

"Playing With String Since 1987"

From the President

Dear Tatters,

March is coming. In like a lion ... out like a lamb. Our program for March will be confusing tatting terms. So, bring that pattern that looks good but can't be tatted. Hopefully our collective brains will be able to crack the code.

Our April meeting will celebrate International Tatting Day. Please bring chocolate to eat and something to tat. Also, those who have foreign tatting books, patterns or projects from an international source, please bring them for show and tell.

May will be our Anniversary bash. Bring some ideas of how you would like to celebrate. This will be my first anniversary bash, so I am planning to party hardy.

For the June meeting we will be knitting the bookmark from the Bulletin. Bring size 00 knitting needles and size 40 crochet cotton.

Upcoming Meetings

Mobile Tatters Guild

Monday, March 3, 7:00 p.m. at Blacksher Hall: 1056 Government Street, 251-433-3875

Knitter's Guild of Mobile

4th Monday of each month at Blacksher Hall: 1056 Government Street, 251-433-3875.

Next Meeting, Monday, March 24 at 7:00 p.m.

If you need some knitting brush up, questions can be asked after the March or April meetings.

Thanks to J. B. for doing the research for the friendship doily. Looks like another beautiful piece suitable for framing.

Going "knots",

Jo Anne

Thank You

We received a thank you letter from the Mulherin Home for the \$160.00 that the Guild donated. They used the money to purchase needed supplies.

The theme for the March meeting is an Easter item.



March 2008

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A special "Thank You" to each of our pattern designers for allowing us to print their patterns in our newsletter.

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Tatter's Spotlight—Sherron Mosley

Sherron Mosley is one of our sweet guild members. She is a recent widow who spent many, many hours tatting while her husband was going through medical procedures. She has tatted many wonderful items for the Guild box to sell.

Sherron learned to tat from Heidi Sunday in 2001. She went on to help her sister-in-law improve her tatting skills. Her favorite thread is any size in pastel colors. She prefers the standard size tortoise

shell shuttles with a point.

Sherron has four children. Dennis-37, Kristen-34, Karl-30, and Michelle-28, as well as her husband's rabbits. Sherron says that she enjoys working with her hands and she makes all kinds of handwork. Sherron was our previous newsletter editor. She did a great job and we want to thank her for all her hard work. She continues to serve as Vice President of our Guild.



Show & Tell



Sherron Mosley tatted these two hearts. Check out Cupid's arrow in the red one.



Elizabeth Birmingham tatted the two hearts from Martha Ess' *Tat's Amore'*. The hippo is from Jane Eborall's *Tat it and See it*.



Jo Anne completed her button heart that we started at the January meeting.

Janine is in the process of making her hearts. She sewed the buttons on.



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MATERIALS

- 1 Shuttle and ball thread.
- Size 20 thread (or desired size and color)
- size 14 crochet hook
- three 4 mm round pearl beads
- one 3 mm pearl round bead
- two 4 mm, oval pearl beads, or beads to your liking.



1. R. 6 - 8 - 4, cl.
2. R. 4 + 18 - 4, cl.
3. R. 4 + 8 - 6, cl. RW
4. C. 3 - 9 - 3, RW
5. R. 6 + 8 - 4, cl.
6. R. 4 + 8 - 1 - 1 - 8 - 4, cl.
7. R. 4 + 8 - 6, cl. RW
8. C. 3 + 9 - 3, RW
9. R. 6 + 8 - 4, cl.
10. R. 4 + 18 - 4, cl.
11. R. 4 + 8 - 6, cl. RW
12. C. 3 + 9 - 3, RW
13. R. 8 + 8, cl. RW
14. C. 4 - 4, RW
15. R. 8 - 8, cl. RW
16. C. 4 - 4, RW
17. R. 8 + 8, cl. RW
18. C. 6 - 3, RW
19. R. 15 - 3, cl.
20. R. 3 + 18 - 3, cl.
21. R. 3 + 15, cl. RW
22. C. 3 + 6, RW
23. R. 8 - 8, cl. RW
24. C. 4 + 4, RW
25. R 8 + 8, cl. RW
26. C. 4 + 4, RW
27. R. 8 + 8, cl. RW
28. C. 3 + 9 + 3. Tie ends off.

