

Snowflake Ice Drop - with split rings

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This pattern uses joins on the second side of split rings. The usual rule for working joins is that you use the thread that is nearest to the picot to which the join is to be made. In this case it will be the shuttle 2 thread. You could work a shuttle join, but this 'second side of a split ring join' looks much tidier.

Astute tatters will realise that if you work row 2 in an anticlockwise direction the correct joins to the row 1 will be basic picot joins, and feel free to work that way if you like making picots (or adding beads) to the second side of split rings.

Snowflake with Picots



Snowflake with Beads



Requirements:

Size 20 thread, picot gauges in three sizes (for example an opened out paper clip, a cocktail stick and a coffee stirrer) or 84 size 11 beads, a ¾ inch (19 mm) cabochon or glass gem, 2 shuttles and the usual tating equipment.

Abbreviations:

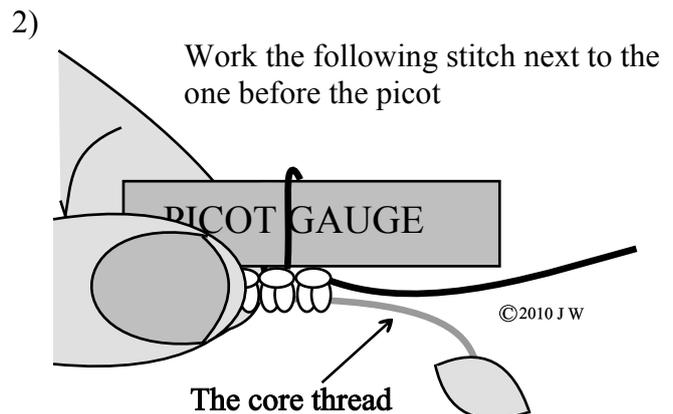
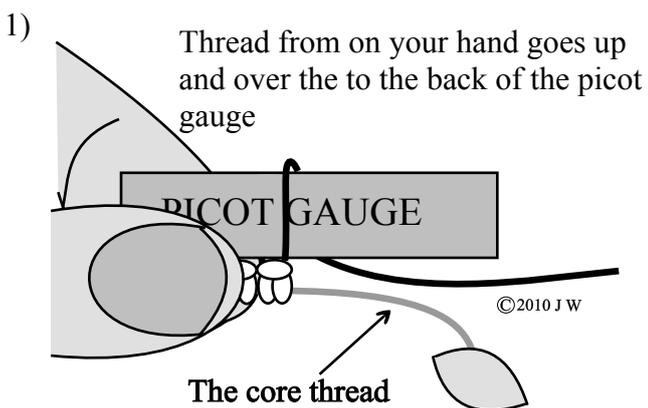
CTM = continuous thread method 

R. = ring, p = picot (paper clip), mp = medium picot (cocktail stick), Lp = large picot (coffee stirrer),

cl = close ring, CH. Chain, + = join, SR = split ring,

SSSRJ = second side of a split ring join (see technique sheet at the end of the pattern).

Hold the picot gauge parallel to the core thread



Row 1

Wind approximately 3 metres on your shuttle.

Do not cut

R.A 5, p, 4, p, 5, cl (Fig 1)

R.B 6, p, 6, p, 6, cl, (Fig 2) RW

CH. 5, p, 5, RW

R.C 5, + to ring A, 4, p, 5, cl

R.D 6, + to ring B, 6, p, 6, cl, RW

CH. 5, p, 5, RW

R.E 5, + to ring C, 4, p, 5, cl,

R.F 6, + to ring D, 6, p, 6, cl, RW

CH. 5, p, 5, RW

R.G 5, + to ring E, 4, p, 5, cl,

R.H 6, + to ring F, 6, p, 6, cl, RW

CH. 5, p, 5, RW

R.I 5, + to ring G, 4, p, 5, cl,

R.J 6, + to ring H, 6, p, 6, cl, RW

CH. 5, p, 5, RW

R.K 5, + to ring I, 4, + to ring A, 5, cl,

Fig 1

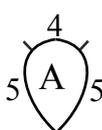


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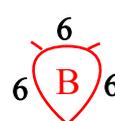
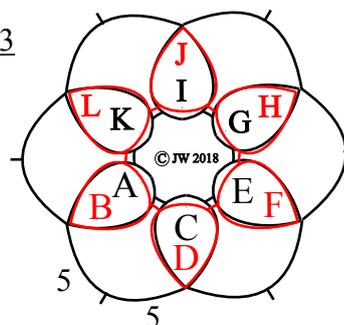


Fig 3



Slip the gem between the two sets of rings

R.L 6, + to ring J, 6, + to ring B, 6, cl, (Fig 3) RW

CH. 5, p, 5 (Fig 3)

Cut and tie to the base of rings A and B then secure the ends.

Row 2 - with picots

Wind 2 shuttles CTM with approximately 4 metres on shuttle 1 and 2 metres on shuttle 2.

Use shuttle '1' for all of the rings and shuttle 2 for the second side of the split rings.

Work in a clockwise direction.

