

How to make a SWIRL Join

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SWIRL join (marked \oplus in patterns) was developed for the projects in my first book "Tatted Lace of Beads, the Techniques of *BEANILE Lace*" published by LACIS in 1998.

This tutorial has been put together a few years later and I keep adding more details to the original description ever since.

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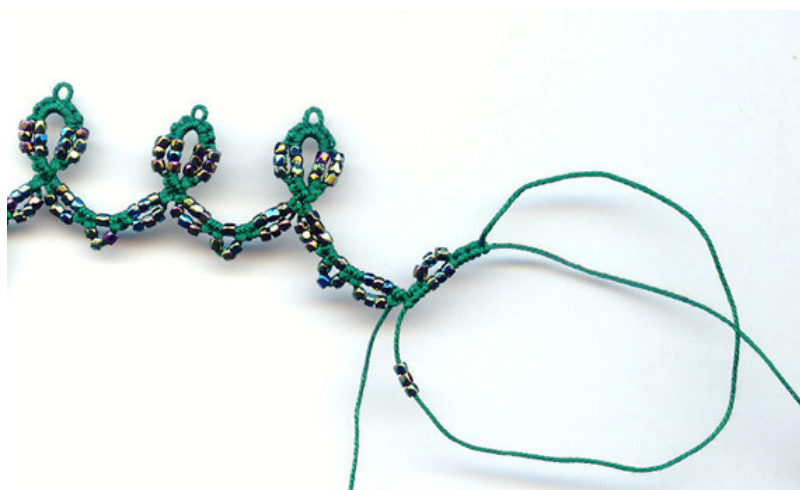
SWIRL join is actually a variation of a regular join when we need to join a few rings simultaneously. It speeds up your tatted and adds a decorative element to the finished piece

Example:

If a pattern asks for joining 3 - 6 rings in one point:

- Keep tating until you come to the last ring to be joined
(on the picture below it is the last ring still in process).
- Put a crochet hook into a 'join to' picot of the previous ring in the group, and the one before, and the one before that...
- Pull the thread from the last ring loop through all those picots to make a *SWIRL* join.

The same in pictures:

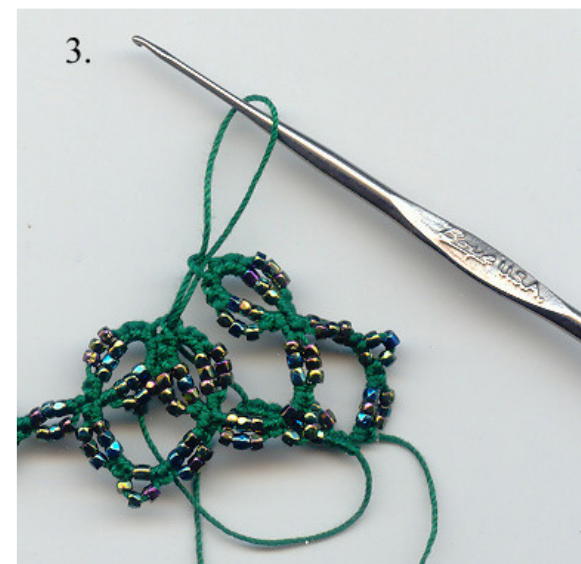


1) Keep tating until you come to the last ring to be joined.



2) Put a crochet hook into a 'join to' picot of the previous ring in the group (the one closest to you current ring), and the one before that, and the one before that...

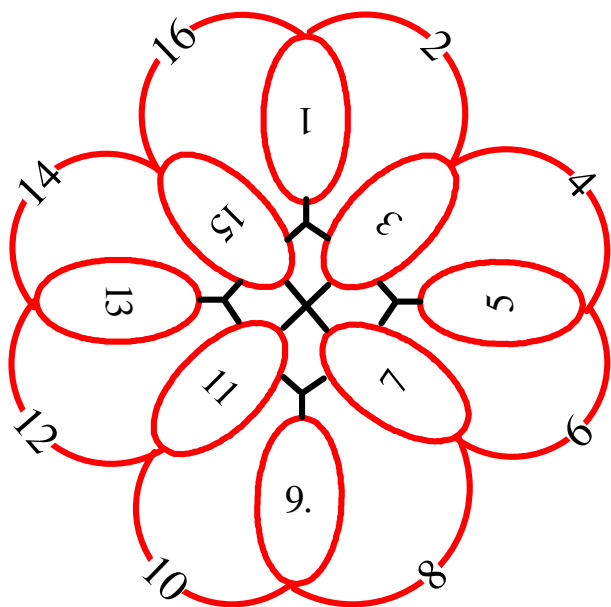
3) Pull the thread from the loop of the last ring through all those picots to make a *SWIRL* join.



Try the practice pattern on pages 3-4, there are 5 *SWIRL* joins there.

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Symbols used through the pattern:

- 1, 2, 3** number of double knots;
- R** ring;
- picot;
- +** regular join;
- ⊕** SWIRL join (joining a few rings at the same time);
- LJ** lock join;
- .** shape, tighten, and close a ring;
- RW** reverse work.

Pattern to practice (see diagram on page 3)

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- 1) R: 8 - 8. RW
- 2) CH: 9 - 3. RW
- 3) R: 5 - 3 - 3 - 5. RW
- 4) CH: 3 + (to CH2) 9. RW
- 5) R: 8 - 8. RW
- 6) CH: 9 - 3. RW
- 7) R: 5 ⊕ (to R5 and R3) 3 - 3 - 5. RW
- 8) CH: 3 + (to CH6) 9. RW
- 9) R: 8 - 8. RW
- 10) CH: 9 - 3. RW
- 11) R: 5 ⊕ (to R9 and R7) 3 - 3 - 5. RW
- 12) CH: 3 + (to CH10) 9. RW
- 13) R: 8 - 8. RW
- 14) CH: 9 - 3. RW
- 15) R: 5 ⊕ (to R13 & 11) 3 ⊕ (to R11, 7, & 3) 3 ⊕ (to R1 & 3) 5. RW
- 16) CH: 3 + (to CH14) 9. LJ (at the base of R1).

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