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Thread Worked in
CoatsAida #30

Abbreviations

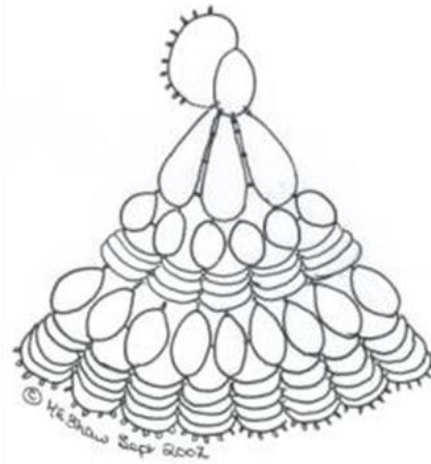
- picot
- + join
- ST shuttle thread
- rg ring
- ch chain
- s- small picot
- rw reverse work
- cl close
- ds double stitch
- blt bootlace tie

bootlace tie ~ just pass shuttle thread over ball thread as in a half knot like tying laces to change the position of the threads and making a tiny loop that is used for joining the last chain in the row of chains on the skirt. Note: I have used in several places joins with the shuttle thread. I have not counted these as half a stitch; therefore, the stitches before and after these joins are complete double stitches. I have done this as I believe it looks better.

Please note that I am left-handed so I have printed the diagram twice, once in reverse.

Head Section. (shuttle and ball)

Ring A 12-2-2-2-12 cl, rw.



Chain A 5-2-2-2-2-2-2-2-2-7+ to last picot of ring with ST, rw and turn. Do not cut.

(Cape)

Chain B 12-4-4-3-3-6+to next picot on rg A with ST

Chain C 6+to last picot on ch B 3+3+3-3-3-3-6+to next picot on rg A with ST

Chain D 6+ to last picot on ch C 3+3+4-4-12+ to last picot on rg A, cut and tie

Skirt.

Next Row: Ring 8+to last picot on ch D 4-4 cl. rw. ch s-5 rw., rg 4+ prev rg 4+ ch D 4-4 cl rw, ch 7 rw.,

rg 4+4+ ch C 4-4 cl rg. rw. ch 5 rw., rg 4+ prev rg 4+ch C 4-4 cl. rw., ch7 rw., rg 4+prev rg 4+ch b 4-4 cl rw.,

ch 5 rw., rg 4+ prev rg 4+ chB 8 cl rw. Turn and blt

Row

2:ch6+ch8+ch6+ch8+ch6+ to end of prev row. (all joins are with shuttle thread and complete ds

worked after each join) turn and blt

Row3:

ch7=ch9+ch7+ch9+ch7+ to end loop turn and blt

Row4:

ch4-4+ch5-5+ch4-4+ch5-5+ch4-4+ to end loop cut and tie.

Row 5:

rg 12+to picot on last ch 6-6 cl rw, ch 5, 6+ prev rg 6+ to thread between chains of prev row 6-6 cl rg.

Continue in rings and chains across joining to previous row finishing with last ring 6+6+12 cl, turn and blt.

Row 6:

chains of 6+ prev row, turn blt.

Row 7:

chains of 7+prev row, turn blt.

Row 8:

chains of 8+prev row, turn blt.

Last row:

chains across 2-2-2-2-2-2+ prev row.
Sew out ends.
Ends at neck can be tied in bow for hat ribbons.

2008 Friendship Doily

Blue Doily designed by Eileen Stafford © May, 2000. Printed with permission.

This is a simple but pretty little doily. Made in Cebelia crochet cotton size 30 it is approximately 6 1/2". I consider this a work in progress because there is a part of me that thinks it's just not quite finished yet.

Lrg R = Large Ring
Sm R = Small Ring
R = Ring
Ch = Chain
+ = Join
- = Picot
rw = Reverse

Row 1

Lrg R 4 - 4 - 4 - 4 rw (make middle picot long enough for 3 joins)

Ch 5 - 5 rw

*Sm R 3 + 3 - 3 rw (join to first picot of previous large ring)

