

Utility Lock Chain

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O.K., I admit it - - I suffer from tating vanity. When I tat a piece of lace I want to see every ring, chain, and picot. It breaks my heart to hide half of what I have tatted behind a ribbon or headband. Instead of weaving a ribbon in and out of a tatted piece of lace, you can weave between the visible tatted lace and a utility lock chain. I prefer to add the utility chain as I am tating the lace, then when I am finished with the design it is ready for use. Of course, a utility lock chain can be added to a tatted lace band as an afterthought. ;)

Rolling Rings Headband

R 6 -6--6-6

C 6-1-1-1-1-6

Lock Join to middle picot of ring

Repeat R&C desired length

Around the corner...

R 6+("E" to "C")6--6-6

C 6-1-1-1-1-6

Lock Join to middle picot of Ring "E"

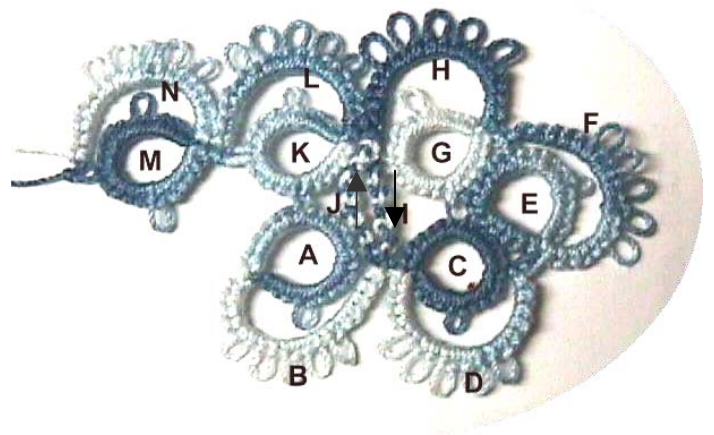


R 6+(to "C"&"E")6--6-6

C 6-1-1-1-1-6

Lock Join to middle picot of "G"

Now here's the fun part! Tat the Lock Chain by flipping the first half and not flipping the second half of the double stitch. These can be loose or tight – your preference. Lock Chain to the rolling rings in the first row + join + into the long picot between "A" and "C" and lock chain back to the second row.



Continue the Rolling Rings to the desired length and round the end of the band as before. When the lace is complete a rigid headband can be woven under the rings and OVER the Utility Lock Chains.