

Spring Flower

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Requirements:

Size 20 threads in green and a colour for the flower heads,
2 shuttles and the usual tatting equipment.

Abbreviations:

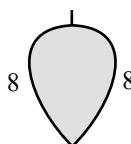
SH = shuttle R = ring p = picot vsp = very small picot
+ = join cl = close ring RW = reverse work SS = swap shuttles

Wind about 2 metres of the flower coloured thread and
about 4 metres of green thread on shuttle 2



Flower bud

Knot the ends together and work the petal.
SH 1. R (close to knot) 8, p, 8cl, SS



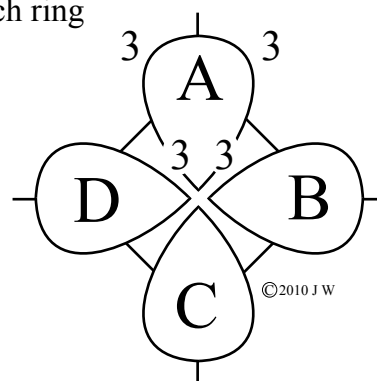
Calyx

Work close to the knot and leave only a very small space between each ring

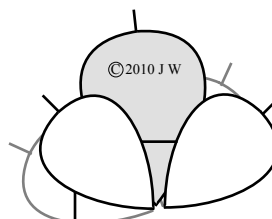
SH. 2, R.A, 3, p, 3, p, 3, p, 3, cl
R.B, 3 + (to last p on ring 'A') 3, p, 3, p, 3, cl
R.C, as ring 'B'
R.D, 3 + (to last p on ring 'C') 3, p, 3

NB before joining to ring 'A' position the flower bud and
the knotted ends to the back of the green rings and SH 1
at the front in the centre of the green rings ready to
work the stem, then complete ring 'D'

+ (to 1st p on ring 'A') 3, cl, RW



Fold the flower bud as in the diagram and picture



Stem and leaves

SH.1 CH 5, SS

*SH.2 R 8, p, 8, cl, SS

SH.1 CH 3, SS **

Repeat from* to**

SH.2 R 8, p, 8, cl, SS

SH.1 CH 15, vsp, 15, tension the stem so that it doesn't curve too much but make sure that the core thread is not showing between the stitches, work an **unturnd** 2nd half stitch (this will help the stem 'bend' back on itself) 15 + (to vsp on chain) 20, SS

Repeat from* to** 5 times then continue

Flower head

Calyx

SH.2 R.A 3, p, 3, p, 3, p, 3, cl

R.B 3, + (to last p on previous ring) 3, p, 3, p, 3 cl

Repeat last ring twice (4 rings altogether) then ...

Before working the 5th ring bring shuttle 2 to the centre of the group to position it ready to make the flower when the 5th green ring has been joined to the 1st green ring.

NB before closing ring 'E' check that shuttle 2 is at the front.

Fold the green rings back out of the way so you can work the flower

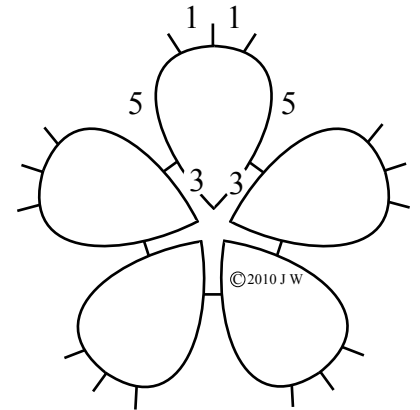
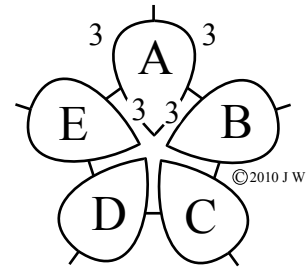
Petals

SH 1. R. (close to the stem and calyx) 3, p, 5, p, 1, p, 1, p, 5, p, 3, cl

R. 3, + (to last p on previous ring) 5, p, 1, p, 1, p, 5, p, 3, cl

Repeat last ring twice (4 petals)

R. 3, + (to last picot on the previous ring) 5, p, 1, p, 1, p, 5 +
(to 1st picot on the 1st ring of the flower) 3, cl



For a flower to face the side - cut both threads leaving about 4 inch (10 cm) ends. Bring both ends to the centre of the flower and knot them together. Trim the ends then fold the flower petals and calyx so that the knot is covered as in the picture.

For a flower to face the front - either add a bead to the centre then take both ends between the petals and the calyx and T & C.

or work a small ring (1, p, 1, p, 1, p, 1, p, 1, p, 1, cl and hold it in place over the centre of the flower with a stitch using a needle.

Block the flowers arranging the leaves on alternating sides of the stem, as in the picture, and curving the stem slightly.

Sample showing the stem worked in 3 : 3 'sets'



samples showing the centres of the flowers facing the front

