

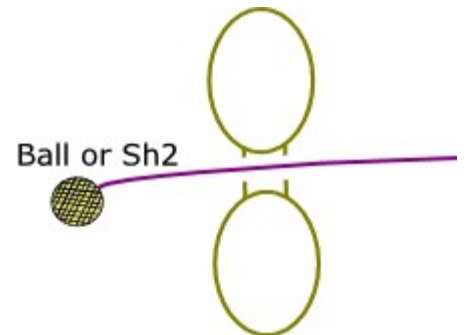
I have named this join the 'over the top' join as I didn't know what else to call it!!! It's not an alligator join as the two shuttles (or shuttle and chain) cannot be taken right round the place where the join has to be as previous joins prevents this!

One place where this type of join may be useful is shown on the right. If these two rings were joined to previous rows then the join cannot be taken round the back of them.



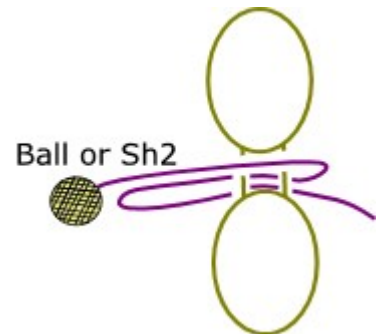
Making the Over the Top join (OTT)

Take the chain (or second shuttle) thread over the place in the pattern where you want to join. Your completed work is on the left.



Now reach behind with a hook and pull a loop from the thread back to the left.

You can see on the drawing that the loop will be behind the joining place although the ball or shuttle 2 thread was taken over the top at the start.



Take shuttle 1 through the loop and carefully snug up the join.

Now make a first half of a double stitch **WITHOUT TURNING THE KNOT (WRAPPED – as in second side of a split ring)**.

The chain or second shuttle thread will be at the back of the joining place and the shuttle will be at the front ready to start the next element.

