



In the previous lesson you learned to make a knot on a second thread. This would be called a chain in a tatting pattern. This is a simple pattern for making a tree using just a chain.

Remember when learning to follow this piece of advice.

Check regularly that the doubles are formed on the right thread. The core (shuttle) thread should always be going through the middle of the doubles. See last diagram on Lesson .

Abbreviations

- Ch chain AJ Alligator join
- ds Double stitches

The alligator join is a join where one of the threads is taken in front of the work and the other behind. Like an alligator opening it's mouth! The core shuttle thread should be pulled up tight before doing the join and the double stitch after the join is made close to the doubles you've just taken the threads over and under.

Before starting tie the two threads together with an overhand knot leaving a 'tail' of around 3".

Ch: 30 ds AJ over the doubles worked about 10 ds away from the start – see first diagram below.

*Ch: 20 ds and again make another alligator join close to the last one.

Repeat from * once more and after the last AJ make another 10 ds. Tie an overhand knot and cut leaving roughly 1". Now tie another overhand knot with all four threads and trim.

