

Tatted Balloon



I had fun creating this little design. Wouldn't a bouquet of these be fun on a card or a baby's shirt?

This is a beginner pattern and requires one shuttle. The balloon is about 1 inch (2.5mm) in diameter when done with size 20 thread.

I used Lizbeth size 20 thread in in Lizbeth Caribbean Color 122.

You will need:

Thread in your choice of color and size.

1 tatting shuttle or tatting needles

Crochet hook

ds double stitch p picot j join lj lock join

How to avoid a twisted picot http://www.be-stitched.com/twistedpicot.asp How to do a lock join http://www.be-stitched.com/lockjoin.asp

Instructions:

Row 1

R: (2ds p) 5 times, 2ds, close, turn

Ch: 2ds p 2ds, turn

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

Ch: 2ds p 2ds, turn

R: 3ds j to last p of previous R, (3ds p) 6 times, 3ds, close, turn

Ch: 2ds p 2ds, turn

R: 3ds j to last p of previous R, (3ds p) 8 times, 3ds, close, turn

Ch: 2ds p 2ds, turn

R: 3ds j to last p of previous R, (3ds p) 6 times, 3ds, close, turn

Ch: 2ds p 2ds, turn

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

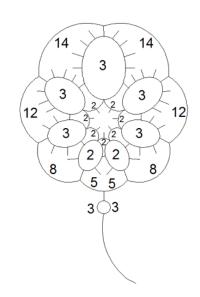
Ch: 2ds p 2ds, turn

Be careful to avoid a twisted picot on this last ring.

R: 2ds j to last p of previous R, (2ds p) 3 times, 2ds j to first p of first R,

2ds, close, turn

Ch: 2ds p 2ds, cut and tie.



Row 2

Pass the ball thread through the center picot of the first R from the back of the work to the front. Tie to your shuttle and wind the shuttle a few times. I'm not sure how this is done if you are using a needle.

Ch: 8ds lj to center p of next R, 12ds lj to center p of next R, 14ds lj to center p of next R Ch: 14ds lj to center p of next R, 12ds lj to center p of next R

Ch: 5ds p 5ds, cut and tie.

Balloon string

Hide the thread end under the first few stitches of this ring as you stitch.

R: 3ds j to p on last Ch of round 2, 3ds, close.

Cut the thread a few inches away from the ring to form the balloon's string.

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