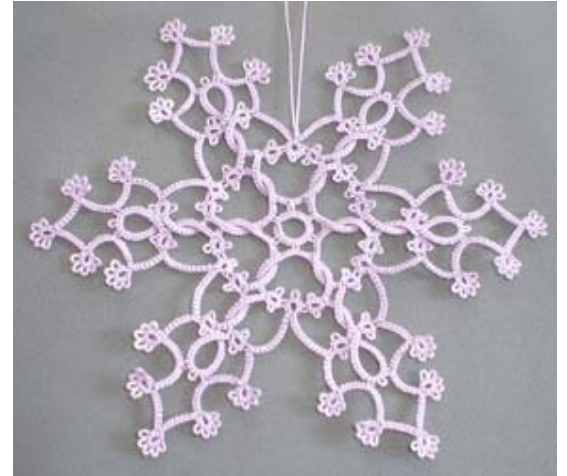


Snowflake

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This delicate Celtic snowflake is quick and easy to make. Beginners may wish to tat the center ring first and then tat the middle and outside rows separately.

It may be tatted continuously with no ends to hide by tating two split rings to climb from the middle round to the outside round. The ends are used for a loop to hang it as an ornament, or to sew it onto clothing.

Supplies & Equipment: Tating thread in any size and color. I suggest tating the first one with large thread so it is easier to see what you are doing. Two tating shuttles CTM, or tating needles are used to tat it continuously from start to finish. A crochet hook or the hook on your shuttle are needed to make the joins.

Instructions: There are three types of rings in this piece.

The center ring (4 - 4 - 4 - 4 - 4 - 4) Tatted only one time as shown in the directions.

Ring A (2 - 2 - 2 - 2) Structural rings in the middle round, and that join the outside round to the middle round.

Ring B (2 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 2) Decorative rings on the points of the outside row.

Instructions: Begin by filling two shuttles continuous with tating thread. Wind one shuttle, then pull enough thread from the ball to wind the second shuttle. Cut the thread from the ball, then wind it onto the second shuttle so that the thread is attached to both shuttles continuously.

Tie an overhand knot in the thread between the shuttles, and leave a space about a picots distance from this knot to begin the first chain to start the chain with a picot.

Shuttle 1

Chain (12, Ring A, 12 – 2 – 2 – 12, Ring A, 12, Ring A, 12 – 4)

Shuttle 2

Center Ring
(4 – 4 – 4 – 4 – 4 – 4)

Shuttle 1

Chain (4 – 12, Ring A, 12, Ring A, 12 – 2 – 2 – 12, Ring A, 12, Ring A, 12)



Your tatting should look like the photo above. Tension is very important for this snowflake to look good. Push the stitches together every few stitches so the chains are curved as shown. If your tatting is a little loose you will need to use a binder clip or hair clip to keep the points of the snowflake in place until the outer row is tatted.

Notice that all the chain stitch counts are easy to remember. It's 12, 2, or 4 in this round, and 12, 2, or 8 in the outside round. This pattern can be tatted without the instructions once it is learned.

Weave the Celtic Twist

Bend the chain section that is tatted after the center ring at the three picots sep by 2DS, and cross the right over the left, then back under, over, under, then back over as shown at the right.

Notice that the picot after the center ring is in the correct position to join to when you continue tatting.

Join to the picot.

Chain (4, join to the next picot of the center ring)



This is the completed structure of one point of the middle round.

You will weave the first part of the tatting, shown here on the right, when the other 5 points are completed, to climb out of this row to the outside row.

Tat the next point of the snowflake

Chain (4 – 12, Ring A, 12, Ring A, 12 – 2 – 2 – 12, Ring A, 12, Ring A, 12)

Weave the Celtic Twist, then join to the picot. Chain 4 Join to the next picot of the center ring.

Repeat until you have joined to all of the picots of the center ring.

Ready to weave the next point.



Two points completed. Ready to join to the picot.

This photo shows 5 points woven.



Join to the picot then chain 4 join to the center, chain 4 join to the other picot shown, chain 12.



Weave the final point by weaving the first tatted chain, then the last tatted chain so that it looks like this. Join to the 1st picot.

Now you are ready to tat the two split rings.

Split ring (2 - 2 / 2 - 2)

Split ring (2 - 2 + 2 / 2)

See photo on the next page.



Closing the second split ring



This is actually the first ring of the outside round.

This ring actually joins the points together and forms the circle of rings around the center of the snowflake.

It also helps provide stability to the finished snowflake.

Outside Row

❖ Shuttle 1

Chain (12 + 8)

Shuttle 2

Ring B, 8 + 8, Ring B, 8, Ring B,
8, Ring B, 8 + 8, Ring B

Shuttle 1

Chain 8 + 12

Ring A

❖ Repeat around



Tie the ends together at the second split ring and use them for a hanging loop or to sew the snowflake to your clothing. Or tie, hide, then cut the ends.

Enjoy!