

Christmas Bell

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Requirements:

Size 20 thread, a 10 mm bead, 2 seed beads and the usual tatting equipment.

Abbreviations:

SCMR = self closing mock ring, p = picot, vsp = very small picot, Cl = close ring, RW = reverse work, sj = shuttle join, CH. = chain, + = join,

Inside support - Diagram 1

Wind about ½ metre on your shuttle.

Do not cut.

Row 1

SCMR 1, (vsp, 1) x 5, cl,

Row 2

CH. 2, sj to the first vsp on the SCMR,
(2, sj to the adjacent vsp) x4, 2, sj to the start of the row

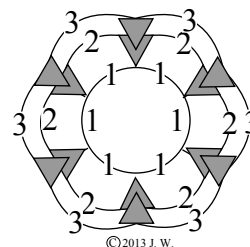
Row 3

CH. (3, sj to the small space above the sj on row 2) x 5, 3

Cut leaving 6 inch (15 cm) ends, and tie to the start of the row.

Do not trim these ends as you will need them later

Diagram 1



Bell Pattern

Row 1 - Diagram 2

Wind about 1½ metres on your shuttle. Do not cut

R.A 5, p, 2, p, 2, p, 5, cl, RW

CH. 3, p, 6, p, 3, RW

*R.B 5, + to previous ring, 2, p, 2, p, 5, cl, RW

CH 3, p, 6, p, 3, RW

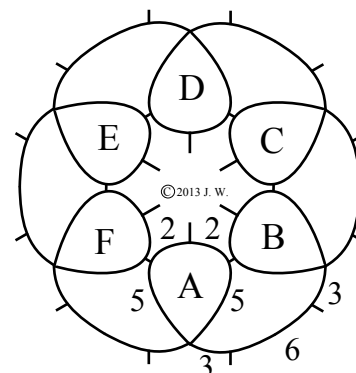
Repeat from * three more times then continue

R.F 5, + to previous ring, 2, p, 2, + to ring 'A', 5, cl, RW

CH 3, p, 6, p, 3

Cut and tie to the base of ring 'A'. Secure the ends.

Diagram 2



Sew the 'inside support' to the wrong side of row 1 before starting row 3

Row 2 - Diagram 3

Wind about 2½ metres on your shuttle. Do not cut.

R.A 7, + to second picot on one of the chains of the first row, 3, p, 4, cl, RW

CH. 3, p, 3, RW

R.B 4, + to previous ring, 3, + to the first picot on the adjacent chain on the first row, 7, cl, RW

CH. 3, (p, 3) x 3, RW

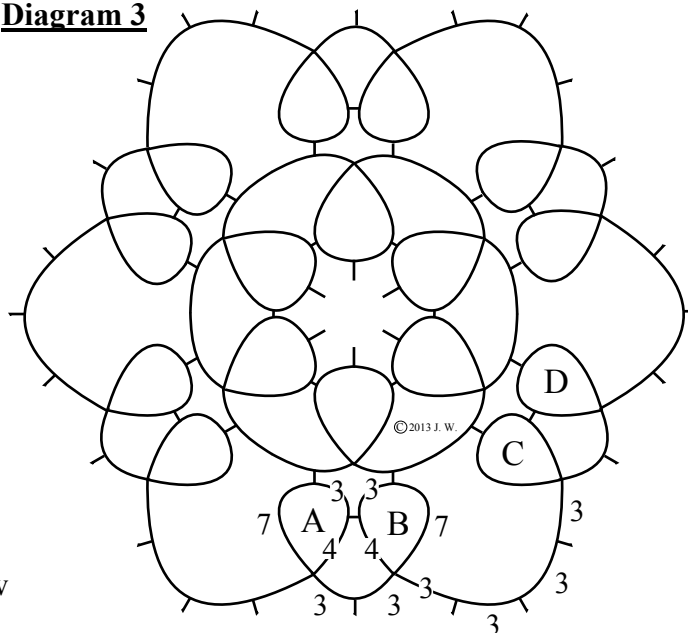
Repeat from ring 'A' five more times

Cut and tie to the base of ring 'A'.

Secure the ends.

Before working the rest of the bell attach the 'inside support' to the wrong side of row 1 by making a few stitches matching the small spaces above the shuttle joins to the joining picots between the rings on row 1.

