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**Tatted Sunshine**



We've had a very unusual spring this year. We live in a semi-desert area, but this year we had rain almost every single day this month. It's nice to know the reservoirs are full, but that many days without sun turned out to be hard for me.

So I found myself tatting something in a cheery yellow that turned out to look to me like the sun.

I found that the last row was a little tight for fitting around the center of the motif. I did have to stretch it a bit in order for it to lay perfectly flat. To avoid that, you can either make the long picots in the center section into just regular picots, or you can make the joining picots in the last round longer.

This pattern uses two shuttles (I apologize to the needle tatters out there. I don't know how this translates.) Many times you can use the shoelace trick and avoid the second shuttle, but in this motif, I think it works a lot better with the two shuttles. When you use two shuttles, it creates a small space between the adjacent

rings that works beautifully for joining at the base of the rings.

This is an experienced beginner pattern.

I used Lizbeth Pineapple Parfait Color 170 Size 40. The motif is approximately 2-3/4 inches in diameter (7 cm in diameter) when stitched with size 40 thread.

You will need:

Threads in your choice of color and size.  
2 tatting shuttles or tatting needles  
Crochet hook for making joins

These articles may be helpful for working this pattern.  
How to make a lock join  
<http://www.be-stitched.com/lockjoin.php>

ds=double stitch  
p=picot  
j=join  
lj=lock join

Instructions:

Row 1

Shuttle 1

R: (1ds p) 5 times, 1ds, close, turn

\*Ch: 6ds, turn

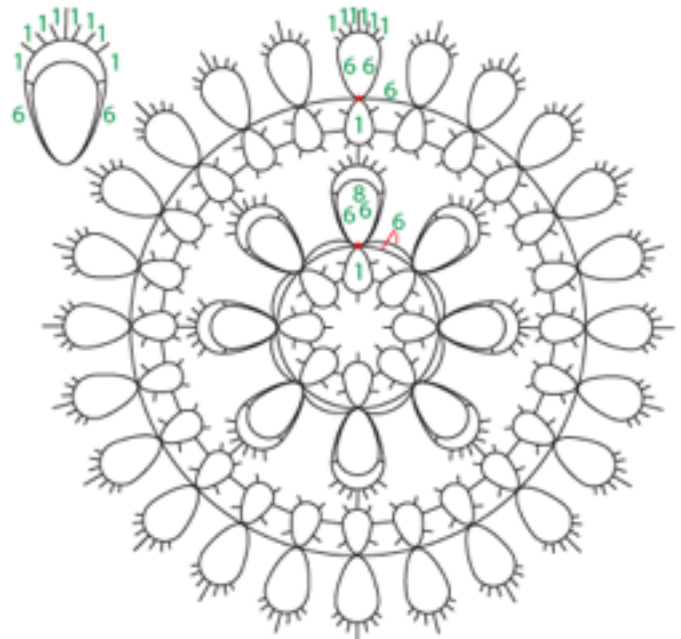
R: 1ds p 1ds j to 4th p of previous R, (1ds p) 3 times, 1ds, close, turn

Shuttle 2

R: 6ds p 8ds p 6ds, close, do not turn

\*Shuttle 1

Repeat between \* until 7 of the small rings are



complete.

Ch: 6ds, turn

R: 1ds p 1ds j to 4th p of previous R, 1ds p j to 2nd p of first small ring, 1ds p 1ds, close, turn

Using shuttle 2

R: 6ds p 8ds p 6ds, close, do not turn

Shuttle 1

Ch: 6ds, j to base of first small R, do not turn

Shuttle 2

R: 6ds p 8ds p 6ds, close, do not turn and do not cut the thread

Row 2

Shuttle 1

\*Ch: 6ds, j to base of next rings of previous row

Ch: 6ds lj to first p of large R, (1ds p) 3 times, 1ds long p, (1ds p) 3 times, 1ds lj to last p of same R, 6ds, j to base of the same R\*

Repeat around. Cut and tie.

Row 3

Shuttle 1

R: (1ds p) 3 times, 1ds j to center p of any Ch of previous row, (1ds p) 3 times, 1ds, close, turn

\*\*Ch: 6ds, turn

R: 1ds p 1ds j to 6th p of previous R, (1ds p) 5 times, 1ds, close, turn

Shuttle 2

R: 6ds p (1ds p) 2 times, 1ds long p, (1ds p) 3 times, 6ds close, do not turn

Shuttle 1

Ch: 6ds, turn

R: 1ds p 1ds j to 6th p of previous R, (1ds p) 5 times, 1ds, close, turn

Shuttle 2

R: 6ds p (1ds p) 2 times, 1ds long p, (1ds p) 3 times, 6ds close, do not turn

Shuttle 1

Ch: 6ds, turn

R: 1ds p 1ds j to 6th p of previous R, 1ds p 1ds j to center p of next Ch of previous row, (1ds p) 3 times, 1ds, close, turn

Shuttle 2

R: 6ds p (1ds p) 2 times, 1ds long p, (1ds p) 3 times, 6ds close, do not turn

Shuttle 1\*\*

Repeat between \*\* around until you are ready to work the last small ring, then continue as follows

R: 1ds p 1ds j to 6th p of previous R, (1ds p) 3 times, 1ds j to 2nd p of first small R, 1ds p 1ds, close, turn

Shuttle 2

R: 6ds p (1ds p) 2 times, 1ds long p, (1ds p) 3 times, 6ds close, do not turn

Shuttle 1

Ch: 6ds j to base of first R in this row, do not turn

R: 6ds p (1ds p) 2 times, 1ds long p, (1ds p) 3 times, 6ds close, do not turn

Cut and tie.