Needle Tatting BEANILE Lace

A Study of Symmetrical Beaded Split Rings

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Supplies: 3 ply metallic thread, seed beads size 11, tatting needle #8, Elmer's school glue gel, scissors, and a twisted wire beading needle (it has a round collapsible end which fits through the beads and through the eye of the tatting needle).

Look for these beading needles in bead shops or order online:
http://firemountaingems.com/search/?keywords=beading+needles

You can easily needle tat any *BEANILE* pattern if you use beads with holes large enough for the tatting needle and twofold thread to run through. Seed beads rarely come with even and equal holes so before you begin tatting some preparation work is in order to avoid frustration later.

Beads for any needle-tatted beaded split ring come from THREE sources:

1) ***Presorted*** **by hole size:**

To prepare these beads:

- Use the thread you plan for the project and the corresponding tatting needle, in the sample for this tutorial these are 3-ply metallic embroidery thread and tatting needle #8.
- Cut a two-foot-long piece of thread, thread it onto your needle, fold the thread in two, and tie the ends together.
- Load onto this cut thread all the **'down'** beads in the pattern.
- Cut this beaded thread off the needle and set it aside, keep the beads on that piece of thread to use when needed.

When indicated by the pattern you will slide the beads off the cut thread and pick them up either with the tip of the tatting needle for the first part of each split ring or with the eye end of the tatting needle for the second part of each split ring.

-This presorting takes time but it will ensure that the beads fit over the threaded tatting needle when you are tatting and the cut piece of thread will contain the beads for easier portability.
- Any bead that will not fit over the threaded tatting needle can be pre-strung onto the ball thread with a beading needle or placed on the tray to be picked up later; so no beads go to waste.

2) *Pre-strung* on the ball

To do it:

- 'Needle' the end of the ball thread so it does not fray (see instructions for HOW to 'NEEDLE' the THREAD on page 32).
- Using a beading needle string onto the ball thread all **'up'** beads for the rings, the chains, and the **first parts** of all split rings in a pattern.
- You will slide these beads up from the ball as needed.

3) *Placed* on a tray.

- Place on a tray or in a small bowl **'up'** beads for the **second parts** of all split rings in a pattern.
- When you come to **part II** of your split ring turn the tatting needle to the left and unthread it.
- Use beading needle to string '**up**' beads for the **second part** of the split ring; the number of these beads is at the end of notation line for Part II of every split ring, it is on the left side of the slash (/).

Ex. 2) SR: 1 ∘ 1 ⁘ 1 ∘ 1/1 ∘ 1 ⁘ 1 ∘ 1**.**

Part I: 1 ∘ 1 ⁘ 1 ∘ 1 **2/3**

Part II: 1 ∘ 1 ⁘ 1 ∘ 1 **2/3**

All '**down**' beads for Part II of a split ring come from the presorted beads; when indicated by the pattern you will slide them off the cut thread and pick them up with the eye end of the tatting needle.

As mentioned above beads for needle-tatted split rings come **from three sources**; since we cannot change the construction of needle-tatted split rings we have to make necessary changes in the notation.

In a needle-tatted *BEANILE* project '**up**' beads for rings and chains come from the ball and '**down**' beads (presorted in advance, see page 24) are picked up with the tip of the tatting needle.

The numbers divided by a slash at the end of every notation line show: '**up**' beads to the left of the (/) and '**down**' beads to the right of the (/) as you see in Ring 1 of the pattern:

1) R: 1 ∘ 1 ⁘ 1 ∘ 1 ∘ 1 ⁘ 1 ∘ 1. **4/6**

When you needle tat beaded split rings keep in mind that '**up**' and '**down**' beads come from different places for each part of a split ring:

For part I of a split ring - **'up'** beads come from the ball and '**down**' beads are presorted and stored on a cut thread to be picked up as needed with the tip of the tatting needle.

For part II of a split ring - '**up**' beads come from the tray (you string them on the unthreaded tail of the needle thread using a beading needle) and '**down**' beads are picked up with the eye end of the tatting needle. To make patterns easier to follow we use a two-line notation for needle-tatted beaded split rings.