Diagram 3



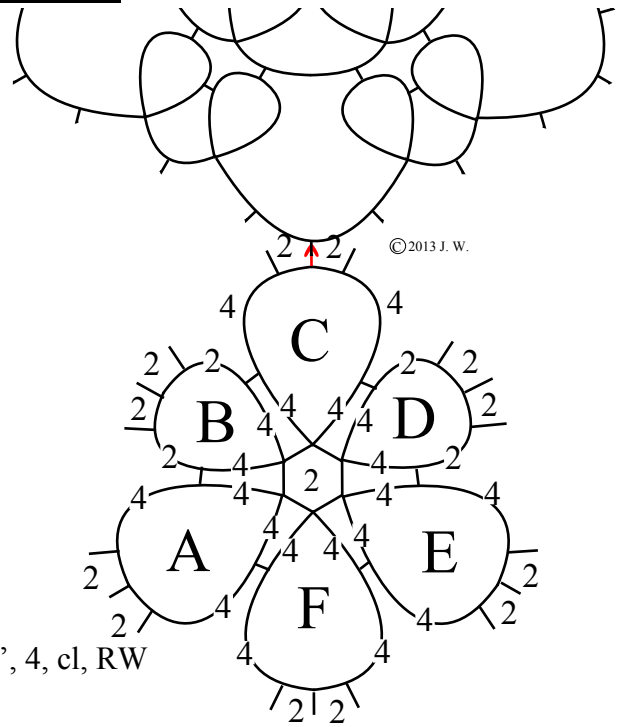
Row 3

First flower motif (Diagram 4)

Wind about 1½ metres on your shuttle.
Do not cut.

- R.A 4, p, 4, p, 2, p, 2, p, 4, p, 4, cl, RW
 - CH. 2, RW
 - R.B 4, + to ring 'A', 2, p, 2, p, 2, p, 2, p, 4, cl, RW
 - CH. 2, RW
 - R.C 4, + to ring 'B', 4, p, 2, + to centre picot on one of the long chains on row '2', 2, p, 4, p, 4, cl, RW
 - CH. 2, RW
 - R.D 4, + to ring 'C', 2, p, 2, p, 2, p, 2, p, 4, cl, RW
 - CH. 2, RW
 - R.E 3, + to ring 'D', 4, p, 2, p, 2, p, 4, p, cl, RW
 - CH. 2, RW
 - R.F 4, + to ring 'E', 4, p, 2, p, 2, p, 4, + to ring 'A', 4, cl, RW
 - CH. 2
- Cut and tie to the base of ring 'A'. Secure the ends.

Diagram 4



Second flower motif (Diagrams 5 and 6)

Wind about 1½ metres on your shuttle.
Do not cut.

- R.A 4, p, 4, p, 2, p, 2, + to ring 'E' of previous flower motif, 4, p, 4, cl, RW
- CH. 2, RW
- R.B 4, + to ring 'A', 2, + to ring 'D' of previous flower motif, 2, + to the adjacent picot on ring 'D' of the previous flower motif, 2, p, 4, cl, RW
- CH. 2, RW
- R.C 4, + to ring 'B', 4, p, 2, + to centre picot on one adjacent long chain on the second row, 2, p, 4, p, 4, cl, RW
- CH. 2, RW
- R.D 4, + to ring 'C', 2, p, 2, p, 2, p, 2, p, 4, cl, RW
- CH. 2, RW
- R.E 4, + to ring 'D', 4, p, 2, p, 2, p, 4, p, 4, cl, RW
- CH. 2, RW
- R.F 4, + to ring 'E', 4, p, 2, p, 2, p, 4, + to ring 'A', 4, cl, RW
- CH. 2

Cut and tie to the base of ring 'A'. Secure the ends.