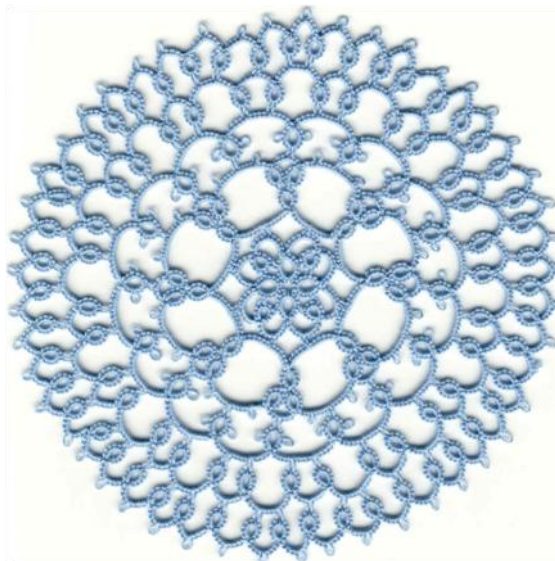
Ch 5 - 5 rw

Lrg R 4 + 4 + 4 - 4 rw (first join to picot of previous small ring, second join to center picot of large ring)

Ch 5 - 5 rw

Continue around from " * " until there are 4 Lrg and 4 Sm rings.

Join to base of first ring and chain, cut and tie.



Row 2

* R 5 - 5 rw

Ch 6 + 6 rw (join to picot of previous row)

R 5 - 5 rw

Continue around from " * " until there are 8 rings. Join to base of first ring and chain, cut and tie.

Row 3

R 5 + 5 rw (join to picot of previous row)

* Ch 3 - 3 rw

R 5 + 5 rw (join to same picot of previous row)

Ch 3 - 5 - 5 - 3 rw

R 5 + 5 rw (join to next picot of previous row)

Continue around from " * "

joining 2 rings to each picot of previous row. Join to base of first ring and chain, cut and tie.

Row 4

R 3 - 3 + 3 - 3 rw (join to middle picot of long chain.)

* Ch 5 - 5 - 5 rw

R 3 - 3 + 3 - 3 rw (join to picot of small chain)

Continue around from " * "

joining to previous row. Join to base of first ring and chain, cut and tie.

Row 5

* R 5 + 5 rw (join to picot of previous row)

Short Ch 4 - 4 rw

R 5 + 5 rw (join to picot of previous row)

Long Ch 4 - 4 - 4 rw

Continue around from " * " join to previous row. Join to base of first ring and chain, cut and tie.

Row 6

* R 5 + 5 rw (join to picot of previous row)

Ch 4 - 4 rw

Continue around from " * "

joining to previous row. Join to base of first ring and chain, cut and tie.

Laura Tree Info

At the February meeting members signed up to tat a letter to go on a Christmas tree skirt for the Laura tree. Please see below for the available letters for you to tat.

T—Sharon Thomas

H—Elizabeth Birmingham

E—J.B. Locke

L—Mary Ann Pugh

A—

U—Elizabeth Birmingham

R—Sherron Mosley

A—Cathy Hayes

T—Sharon Thomas

R—Sherron Mosley

E—Coutie Reeves

E—J.B. Locke

Tatting should be done in White size 20 thread.

Please bring your tatted letters to the September meeting.

Rigid Heddle Weaving Demo



Janine tries her hand at weaving.

Thank you to Dell Brown for doing an excellent job demoing the art of Rigid Heddle Weaving. Dell has been weaving for approximately 20 years. According to her, once you learn the technique, it is simple and relaxing to do. She had a basket full of beautiful scarves that she had woven from various cashmeres, rayons, and silks. Weaving seems to be just as relaxing as tatting.



End Notes

2008 Friendship Doily Rotation
 Mobile Tatter's Guild
 Pattern: Blue Doily, designed by Eileen Stafford

Size 20

	1	2	3	4	5	6
1	Elizabeth B.	J.B. L.	Sherron M.	Mary Ann P.	Karen R.	Vincentine
2	J.B. L.	Sherron M.	Mary Ann P.	Karen R.	Vincentine W.	Elizabeth B.
3	Sherron M.	Mary Ann P.	Karen R.	Vincentine	Elizabeth B.	J.B. L.
4	Mary Ann P.	Karen R.	Vincentine	Elizabeth B.	J.B. L.	Sherron M.
5	Karen R.	Vincentine	Elizabeth B.	J.B. L.	Sherron M.	Mary Ann P.
6	Vincentine	Elizabeth B.	J.B. L.	Sherron M.	Mary Ann P.	Karen R.

Here is the 2008 Friendship rotation. Please complete Row 1 and bring it to the April meeting to give to the next person. The Pattern is on page 4.

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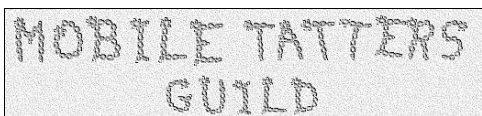
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