

**February 2003**

**Mobile Tatter's Guild**

**Mobile, Alabama**

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

What a good meeting we had. We did not work on a particular project but we had lots of laughs and good ideas. I have a few of the favors left that we passed out at the Christmas party and I will have them at the meeting. If you were not able to attend the party see me and I will hand out the favors to those that missed the party. First come, first serve.

*Elizabeth Birmingham*

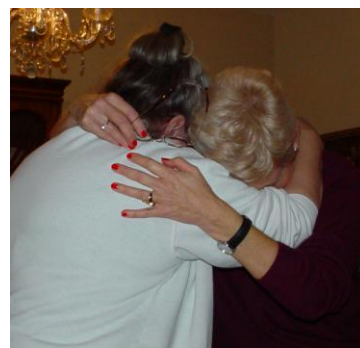


## EDITOR'S CORNER

Look how gorgeous the Friendship doilies turned out. Each one has a different combination of colors that make them beautiful. This was such a fun project. To me, the most important aspect of the doilies is the sentimental value. I have a list indicating each person that worked on my doily—each round that each one worked has a little part of that person. It is so nice to look at the doily and remember each person as a special friend—friends I would have never met had I not joined the guild. Personally, I appreciate each one that participated in the friendship doily.

*J.B.*

Poor Janine and Elise....



They were crying over the doilies that they did not have. Hopefully they will get theirs at the February meeting.



Thanks so much...

We want to thank Miss Annie for allowing us to meet in her home while she remains in the Springhill Senior Center. She has been so gracious to open her home to us each month.



Miss Annie, we all missed you at our January meeting!

What's up?

At the last meeting, we voted to do another Friendship doily. Please bring a doily pattern that you would like to have considered as the one we will do. We will vote on the pattern at the February meeting. If you want to participate, you will need to sign up.

In April, we are having a note card exchange with a spring motif. If you want to participate, you will need to bring a completed tatted note card to the April meeting to exchange.

At the next meeting....



We will be making a very simple red beaded heart for Valentine's Day during the meeting. The pattern will be provided. You need to bring: a ball of thread—red or pink, shuttle, and seed beads the color of your choice. This should be an easy and fun project.

Shuttlelicious Recipes

### Chutney Cheese Pate

This is a dish of contrast - sharp chutney against soft cheese, crispy cracker against smooth pate. The buttery flavor of sherry brings a harmony to the whole, as well as serving to moisten the pate.

- 6 oz soft cream cheese
- 1/4 lb (about 1 cup) shredded sharp natural Cheddar cheese
- About 2 TBLS dry sherry
- About 3/4 tsp curry powder
- About 1/4 tsp salt
- Dash of Tabasco®
- 1/2 cup finely chopped mango chutney
- 3 to 4 green onions, with part of green tops, minced
- Crisp sesame wafers or wheat crackers

Beat together cream cheese, cheddar cheese, sherry, curry powder, salt, and Tabasco® until almost smooth. Spread on a serving platter, shaping a layer about 1/2 inch thick; leave room around the edge for crackers. Chill until firm.

At service time, spread chutney over top of mixture and sprinkle with onion. Surround with crackers and provide a knife for spreading.

### Basic wine choice: Pale dry sherry

Because this pate represents such a delicate balance of flavors and textures, it is worth going to some trouble to find a sherry that is indeed pale and dry. We have taken particular pleasure in Concannon's *Prelude*, Almaden's *Fino*, and Gallo's *Old Decanter Pale Dry*. For a group of eight, we think a brut champagne is a joyous and sensible idea.

Elise

## **PATTERNS OF THE MONTH**

### **Trefoil Snowflake**

Design: vintage; Instructions: Copyright 2000 Kersti Anear

#### **Instructions**

- Ring: 12 - 9 - 3
- Ring: 3 + 9 - 9 - 3
- Ring: 3 + 9 - 12 Turn
- Chain: 11 Turn
- Ring: 3 (- 3)x2 3 Turn
  
- \* Chain: 11 Turn
- Ring: 12 + 9 - 3
- Ring: 3 + 9 - 9 - 3
- Ring: 3 + 9 - 12 Turn
- Chain: 11 Turn
- Ring: 3 + 3 - 3 - 3 Turn
- Repeat from \* 3 times
  
- Chain: 11 Turn
- Ring: 12 + 9 - 3
- Ring: 3 + 9 - 9 - 3
- Ring: 3 + 9 +(first Ring) 12 Turn
- Chain: 11 Turn
- Ring: 3 + 3 - 3 - 3 Turn



Chain: 11 Join to base of first clover

The snowflake sample is shown original size and was tatted using Size 20 Coates mercer crochet cotton. The original pattern calls for using two shuttles, out of necessity, I did this one using only one and the pattern I have reproduced shows this. Experienced tatters should be able to transpose to two shuttles.