You can see how it looks in the pattern for Split Ring 2:

2) SR: 1 ∘ 1 ⁘ 1 ∘ 1/1 ∘ 1 ⁘ 1 ∘ 1**.**

Part I: 1 ∘ 1 ⁘ 1 ∘ 1 **2/3**

- Move 2 '**up**' beads from the ball and pick up 3 '**down**' beads with the tip of the tatting needle.
- After the last stitch turn the tatting needle to the left, unthread it and use the needle thread to begin part II of the split ring:

Part II: 1 ∘ 1 ⁘ 1 ∘ 1. **2/3**

- String 2 '**up**' beads with a beading needle on the tail of the needle thread and pick up 3 '**down**' beads with the eye end of the tatting needle.

- After the last stitch turn the tatting needle back to the right (its original position), rethread the tatting needle, close the split ring, and tie a forward-facing knot.

For the training purpose let us make a sample with detailed step-by-step instructions for every ring and split ring in the pattern.

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Using the instructions on pages 24-25:

- ***Presort*** 40 **'down'** beads and leave them on a cut thread.
- ***Pre-string*** 40 beads onto the ball thread, these are **'up'** beads for the ring and for the first parts of all split rings in the pattern.
- 'NEEDLE' the tail (see instructions on page 32).
- ***Place*** 35-40 beads on a tray, these are **'up'** beads for the second parts of all split rings in the pattern.
- Thread your tatting needle, leave three feet of thread on the needle, and follow the pattern.

1) R: 1∘1 ° ° 1∘1∘1 ° ° 1∘1. 4/6

-Make 1 ds, pick up 1 bead with the tip of the tatting needle, tat 1 ds,
- slide 2 beads along ball thread, pick up 1 bead with the tip of the tatting needle, align the beads in the *trillium picot* shape and tat 1 ds.
- Pick up 1 bead with the tip of the tatting needle, tat 1 ds,
- pick up 1 bead with the tip of the tatting needle, tat 1 ds,
- slide 2 beads along ball thread, pick up 1 bead with the tip of the tatting needle, align beads in the *trillium picot* shape, and tat 1 ds.
- Pick up 1 bead with tatting needle, tat 1 ds, close the ring and tie a forward-facing knot, or Bonnie's figure eight knot, see below.

Arrange the needle thread in an S shape over the ball thread to form a figure eight.

Next bring your needle through the top half of the figure eight (from the back).

Pull the needle to the right to tie your knot – it looks twisted but it will flip over.

2) SR: 1 ◦ 1 ⁘ 1 ◦ 1/1 ◦ 1 ⁘ 1 ◦ 1.

Part I: 1 ◦ 1 ⁘ 1 ◦ 1 2/3

-Make 1 ds, pick up 1 bead with the tip of the tatting needle, tat 1 ds,
-slide 2 beads along the ball thread,
-pick up 1 bead with the tip of the tatting needle,
- align beads in the *trillium picot* shape, tat 1 ds,
-pick up 1 bead with the tip of the tatting needle, tat 1 ds.

-Turn the tatting needle toward your body and to the left (if you turn it away from your body the ball thread will be forward and will get in the way), unthread your needle.

For the second part of the split ring you will use the thread from the needle as your ball thread and will pick up beads with the eye end of the tatting needle. You need to tat all the double stitches in reverse order so the stitches are all the same on the front side.

Part II: 1 ◦ 1 ⁘ 1 ◦ 1. 2/3

- Make 1 ds (in reverse order),
- pick up 1 bead with the eye end of the tatting needle,
- tat 1 ds (in reverse order).
- Put beading needle on the needle thread,
- pick up 2 beads from the tray with beading needle and slide them up,
- pick up 1 bead with the eye end of the tatting needle,
- align beads in the *trillium picot* shape and tat 1 ds (in reverse order).
- Pick up 1 bead with the eye end of the tatting needle, tat 1 ds (in reverse order), and turn the tatting needle back to the right.
- Use the beading needle to rethread the tatting needle, and remove the beading needle.
- Close split ring and tie a forward-facing knot.

Divider:
- Slide 1 bead along ball thread,
- pick up 1 bead with the tip of the tatting needle,
- tie another forward-facing or figure eight knot (see page 27).

Important!
These two beads are divider beads between the split rings.
You must tie a forward-facing knot after sliding them up the threads or they will end up as part of SR3.

3) SR: 1◦1◦1/1◦1◦1.

Part I: 1◦1◦1 0/2

-Make 1 ds,
- pick up 1 bead with the tip of the tatting needle,
- tat 1 ds, pick up 1 bead with the tip of the tatting needle, tat 1 ds.
- Turn the tatting needle to the left and unthread it.
- Use that needle thread as your ball for part II of the split ring.