Diagram 5

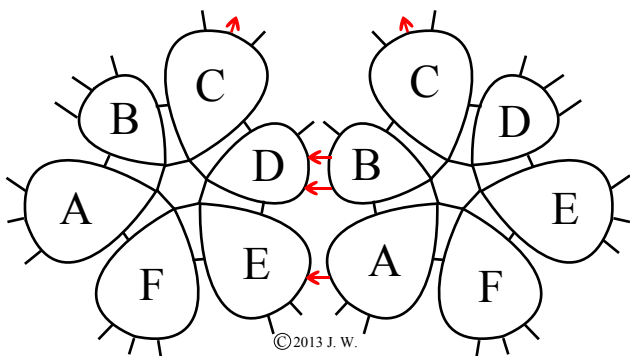
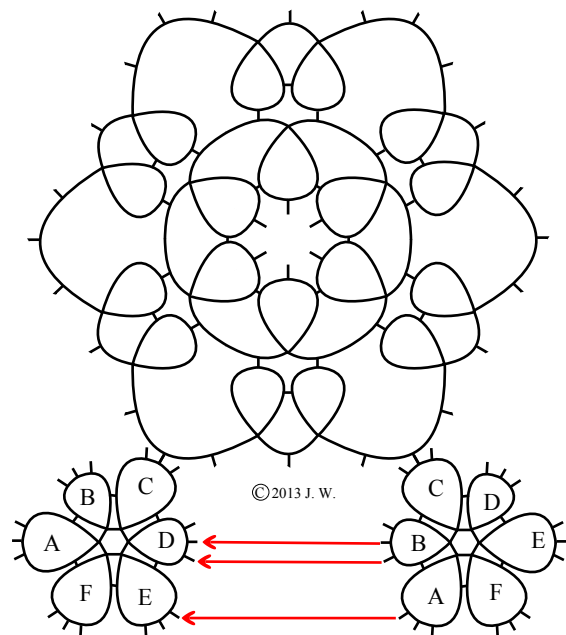


Diagram 6



Work 3 more motifs, as above, then work the sixth motif as follows - on page 3

Sixth Motif (Diagram 7)

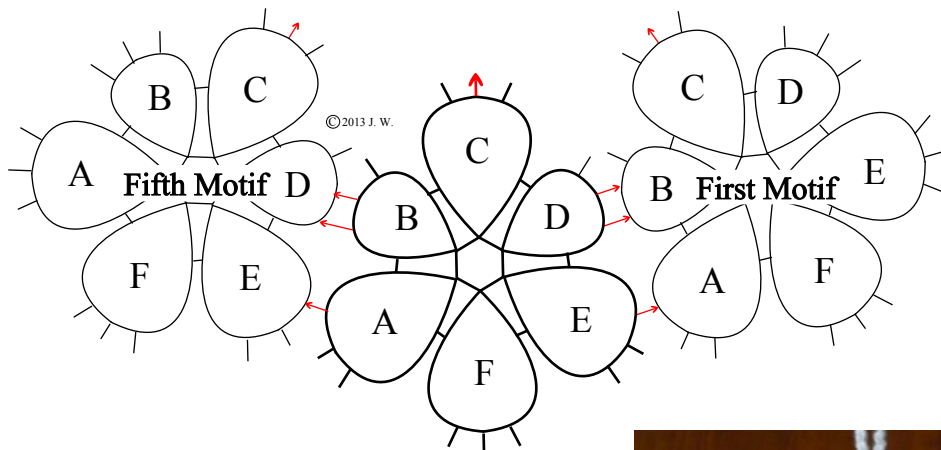
Wind about 1½ metres on your shuttle.

Do not cut.

- R.A 4, p, 4, p, 2, p, 2, + to ring 'E' of the fifth flower motif, 4, p, 4, cl, RW
- CH. 2, RW
- R.B 4, + to ring 'A', 2, + to ring 'D' of the fifth flower motif, 2, + to the adjacent picot on ring 'D' of the fifth flower motif, 2, p, 4, cl, RW
- CH. 2, RW
- R.C 4, + to ring 'B', 4, p, 2, + to centre picot on the free long chain on the second row, 2, p, 4, p, 4, cl, RW
- CH. 2, RW
- R.D 4, + to ring 'C', 2, p, 2, + to the corresponding picot on ring 'B' of the first flower motif, 2, + to the adjacent picot on ring 'B' of the first flower motif, 2, p, 4, cl, RW
- CH. 2, RW
- R.E 4, + to ring 'D', 4, + to the corresponding picot on ring 'A' on the first flower motif, 2, p, 2, p, 4, p, 4, cl, RW
- CH. 2, RW
- R.F 4, + to ring 'E', 4, p, 2, p, 2, p, 4, + to ring 'A', 4, cl, RW
- CH. 2

Cut and tie to the base of ring 'A' then secure the ends.

