

# MOBILE TATTERS GUILD

**April 2003**

**Mobile Tatter's Guild**

**Mobile, Alabama**

**Founded May 4, 1987**

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

We had a very good meeting and attendance was great. I believe Janine, Sandy D. and Cathy finished their shamrocks. With all the chat I forgot to have the drawing for the newsletter entry so next time we will have a drawing for last month between Coutie and LindaKay. Guess what? I found another clicker.

*Elizabeth Birmingham*



Meet "Picot", the newest member of the Mobile Tatter's Guild. She is such a friendly member. You can visit with Picot at Heidi's Yarnhaus.



It was a really good and entertaining meeting. These are some pictures of some of our members. Can you imagine the "noise" in this room—chatter! chatter!

What a priceless picture of Heidi. While Picot was in the hospital being "repaired" (i.e. "fixed"), Heidi was in the process of knitting a sweater and kissing the imaginary Picot.



The pictures that appear in this newsletter do not do justice for the beautiful works of art our members have created. Each one is outstanding.

Please pray for our country, our leaders, our military and their families.

*J.B.*



These are some of the shamrocks made at the March meeting. So much fun tating together!

*We wait in hope for the LORD;  
he is our help and our shield.  
Psalms 33:20*

## Welcome to our Guild...

Jackie Angle is a new member this month. We look forward to meeting her and hope that she enjoys being a part of this elite group.

## What's up?

May is our Guild's Birthday month. Our birthday party will be Sunday, May 4 beginning at 1:00 p.m. at Blacksher Hall—Janine Stebbins home. We will be having a butterfly exchange at the party. So be sure to bring a tatted butterfly with you.

The First Annual *Tat-Off* will be held at our Annual Guild Party next month. What is a *Tat-Off*, you ask? It's a challenging and fun way for us to celebrate our skills as tatters - kind of like the Olympics - fastest, slowest, neatest...you get the idea. So, load your favorite shuttle with your favorite size thread and leave the ball attached. Do "knot" forget to bring it with you to the party and let the good times begin! See you there!

## At the next meeting...

We will be having a note card exchange at the April meeting.

If you want to participate, you will need to bring a completed tatted note card to exchange.

Even if you haven't already signed up for the 2003 Friendship Doily, you can still participate. Use the pattern on page 3, and bring your completed work to the April meeting.

*The rich ruleth over the poor,  
and the borrower is servant to the lender.  
Proverbs 22:7*

## Shuttlelicious Recipes

### Little Pecan Pies

#### Crust

3 oz. cream cheese  
½ c. butter (I use margarine)  
1 c. flour

#### Filling

1 egg  
1 Tbs. butter (I use margarine)  
2/3 c. pecans  
¾ c. brown sugar  
1 tsp. vanilla  
dash salt

Crust: Soften cream cheese and butter. Mix and add flour. Chill 1 hour. Roll into 1 inch balls. Press into mini muffin pans.

Filling: Mix ingredients and spoon into shells.

Bake at 350° for 25 minutes or until crust is golden brown.

J.B.

## Question of the Month?

What is your favorite type of shuttle and who makes it? Wood? Plastic? Metal? Something else? E-mail me your answer by April 15.

JL@PEPPER.NET

## Design-your-own Area



# Show & Tell



This is the hat Elizabeth embellished with tating for Mardi Gras. I bet she could have sold several of these for a premium price. Don't you think she is ready to party?

Elizabeth made this shamrock to show what this months' pattern would look like. The beads just make it. I'm sure she got many complements while wearing it on St. Patrick's Day.



LindaKay embellished this denim vest for her mother. She used silk ribbon embroidery and tating.

These lovely shuttles were part of Sharon's birthday present from her wonderful husband—any husband that surprises his wife with David Reed Smith's shuttles is definitely **WONDERFUL!** The solid color shuttle is made of Padauk and the striped one is made from Zebra wood. They are extremely smooth and luscious feeling.



Cathy Hayes made these adorable needle holders out of felt and used tating and beads to decorate the top. What a creative idea!



"Thank you" goes to Miss Annie and Grace Lee for tating and decorating these lovely miniature porcelain dolls. You both did a great job.

The dolls are for sale for \$7.00 each. All proceeds go to the Mobile Tatters Guild.



Gertrude made this earring and pin set using the Heart pattern that was used at our February meeting for our group project. Aren't they beautiful?



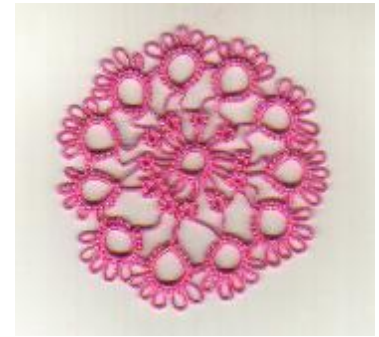
Janine made this version of the same heart pattern. It is also beautiful.