*A man that hath friends must shew himself friendly:  
and there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother.*  
Proverbs 18:24 KJV

## ***PATTERNS OF THE MONTH***

### **Tatted Bobby Socks**

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#### **Attaching Tatting to Bobby Sock**



You can tat directly onto the sock, or crochet a base row on the edge of the sock. Either way you choose to go, there are only two things to remember.

The first is that when you put your hook through the sock, whether tatting or crocheting, you want to do so 1/4 inch (.5cm) down from the edge of the sock, catching at least three threads between the hook and the edge of the sock.

The second thing to remember is that the top of the sock still has to be able to stretch to get it on your feet, so you can't work a 'tight' edge onto it.

A simple tatted base row can be worked following this pattern:

R4ds, join to sock, 4ds, Cl R. Ch 4ds, p, 6ds, p, 4ds. Repeat from beginning around the sock, joining the rings to the sock every 1/2 inch (1 cm) for a size 10 thread, and every 1.4 inch (.5cm) for a size 80 thread.

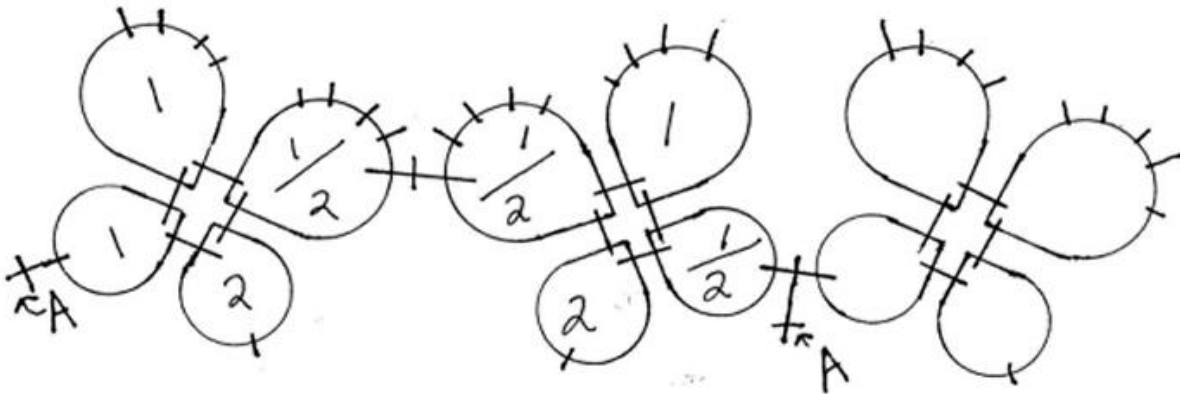
A simple pattern for a crocheted base row is to slip stitch, join to the sock, chain 6, then join to the sock again at a distance from the first join equal to half of the length of the chain. Continue around the sock, and slip stitch to the first join, cut, pull through the loop, and weave in the ends.



## PATTERNS OF THE MONTH

### Tatted Bobby Socks (continued) Lyn Hodges, designer—Printed with permission

#### Bobby Sock Butterflies



Points on the diagram labeled A are where the butterflies are attached to either the sock or a base row on the sock. The diagram is also labeled according to which shuttle is used for each ring.

The four picots on the wings are graduated in size. I've written it out as large picot, medium picot, small picot, and very small picot. The picots in the middle of the lower wings would be a small picot.

You will need two shuttles in the CTM.

R1: 1ds, p, 8ds, join to sock, 8 ds, p, 1 ds. CI R.

R2: With shuttle 1, 1ds, + to p on previous R, 12ds, large p, 2ds, medium p, 2ds, small p, 2 ds, very small p, 6ds, p 1ds. CI R.

R3: With shuttle 2, 1ds, + to p on previous R, 8ds, small p, 8ds, p, 1ds. CI R.

R4: Split Ring, with shuttle 1, 1ds, + to p on R2, 6ds, very small p, 2ds, small p, 2ds, medium p, 2 ds, large p, 2ds/ with shuttle 2, 1ds, + to p on R3, 10ds.Clr.

R5: Split R, with shuttle 1, 2ds, large p, 2ds, medium p, 2ds, small p, 2 ds, very small p, 6ds, p 1ds/ with shuttle 2, 10ds, p, 1ds. CI R.

R6: with shuttle 1, 1ds, + to p on previous R, 12ds, large p, 2ds, medium p, 2ds, small p, 2 ds, very small p, 6ds, p 1ds. CI R.

