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## Tatted magnolia bloom



I spent my teenage years in Virginia. Our home had a beautiful magnolia tree in a corner, and I just absolutely loved when it bloomed. It was covered with 8-inch (20 cm) white flowers and smelled just wonderful. Magnificent! Unfortunately, magnolias don't grow here in Colorado, and I miss them terribly sometimes. Magnolias and lightning bugs.

This Christmas my youngest son gave me a wooden frame he built in his shop class at school. It's very simple, but nice. The only problem is that the opening is a non-standard size, so a photograph isn't going to work. So I figured it's a perfect opportunity to tat something worth framing. I had initially thought I'd do a rose with a butterfly, but then I remembered the magnolias. I have never seen

a tatted magnolia, so I thought that would be a good exercise for me to design, and perfect for the frame.

I found this really great photograph on Wikipedia as a guide. Isn't it gorgeous?

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Magnolia>

I am really pleased with how this pattern turned out. Even though there are no fancy techniques, just rings and chains, I will still say this is an intermediate pattern. The challenge in putting this together was the 3-dimensional shape of it and the fact that making the joins to connect the petals to the base were kind of tricky.

If you consider yourself an adventurous beginner, go for it!

It helped a lot to have a small crochet hook with me to make the joins. It was difficult at times to pull the thread through the picots using the pick on my shuttle.

This pattern is intermediate level and uses one shuttle.

Instructions:

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



\*\*Repeat the clover leaf from previous petal, turn

Ch: 4ds skip one p on flower base and j to the next one, 4ds lj to center p of first R of petal, 11ds lj to center p of next R in petal, 3ds lj to same p again, 11ds lj to center p of last R in petal, 4ds j to p you skipped on the flower base, 4ds, lj to base of clover leaf, 6ds, turn\*\*

Repeat between \*\* around. You should have 7 petals. Cut thread and tie to base of first clover leaf, lapping the last part of the chain over the front of the petal.

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