celtic

Interlaced Split Ring Braid I
 Interlocking Rings
 Interlocking Chains
 Interwoven Rounds
 Convex vs Concave Chains (see S and Z Chain tutorial)
 Curled Onion Ring (Ninette)
 Curled Rings
 Floating Chains
 Front Side/Back Side
 Inverted Tatting
 Layered or Ruffled Picots (Brummett)
 Layered Rings (<http://www.georgiaseitz.com/2016/20160211popmariaheartpattern.html>)
 Overlapping Picots
 Padded Double Stitch (ring or chain or other element)
 Padded Tatting (Encapsulation)
 Raised Beads (in Ring)
 Stawalz, Jan, Tatting Method

SECTION 3: SIMPLE TO COMPLEX CHANGES IN APPEARANCE OR DESIGN

Beads

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 Beaded picots
 BEANILE
 Between/over joins
 Dangling at base of ring for later joining
 Double Long Beaded Picot
 Hanging
 In downward facing picot
 In place of rings
 In SCMR
 In Split Rings (on 3rd thread)
 Long Beaded Picot
 Loop tatted rings (provides bead at base of ring surrounding chain joint or between ring or Josephine knot and the SCMR or Chain on which they sit)
 On Top of a Button
 Muskaan's Adding beads n' findings (jewelry tip)
 Raised
 Surrounding Entering & Exiting Chains at Base of Ring
 Surrounding Mock Picot (can be used between Split Rings & other similar elements)

Chains - See also Replacing a Chain

Beads

- In picots
- On base thread (between knots)
- Over joins
- Surrounding entering and exiting chains
- Josephine Knots (2nd shuttle)
- Lock Stitch Chain
- Picots (change number, size, spacing, or type)
- Rings (2nd shuttle)
- Spiral Knot Stitch

Color Control

- Blipless Joins (Eborall)
- Cluny in Two Colors
- Daisy Picots
- Double Core Single Shuttle Split Ring
- Encapsulation
- Lock Chain
- Lock Chain Block Tatting
- Shoelace Trick
- Split Rings vs Dora Young Split Rings
- Splitting a Split Ring
- Woven Split Ring Braid

Front Side / Back Side**Josephine Knots**

- Beaded
- Onion Ring Josephines or Concentric Josephine Rings
- Padded Double Stitch
- Perpendicular Arrangement of Concentric Josephine Rings

Picots (or in place of Picot)*Beads*

- Double Long Beaded Picot
- Floating
- in downward facing
- In picots (number effects sharpe)
- Over picots at joins
- Surrounding Entering & Exiting Chains at Base of Ring
- Surrounding Mock Picot
- Height - change the height or use varying heights
- Number - change the number
- Spacing - change the spacing
- Stawalz, Jan Tatting Method

Substitutions

- Josephine Knots
- Loop Tatted Rings (Carden-Madden)

Floating Chains
 Floating Rings
 Floating Josephine Knots

Type

Celtic Knotted
 Daisy Picot
 Dandelion Picot
 Downward Facing
 Double or Triple
 Fringe (of different thread)
 Knotted Ring Picot
 Layered or Ruffled (Brummett)
 Mrs. Mee's Pearl Tatted Picots
 Twisted
 Twisted Picot (Floating)
 Twisted Fringe (Caruso)
 Wide Picot
 Woven (or Interlaced)

Rings*Beads*

In center
 In picots
 Over joins
 Number
 On base thread (between knots)
 Surrounding Entering & Exiting Chains
 Over Mock Picot

Floating Ring
 Folded Ring
 Josephine Knots on (by substituting SCMR)
 Picots (change number, size, spacing, type, or joins)
 Ring on Ring on (by substituting SCMR)

SCMR

Bead inside
 Josephine Knots on
 Ring on