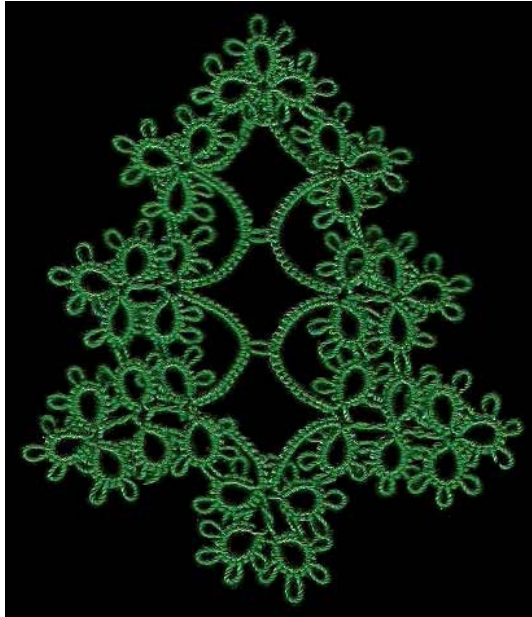# Be-stitched
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# Tatted Christmas tree



I prefer to make useful items, so I'm really pleased with this little tree. You can use it as an ornament for your tree, a decoration for a gift, an embellishment on clothing or Christmas quilts, or you can thread ribbon through it to make it into a bookmark. Add beads to it to make it sparkle, too.

I purposely made the branches so they looked thick and "fluffy". I tried at first to join more picots or to add a few less so you could see each individual one, but it just didn't have the right effect. Pine trees have needles going every which way, so I thought the tatting should look similar.

This pattern is beginner level and uses one shuttle.

You will need:

Tatting thread in your choice of color
1 tatting shuttle

Instructions:

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| ds double stitch | p picot | lj lock join |
| R ring | j join | Ch chain |

Lower branch

R: (3ds p) 5 times, 3ds close
Leave 1/2" thread
R: 3ds j to last p of prev R (3ds p) 4 times, 3ds close
Leave 1/2" thread
R: 3ds j to last p of prev R (3ds p) 4 times, 3ds close
Repeat last R 2 times more to make clover leaf
LJ to closest open thread
R: 3ds j to last p of prev R (3ds p) 4 times, 3ds close
LJ to next open thread
R: 3ds j to last p of prev R (3ds p) 4 times, 3ds close, turn
Ch: 12ds p 12ds, turn

Middle branch

R: (3ds p) 2 times, 3ds j to center p of last R on lower branch (3ds p) 2 times, 3ds close
Leave 1/2" thread
R: 3ds j to last p of prev R 3ds p 3ds j to cp of next R on lower branch (3ds p) 2 times, 3ds close
R: 3ds j to last p of prev R (3ds p) 4 times, 3ds close
Repeat last R once more to make clover leaf
LJ to open thread
R: 3ds j to last p of prev R (3ds p) 4 times, 3ds close, turn
Ch: 12ds p 12ds, turn

Upper branch

R: (3ds p) 2 times, 3ds j to center p of last R on middle branch (3ds p) 2 times, 3ds close
R: 3ds j to last p of prev R (3ds p) 4 times, 3ds close
Repeat last R once more to make clover leaf, turn
Ch: 10ds p 3ds, turn

Tree top

R: 3ds p 3ds j to center p of last R on upper branch (3ds p) 3 times, 3ds close
R: 3ds j to last p of prev R (3ds p) 4 times, 3ds close
Repeat last R once more to make clover leaf, turn
Ch: 3ds j to p on last Ch, 10ds, turn

Upper branch

R: (3ds p) 2 times, 3ds j to 4th p of previous R (3ds p) 2 times, close
R: 3ds j to last p of prev R (3ds p) 4 times, 3ds close
Repeat last R once more to make clover leaf, turn
Ch: 12ds j to p of next Ch, 12ds, turn

Middle branch

R: (3ds p) 2 times, 3ds j to center p of last R on upper branch (3ds p) 2 times, close
Leave 1/2" thread
R: 3ds j to last p of prev R (3ds p) 4 times, 3ds close
Repeat last R 2 times more to make clover leaf
LJ to open thread
R: 3ds j to last p of prev R (3ds p) 4 times, 3ds close, turn
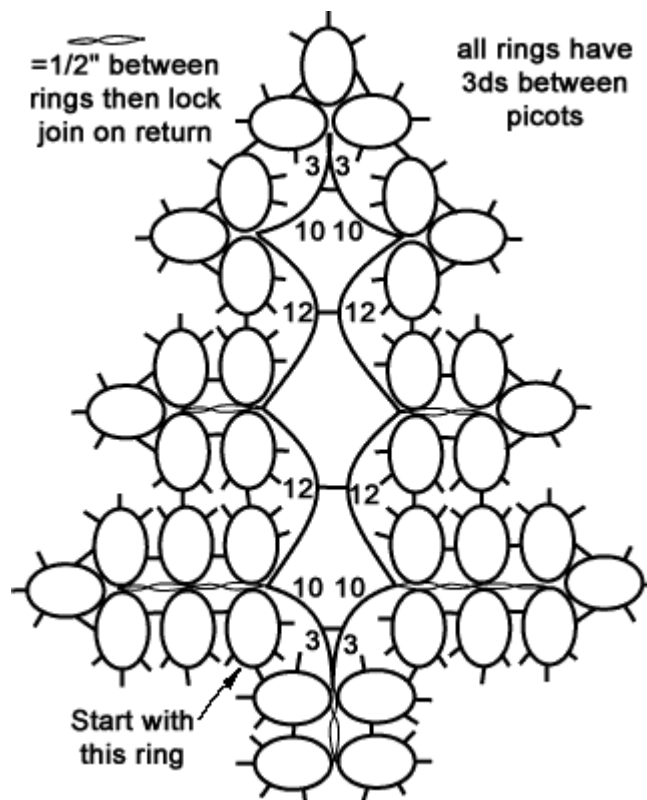Ch: 12ds j to p of next Ch, 12ds, turn

Lower branch

R: (3ds p) 2 times, 3ds j to center p of last R on middle branch (3ds p) 2 times, close
Leave 1/2" thread
R: 3ds j to last p of prev R , 3ds p 3ds j to center p of next R on middle branch (3ds p) 2 times, 3ds close
Leave 1/2" thread
R: 3ds j to last p of prev R (3ds p) 4 times, 3ds close
Repeat last R 2 times more to make clover leaf
LJ to closest open thread
R: 3ds j to last p of prev R (3ds p) 4 times, 3ds close
LJ to next open thread
R: 3ds j to last p of prev R (3ds p) 4 times, 3ds close, turn
Ch: 10ds p 3ds, turn

Tree base

R: 3ds p 3ds j to center p of last R on lower branch (3ds p) 3 times, 3ds close
Leave 1/2" thread
R: 3ds j to last p of prev R (3ds p) 4 times, 3ds close
R: (3ds p) 5 times, 3ds, close
LJ to next open thread
R: 3ds j to last p of prev R (3ds p) 2 times, 3ds j to center p of first R made in first lower branch, 3ds p 3ds, close, turn
Ch: 3ds j to p of previous Ch, 10ds

Cut and tie.