

It's about time I did another monthly doily. Here's the first row! I've never designed an oval doily before, so this will be a new challenge for me. I will send a new row every other month.

This pattern uses two tatting shuttles. You can also use the shoelace trick, but I think in this instance, the work will look better if it's not used.

In my written pattern, I specify Shuttle 1 and Shuttle 2. Before you start, number each shuttle. Then when the design specifies Shuttle 1, for example, that shuttle will be the one you tat with.

I also suggest that you wind the thread on both shuttles and do not clip the thread between them. Then there are no ends to hide!

This is an experienced beginner pattern (because it uses two shuttles). It is about 2-1/2 inches wide (8 cm) and 1-1/2 inches tall (5 cm) when done with size 10 thread. I used Lizbeth Cranberry Bush Color 181.

You will need:

Thread in your choice of color and size.
2 tatting shuttles or tatting needles

ds double stitch
p picot
j join

Instructions

Shuttle 1:

R: (2ds p) 7 times, 2ds, close, turn
R: (2ds p) 7 times, 2ds, close, turn
Ch: 2ds j to last p of first R, 5ds, do not turn

Shuttle 2:

R: (2ds p) 7 times, 2ds, close, do not turn

Shuttle 1:

Ch: 4ds, turn

R: 4ds j to second p of second R, 4ds, close, do not turn

Shuttle 2:

Ch: 9ds, turn

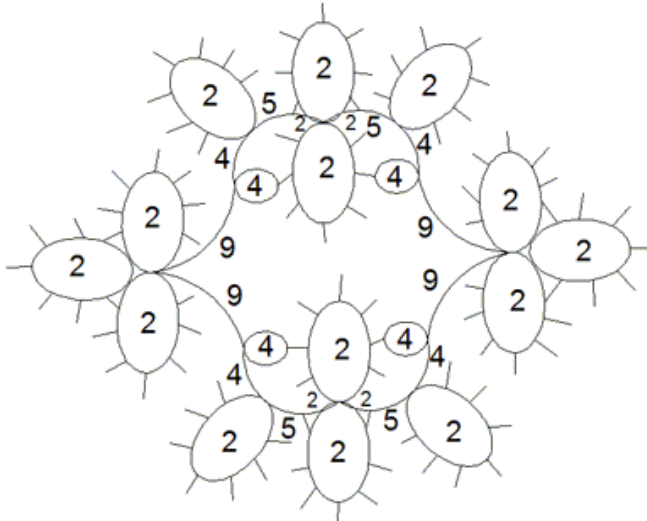
R: (2ds p) 7 times, 2ds, close, do not turn

R: 2ds j to last p of previous R, (2ds p) 6 times, 2ds, do not turn

R: 2ds j to last p of previous R, (2ds p) 6 times, 2ds, turn

Ch: 9ds, do not turn

Shuttle 1:



R: 4ds p 4ds, close, turn
Ch: 4ds, do not turn
Shuttle 2:
R: (2ds p) 7 times, 2ds, close, do not turn
Shuttle 1:
Ch: 5ds p 2ds, do not turn
Shuttle 2:
R: 2ds j to p on previous Ch, (2ds p) 6 times, 2ds, close, turn
Shuttle 1:
R: 2ds p 2ds j to p on previous small R, (2ds p) 5 times, 2ds, close, turn
Ch: 2ds j to last p on next-to-last R, 5ds, do not turn
Shuttle 2:
R: (2ds p) 7 times, 2ds, close, do not turn
Shuttle 1:
Ch: 4ds, turn
R: 4ds j to sixth p of third R back, 4ds, close, do not turn
Shuttle 2: Ch: 9ds, turn
R: (2ds p) 7 times, 2ds, close, do not turn
R: 2ds j to last p of previous R, (2ds p) 6 times, 2ds, do not turn
R: 2ds j to last p of previous R, (2ds p) 6 times, 2ds, turn
Ch: 9ds, do not turn
Shuttle 1:
R: 4ds j to sixth p of second R worked in motif, 4ds, close, turn
Ch: 4ds, do not turn
Shuttle 2:
R: (2ds p) 7 times, 2ds, close, do not turn
Shuttle 1:
Ch: 5ds j to first p of first R in motif, 2ds
Cut and tie.