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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 ( 2.5 mm ) 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, $2 d$ s to first $p$ of first R, 2ds, close, turn
Ch: 2ds p 2ds, cut and tie.

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: 8 ds lj to center p of next R, 12 ds lj to center p of next R, 14 ds lj to center p of next R Ch: 14ds lj to center p of next R, 12ds lj to center p of next R, 8 ds lj to center p of next R Ch: 5 ds p 5 ds , 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.