*It is better to keep your mouth shut and appear stupid than to open it and remove all doubt. – Mark Twain*

# PATTERNS OF THE MONTH

## Friendship Doily 2003

April, 2003 Inner Round and Round 1



This doily is based on one by Ada Colegrove of Belfry, Montana, from Old Time Crochet, Winter, 1996. The pattern uses 12 rings, however, the photo in the magazine shows only 11 rings. Make the doily either way, since unlike some doily patterns, it will not make a difference! These 2 rounds can be tatted separately, as in the original instructions, OR, using a split ring, you can avoid some thread ends by using 2 shuttles, wound continuously. Shuttle #1 needs just a half yard to complete the inner round, and shuttle #2 should be wound at least ¾ full (5 yards).

### ABBREVIATIONS USED:

R – Ring SmR – Small Ring IR – Inner Ring Ch – Chain DS – Doublestitch  
P – Picot LP – Long Picot J – Join CLR – Close Ring Space – sp RW – Reverse Work

### INNER RING:

#### Using shuttle #1:

R of 1 ds, 11p, separated by 2 ds, p, 1 ds, CLR, cut and tie.

(To avoid thread ends, wind 2 shuttles as described above, then make this ring using shuttle #1, then close before your last picot. Make a split ring of 3 ds/ 3ds to begin next round. Start the split ring a little bit away from the Inner ring to create the look of a picot.)

### ROUND 1:

SmR: 3 ds, p, 3 ds, join to any P of Inner Ring., 3 ds, p, 3 ds, CLR, RW

Note: This first ring is skipped if you are using a split ring.

Leave a small space of approx. ¼”.

LR: 5 ds, 7 p separated by 2 ds, 5 ds, CLR, RW, Sp

Repeat SmR, CLR, RW

Repeat LR, joining to previous LR as follows:

LR: 5 ds, join to previous LR, 6 p separated by 2 ds, 5 ds, CLR, RW

Continue around, joining each SmR to the picots of the Inner Ring. At your last LR, (#11 or 12, depending on how many picots on the IR), join to the previous LR, and also to LR #1. Cut and tie.

Please finish off ends and press lightly if necessary before bringing to the April 7<sup>th</sup> meeting.

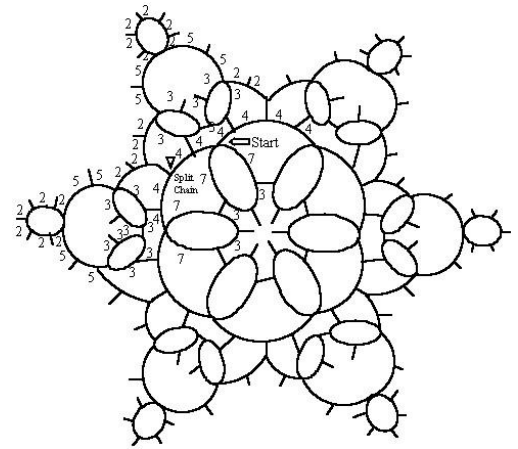
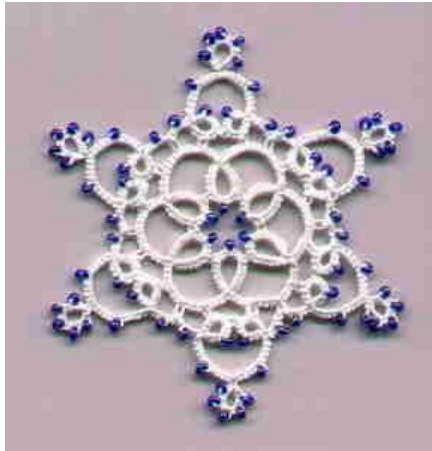
This begins our 2003 Friendship Doily. This month we will each complete the Inner Ring and Round 1 to be ready to pass on to the next person at the April meeting. **If you aren't on the list to the right, and you want to participate, bring a completed inner ring and round 1 to the meeting.**

### Rotation List

- 1 Marilyn S.
- 2 Janine S.
- 3 Paula N.
- 4 Sandy C.
- 5 Cheryl M.
- 6 Nettie C.
- 7 Laura M.
- 8 Coutie R.
- 9 Cathy H.
- 10 Elizabeth B.
- 11 Heidi S.
- 12 J.B. L.
- 13 Sharon T.
- 14 Elise R.
- 15 Jackie A.
- 16 Vincentine W.

# PATTERNS OF THE MONTH

Kim's Snowflake © Kim Millar, 2000



I adapted this snowflake from the calyx (a cup shape with five leaves that the base of the rose sits in) I designed for my rose pattern. It seemed easy to get the calyx pattern to be a cup shape, but it was far more difficult to make it flat. I had to take away a row or tating and after a few adjustments in the number of double stitches it finally came together the way I wanted it.

R = ring  
 Ch = chain  
 ds = double stitch  
 cl = close  
 rw = reverse work

Wind two shuttles using CTM.

