

# Block Tatting Without Changing Shuttles

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Amended in 2013 with new joining method

In this example I am making a block of six doubles.

## Row 1

Worked normally using the red shuttle as shuttle 1 (Sh1).

Ch1: 1 vsp 5



Fig. 1

## Row 2 - DO NOT FLIP STITCHES

Work without turning or changing shuttles and without flipping the stitches (as in the second half of a split ring. You will be encapsulating Sh2 thread).

Ch2: 1 vsp 5

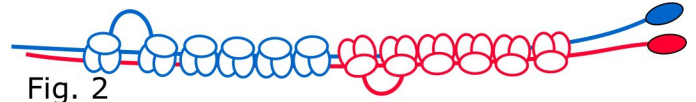


Fig. 2

After completing row 2 **FOLD** allowing the work to bend over to rest above Ch1 and join to vsp on Ch1 using the following method.

Take the thread from the working shuttle (Sh1) down behind the core thread (Sh2).

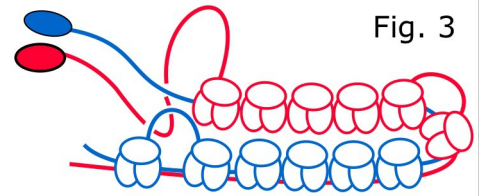


Fig. 3

Using a hook bring this thread **UP** through the vsp on the previous row forming a loop in **front** of the core thread.

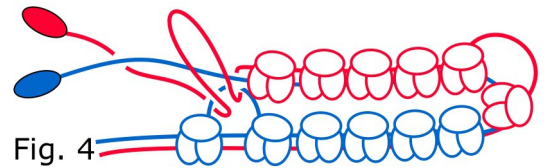


Fig. 4

Finally take the shuttle (Sh1) through the loop now formed and tighten the join.

By keeping the core thread tight a neat join can be made using this method.

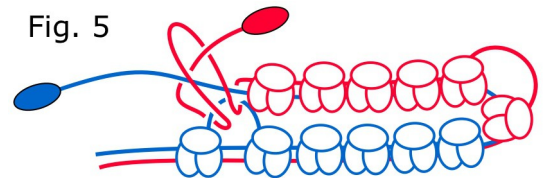


Fig. 5

## Row3

Continue with a regular chain and flipping the stitches as usual. The next join to the vsp on row 2 is a normal lock join using the thread closest to the vsp.

Ch: 1 vsp 5 (Lj vsp row 2)

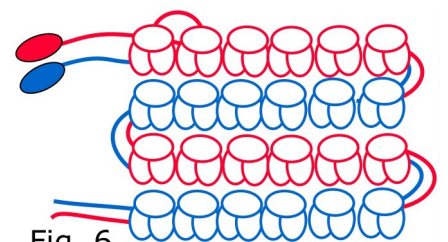


Fig. 6

Continue to work block tatting according to the pattern instructions remembering to work the alternate rows by flipping and non-flipping the ds.