R7: with shuttle 2, 1ds, + to p on previous R, 8ds, small p, 8ds, p, 1ds. CI R.

R8: split ring, with shuttle 1, 1ds, + to p on R6, 8ds/ with shuttle 2, 1ds, + to p on R7, 8ds. CI R.

After completing the first butterfly, there are two split rings per butterfly.

R1 for third butterfly and following R1s: Split Ring, with shuttle 1, 8ds, small p, 1ds/shuttle 2, 8ds, small p, 1ds, CI R.

Repeat until you have enough butterflies to go around the sock. Using a size 10 thread, it requires 16 butterflies for an adult size sock, and with size 80 thread it requires 32.



## ***PATTERNS OF THE MONTH***

### **VIDALIA the sweet onion angel**

by Lenore English & Hope Green

designed by Hope Green

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4 beads ring shuttle  
7 beads chain shuttle  
@ = onion ring join

Body R 12-12 R 12-8@-8-12

Head R 8-8 R 10bb@bb10

Final Row... each ring is worked with chain shuttle

Body Ch 3-6

Wing R6+10 {7 graduated picots starting with 3/4" and extra ds between each picot} 3ds after last picot close R

Body Ch 3+ R 4b2-2

Ch 3 R 2+3b3-2

Ch 3 R 2+5b5-2

Ch 3+ R 2+7b7-2

Ch 3 R 2+5b5-2

Ch 3 R 2+3b3-2

Ch 3+ R 2+2b4 Ch 3

Wing R 4 {7 graduated picots- start small up to 3/4" with extra ds between picots} 10-6 close ring slowly, fold over first ring to gauge size

Body Ch 6 + wing, 3 + to beginning of neck

A special thank you goes to Kersti Anear, Lyn Hodge and Hope Green for allowing us to publish their beautiful designs this month.

### *Things to Remember:*

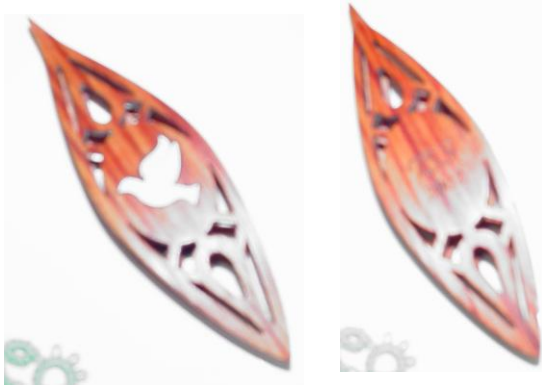
#### *Birthdays!*

If your birthday is in February, don't forget to bring your birthday gift for the drawing. That is always an exciting part of the meeting.

The birthday presents this month were incredible. First, Coutie picked the gift that Grace Lee brought. It was a goody bag filled to the brim—see the picture. Then, Janine picked the gift that LindaKaye brought—it was a beautiful lighted potpourri jar. Very exciting!!!



## Show & Tell



Heidi brought this shuttle to show everyone. It is very lovely. It is made of Tulipwood from Brazil and the dove is inlaid with ivory. If you are interested in getting one, Heidi can give you the information about it.

Check out what Cathy Hayes received in her stocking this year for Christmas—an antique garter that had her name on it. Her husband found it while out antique shopping and surprised her. Lucky Cathy—what a great husband!



## MEETING PLANS:

**Monday, February 3rd** 7:00 PM, at Miss Annie's house, 5800 Summit Avenue, 251-344-9555

Tat & Chat: ANY **Saturday 12 noon**: Heidi's YarnHaus 251-342-0088.

**Knitter's Guild** of Mobile meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday each month at Janine Stebbin's House: 1056 Government Street 251-433-3875. Next Meeting: **February 24th**.

## Point of Interest:

Hello to all! I know Beekeeping and tating don't have anything in common but this tatter is a beekeeper - and I just want to remind everyone that Swarm Time (for the bees) is here! If you see a swarm of bees please don't panic! Following is a short list of info you need to tell the beekeeper you call to remove the swarm from your area and several phone numbers to get help.

Donald Minor 675-0899 or Ag Ctr on Schillingers Road 574-2445 or me LindaKaye 645-0885.

1. Give a complete address with specific directions.
2. Be prepared to tell over phone how high up in the tree the swarm is ... not an estimate in feet but, can you touch the bees standing on the ground, or would you need a ladder to get to reach the swarm?
3. How long have they been there?
4. How big is the cluster... use a comparison like a softball or basketball.
5. Have they been sprayed with 'bug killer', water or other chemical?

A bee swarm is searching for a new home and will not hurt you as they are protecting the queen at that time. Beekeepers are usually happy to assist and give them a home. Please help them by calling us.

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