**1<sup>st</sup> Round:**

# R of 7ds, p, 3 ds, p, 3ds, p, 7 ds, cl, rw.  
 Ch of 4 ds, 3 p's separated by 4 ds, 4 ds, rw.  
 Repeat from # for a total of 6 rings, joining the rings together as per the diagram.  
 The last chain is a split-chain.  
 Make a ch of 4 ds, p, 4 ds, anchor the shuttle thread to the top of the first ring. Then work the split-chain back to the center with 4 ds, p, 4 ds.  
 Make a mock picot

**2<sup>nd</sup> Round:**

\*Ch of 2 ds, p, 2 ds, rw  
 R of 3 ds, join to p on ch, 3 ds, 2 p's separated by 3 ds, 3 ds, cl, rw.  
 Ch of 5 ds, p, 5 ds, do not rw.

R (made with shuttle 2 thrown off the chain) 2 ds, 5 p's separated by 2 ds, 2 ds, cl, do not rw.  
 Ch 5 ds, p 5 ds, rw.  
 R of 3 ds, p, 3 ds, join to center p of adjacent ring, 3 ds, joint to p of chain, 3 ds, cl, rw  
 Ch of 2 ds, p, 2 ds, join to center p of ch.  
 Repeat from \* for six points. Cut, tie and hide ends. Or leave the threads long and tie together for a hanger.

**Option with Beads:** Then I added beads. You need 18 beads on shuttle 1 for the rings, and 54 beads on shuttle 2.

Tip: I always thread more beads on than I need just in case of problems. When I was working this snowflake, I found that my thread on shuttle 1 was running out and I still had three points left to finish. By using the shoestring trick and the extra beads that I had threaded on shuttle 2, I was able to complete the snowflake without having to add more thread and deal with extra ends.

Hope you enjoy the pattern as much as I did when making it up.

## *PATTERNS OF THE MONTH*

### **Egg Cover "frill" Pattern** (variation 1)

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#### **How to work variation 1**

Materials:

- 1 (plastics) egg 6 cm high
- # 80 crochet cotton or tatting cotton
- tapestry needle # 22 or 24

Use shuttle and ball



**all Rings (except first row)** are 3ds, 2p sep by 3 ds, 3ds, j, 3 ds, 2p sep by 3 ds, 3 ds

**all Chains** are 3 ds, 5 p sep by 3 ds, 3ds

**Row 1:** Ri 3 ds, 2 p sep by 3 ds, j to 4th p of prev Ri (in first Ri p), 4 ds, 3 p sep by 3 ds, 3 ds. Chain, repeat for 5 more times (= total of 6 Ri). Close motif by j last ring to 3rd picot of first ring.

**Row 2:** Alternate Ris and Chs, join 1st Ri to 2nd, join 2nd Ri to 4th picot of Ch of row 1 (= total of 12 Ri)

**Row 3:** Like row 2, join Ris to middle picots of prev row (=total of 12 Ris)

**Row 4-6:** Same as row 3.

For **closing the cover** work flower as follows:

- Ri 4ds, p, 4 ds, lp, 4 ds, p, 4ds
- Ch 4 ds, 3 p separated by 4 ds, 4 ds, j to middle p of next Ch of row 6, 6 ds, j to middle p next Ch of row 6, 4 ds, 3 p sep by 4 ds, 4ds
- ring 4ds, p, 4 ds, j to middle p of 1st Ri.

Work in this manner until 6 rings and chains are worked. All chains of row 6 are joined by the flower.

Work without the egg as long as possible. You need to insert the egg only when working the closing flower. Try after each join whether you can still slip in the egg, and put it out only if not too tight. After that you have to work with the egg inside the cover, which feels a little strange, but is really worth the effort.

This design looks stunning when done in white on either colored plastics or dyed natural egg, preferably in a dark color. Or use green for chains and color of your choice for rings on white egg.

Thank you goes to all of our pattern designers for allowing us to print your patterns. You are very talented people.

*A thought:*

*You can either complain that rose bushes have thorns  
- or rejoice that thorn bushes have roses.*

## Things to Remember:

### Birthdays!

If your birthday is in April, don't forget to bring your birthday gift for the drawing. That is always an exciting part of the meeting. Take a look at the great presents that were received in March!



Elise picked this gorgeous box that Sharon made.

Cheryl picked this nice book of butterfly patterns—how appropriate since we are having a butterfly exchange at our May meeting.



Elizabeth picked the gift which consisted of a beautiful angel plate, a votive candle set and a Spring notepad.

## MEETING PLANS:

**Monday, April 7th** 7:00 PM, 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: **April 28th.**

## Point of Interest:

It's time to order your May issue of Anna Magazine. They are around \$6.00 each, and you can get yours with a credit card by calling GLP International (the publisher) 800-457-4443. This German magazine (translated to English) has all kinds of beautiful needlework every month, for around \$40/year. The May issue has a tatting article each year and many of us have bought this issue in the past.

Grace Lee is headed for Alaska for a while—here is her email address if anyone wants her to email pictures or if you want to talk to her while she is gone. [tattingfool@aol.com](mailto:tattingfool@aol.com)

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