

Introduction taken from Gina's blog post on July 9th 2006

"I think I'm going to try to finish the hatband I started while developing the class I taught at Hector. The flowers are made. I just need to do the band part, but because there were 3 flowers and a bigger hat, I wanted to make the band bigger or wider. I've also been considering beads in the hatband but I haven't quite thought it out."



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Abbreviations

R	rings	Ch	chains
p	picot	clr	Close ring
CTM	Continuous thread method	MP	Mock picot

1st motif center flower

Shuttle & Ball CTM with 156 beads on 2 yards Sh#1 & Ball (about 1½ yard).

R: 1 < - 1 > x 11 clr Mock picot

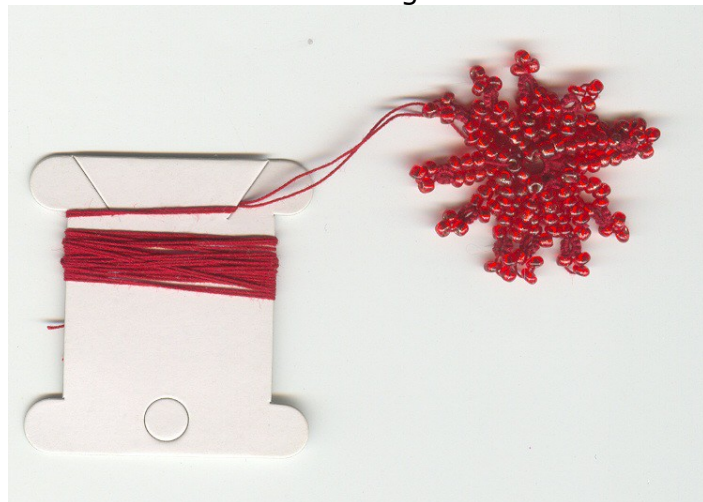
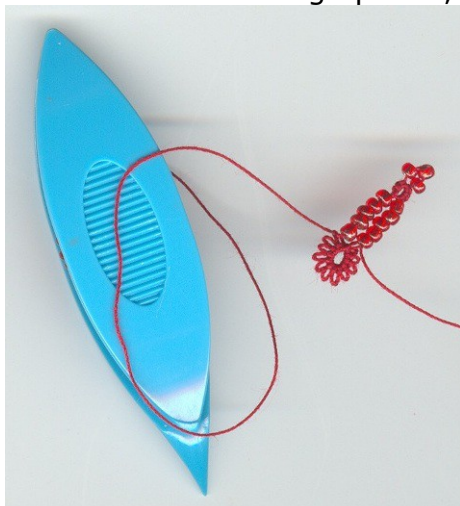


This creates 12 p's

* Slide down 5 beads & 3 beads on thread around hand

R: 3 <3B> 3 clr Slide down 5 more beads + (next free p on center)

This is 5 beads on leg up to R, 3 beads for R, then 5 more for the down leg.



Repeat * all round, + (last leg to beg MP of centre) lock stitch.

Leave both tails about 1½ yards long & cut. Wind on floss holder for now.

2nd motif outer petals

Load 285 beads onto Sh#1 with 3 yards & ball CTM

R: 1 < - 1 > x14 clr Mock picot

* Slide down 8 beads & 3 beads on thread around hand

R: 3 <3B> 3 clr Slide 8 more beads + (next free p of center R)