Part II: 1◦1◦1. 0/2

- Make 1 ds (in reverse order), pick up 1 bead with the eye end of the tatting needle, tat 1 ds (in reverse order).
- Pick up 1 bead with the eye end of the tatting needle, tat 1 ds (in reverse order).
- Turn the tatting needle back to the right,
- rethread it, close the split ring, and
- tie a forward-facing knot.

4) SR: 1◦1◦1/1◦1◦1.

Part I: 1◦1◦1. 0/2

- Make 1 ds, pick up 1 bead with the tip of the tatting needle, tat 1ds.
- Pick up 1 bead with the tip of the tatting needle, tat 1 ds.
- Turn the tatting needle to the left and unthread it.
- Use the needle thread to tat part II of the split ring.

Part II: 1◦1◦1. 0/2

- Make 1 ds (in reverse order),
- pick up 1 bead with the eye end of the tatting needle,
- tat 1 ds (in reverse order).
- Pick up 1 bead with the eye end of the tatting needle,
- tat 1 ds (in reverse order).
- Turn the tatting needle back to the right, rethread it,
- close the split ring, and tie a forward-facing knot.

5) SR: 1◦1 ⁞⁞⁞ 1◦1◦1/1◦1 ⁞⁞⁞ 1◦1◦1.

Part I: 1◦1 ⁞⁞⁞ 1◦1◦1 12/3

- Make 1 ds, pick up 1 bead with the tip of the tatting needle, tat 1 ds.
- Slide 12 beads up the ball thread, and
- align them in a *flat-top picot* shape.
- Tat 1 ds, pick up 1 bead with the tip of the tatting needle,
- tat 1 ds, pick up 1 bead with the tip of the tatting needle, tat 1 ds.
- Turn the tatting needle to the left and unthread it.

<u>Reminder</u>:
For parts II of needle-tatted split rings
the unthreaded needle thread becomes your ball thread.

Part II: 1◦1 ⁞⁞⁞ 1◦1◦1. 12/3

- Make 1 ds (in reverse order),
- pick up 1 bead with the eye end of the tatting needle and
- tat 1ds (in reverse order).
- Put beading needle on the needle thread, string 12 '**up**' beads with a beading needle, and slide them up (do not remove beading needle yet, you will use it later).
- Align the beads in a *flat-top picot* shape, and tat 1 ds (in reverse order).
- Pick up 1 bead with the eye end of the tatting needle and tat 1 ds (in reverse order).
- Pick up 1 bead with the eye end of the tatting needle, and tat 1 ds (in reverse order).
- Turn tatting needle back to the right and
- rethread it (that is when the beading needle left on the needle thread earlier proves helpful!)
- Remove beading needle,
- close split ring, and tie a forward-facing knot.

6) SR: 1 ∘ 1 ∘ 1 ∘ 1 ∘ 1 ∘ 1/1 ∘ 1 ∘ 1 ∘ 1 ∘ 1 ∘ 1.

Part I: 1 ∘ 1 ∘ 1 ∘ 1 ∘ 1 ∘ 1 20/4

- Make 1 ds, pick up 1 bead with the tip of the tatting needle, tat 1 ds.
- Slide 20 beads from the ball thread,
- align them in a *flat-top picot* shape, and tat 1 ds.
- Pick up 1 bead with the tip of the tatting needle, tat 1 ds,
- pick up 1 bead with the tip of the tatting needle, tat 1 ds,
- pick up 1 bead with the tip of the tatting needle, tat 1 ds.
- Turn the tatting needle to the left and unthread it to use as your ball for part II of the split ring.

Part II: 1 ∘ 1 ∘ 1 ∘ 1 ∘ 1. 20/4

- Make 1 ds (in reverse order),
- pick up 1 bead with the eye end of the tatting needle,
- tat 1 ds (in reverse order).
- Put beading needle on the unthreaded tail of the needle thread (your ball for now), string 20 beads, arrange them in a *flat-top picot* shape, and tat 1 ds (in reverse order).
- Pick up 1 bead with the eye end of the tatting needle and tat 1 ds (in reverse order).
- Pick up 1 bead with the eye end of the tatting needle and tat 1 ds (in reverse order).
- Pick up 1 bead with the eye end of the tatting needle, and tat 1 ds (in reverse order).
- Turn tatting needle back to the right and use beading needle to rethread it.
- Close split ring and tie a forward-facing knot.

Tie the tails and place a bead on each antenna.
Note: these two beads come from the tray, not from presorted or pre-strung beads.