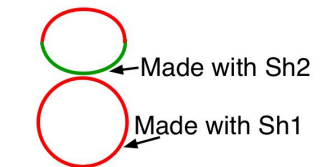


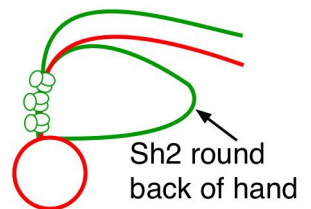


This technique will help people who want to progress from a single coloured ring to a split ring. There may not be many occasions when this may be needed but it's worthwhile, I believe, to write it down.

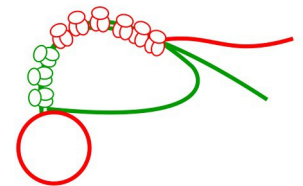
This is what I'm trying to achieve. The ring at the bottom is a single colour (colour 1) although I've joined two colours together. The split ring needs to have the second colour closest to the ring.



After making the ring – switch shuttles and make a shoe lace trick. Using shuttle 2 round the back of the hand and holding both shuttles together make the requisite number of double stitches on the first part of the SR. In this case – 3 doubles.

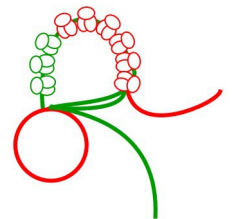


Now wrap shuttle 2 thread round the hand and **anchor it to the small finger** to hold alongside the core thread which is also the same colour.



Pick up shuttle 1 and leave a small space. Make the next stitches in this colour but **DO NOT FLIP THE STITCHES**. They can be 'eased' around to fit on the top of the ring as usual – I've used 6 doubles. Help may be found on the [easy pearl tatting page here](#).

Now close the SR leaving enough bare thread at the start to make a split chain which in this case will be 3 doubles.



Join the shuttle 2 thread to the start of the SR and make a split chain over both bare threads.