Repeat all round + (beg MP of center) lock stitch

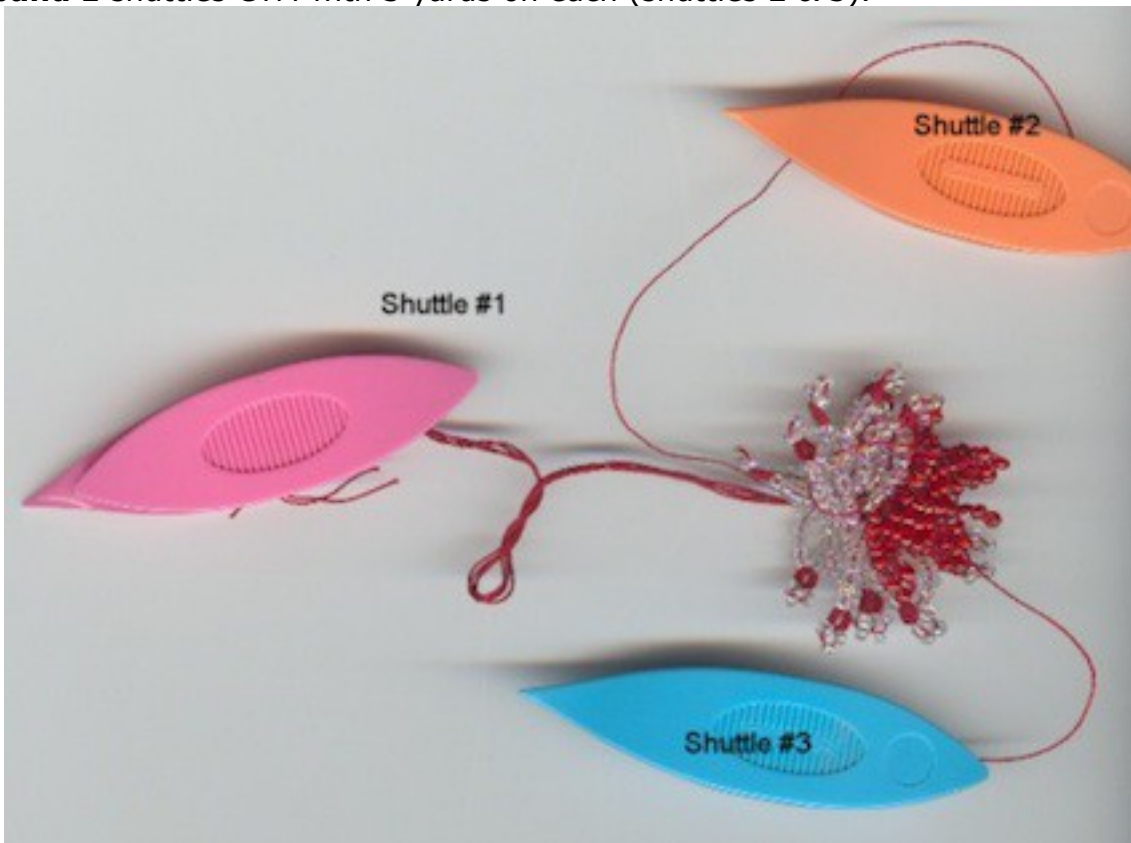
Leave both tails about 1 ½ yards long & cut.



Assemble flower motifs pull tails of 1st motif through center of 2nd outer petal ring. Smooth out & unkink. Trim ends so all 4 stands are the same length of approx 1 yard, tie a square knot at back of flower & wind on Sh#1



For hatband 2 shuttles CTM with 3 yards on each (shuttles 2 & 3).



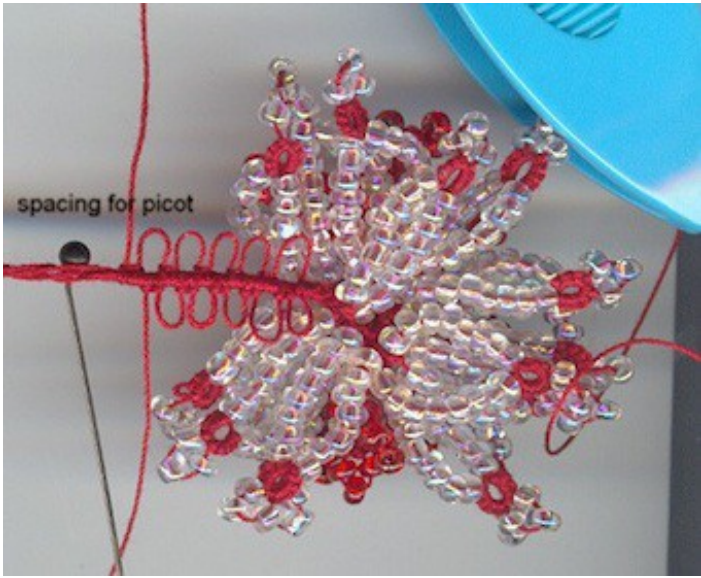
Join the center of thread from Sh#2 & Sh#3 to base of flower assembly in the back. Sh#2 as ball thread & Sh#1 as the working shuttle

Ch: 2 (close to back of the flower assembly) Drop Sh#2, turn work over

Sh#3 as ball (p is equal to 2 prev stitches, about ¼")

Ch: - 2 drop Sh#3 turn over

Sh#2 as ball Ch: - 2 ds. Making row of decorative picots on either side of Ch.



Continue for circumference of hat crown, when desired length, stop & make a lock stitch. Cut all threads to about 10-12" inches & pull all 6 strands from back of flower motif to the front

Make a knot, twice if needed to keep from pulling back through ring & cut excess threads off

Glue knot to keep in place & pull back through flowers until it stops

Slip hatband over crown of hat. Tack in place if needed