SR.M 3, p, 3 / tiny picot (this is for you to tie to at the end of the row, 4, SSSRJ to the picot on one of the chains on row '1', 4, cl

SR.N 2, p, 2, p, 2, p, 2 / 8, cl

R.O 6, p, 2, mp, 2, Lp, 2, mp, 2, p, 6, cl

SR.P 2, p, 2, p, 2, p, 2 / 8, cl

*SR.Q 3, p, 3 / 4, SSSRJ to the picot on the adjacent chain of row '1', 4, cl

SR.R 2, p, 2, p, 2, p, 2, / 8, cl

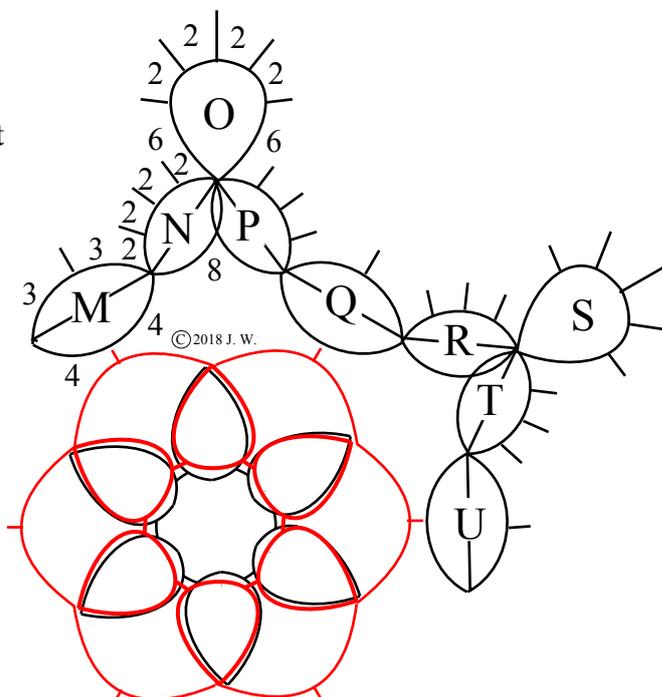
R.S 6, p, 2, mp, 2, Lp, 2, mp, 2, p, 6, cl

SR.T 2, p, 2, p, 2, p, 2 / 8, cl

Repeat from * four more times.

Cut and tie to the tiny picot on split ring 'M' then secure the ends.

Block to shape and stiffen row if required.



Row 2 with beads

String 84 size 11 seed beads then wind about 4 metres, plus the beads, on shuttle 1.

Wind shuttle 2 CTM with approximately 2 metres

Use shuttle '1' for all of the rings and shuttle 2 for the second side of the split rings.

Work in a clockwise direction.

SR.M Bring 1 bead into the ring round your hand
3, B, 3 / tiny picot (this is for you to tie to at the end of the row, 4, SSSRJ to the picot on one of the chains on row '1', 4, cl

SR.N Bring 3 beads into the ring round your hand
2, B, 2, B, 2, B, 2 / 8, cl

R.O Bring 7 beads into the ring round your hand
6, B, 2, B, 2, 3B, 2, B, 2, B, 6, cl

SR.P Bring 3 beads into the ring round your hand
2, B, 2, B, 2, B, 2 / 8, cl

*SR.Q Bring 1 bead into the ring round your hand
3, B, 3 / 4, SSSRJ to the picot on the adjacent chain of row '1', 4, cl

SR.R Bring 3 beads into the ring round your hand
2, B, 2, B, 2, B, 2, / 8, cl

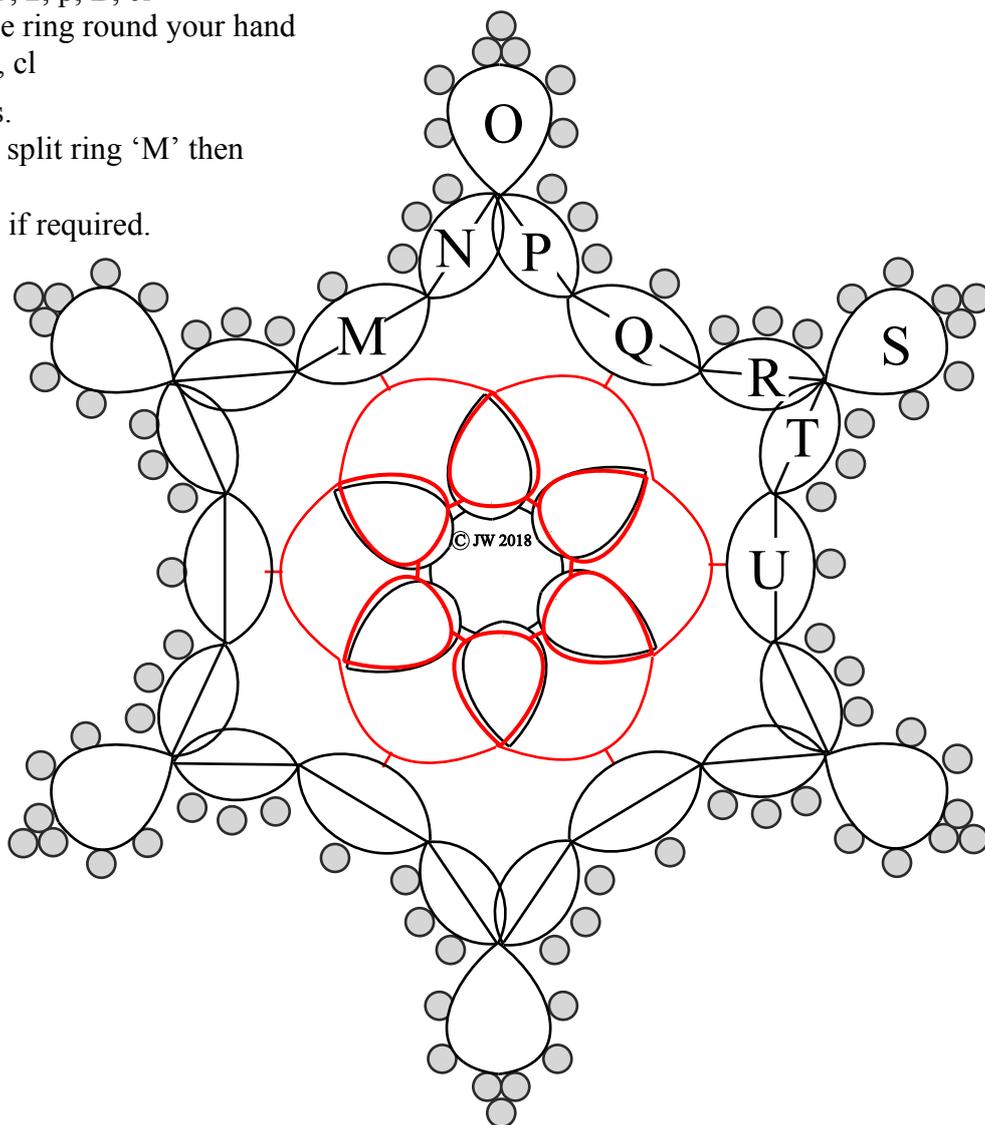
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6, B, 2, B, 2, 3B, 2, B, 2, p, B, cl

SR.T Bring 3 beads into the ring round your hand
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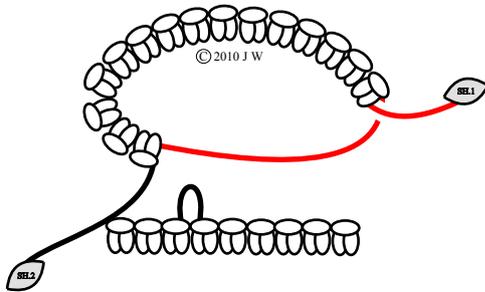
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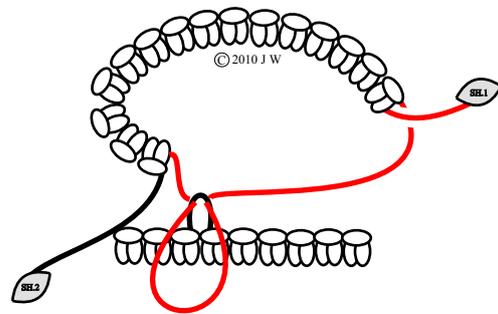


How to make a join to the second side of a split ring

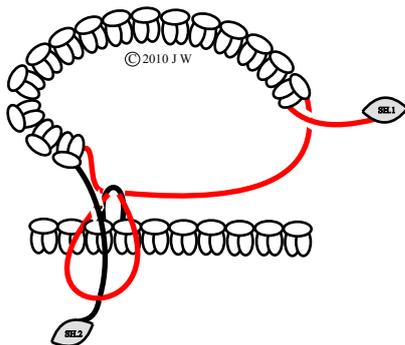
- 1/ Work the first side of the split ring as usual then work the second side as far as the join, move shuttle 2 to the left, out of the way



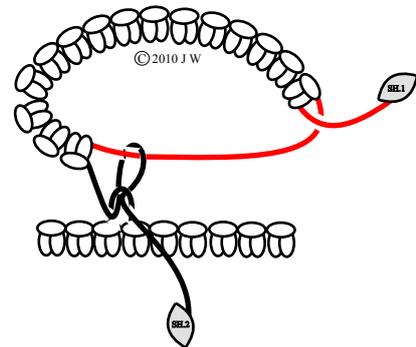
- 2/ with a crochet hook pull a loop FROM THE CORE THREAD through the picot you wish to join to



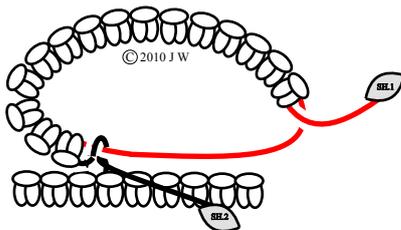
- 3/ pass shuttle 2 down through the loop



- 4/ TENSION THE CORE THREAD so that the thread from shuttle 2 is drawn back through the loop



- 5/ adjust the tension to bring the joined picot close to the split ring



- 6/ complete the second side of the split ring according to the pattern