Diagram 7



Row 4 - see Diagram 8, the picots to which joins and shuttle joins are to be made are shown in red.

Note: the chains in this row must be tensioned tightly to achieve the 'bell' shape.

Wind about 2 metres on your shuttle. Do not cut

R.G 6, + to ring 'E' of one of the motifs in the third row, 3, p, 3, cl, RW

CH. 5, tension, RW

R.H 3, + to previous ring, 3, + to ring 'A' on the adjacent flower motif in the third row, 6, cl, RW

CH. 5, tension, sj to the nearest picot on ring 'F' on the same flower motif of the third row,
5, tension, miss one picot on the same ring then sj to the next picot,
5, tension, RW

*R.I 6, + to ring 'E' of the adjacent flower motif in the third row, 3, p, 3, cl, RW

CH. 5, tension, RW

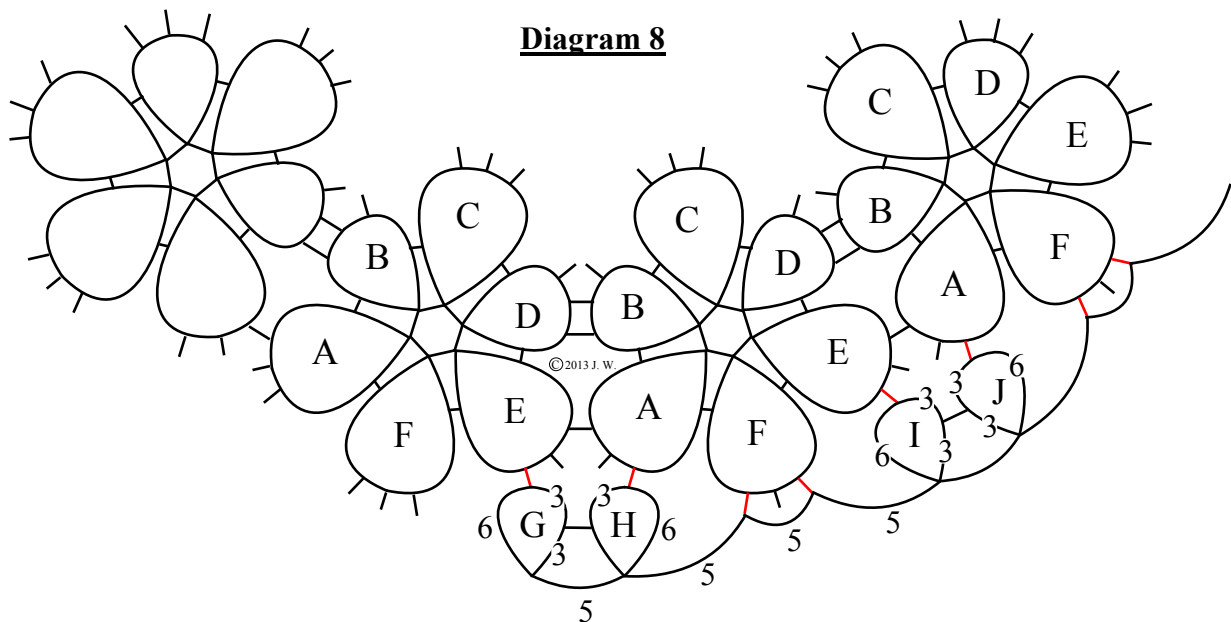
R.J 3, + to previous ring, 3, + to ring 'A' on the adjacent flower motif on the third row, 6, cl, RW

CH. 5, tension, sj to the nearest picot on ring 'F' on the same flower motif of the third row,
5, tension, miss one picot on the same ring then sj to the next picot,
5, tension, RW

Repeat from * around row 3.

Cut and tie to the base of ring 'G' at the start of the row then secure the ends.

Stiffen your bell, shape it while it is wet then leave overnight for it to dry.



The Clapper

String the 10 mm bead, then a seed bead and move them along about ½ metre from the needle.

Take the needle back down through the 10 mm bead.

Wind the ½ metre of thread onto a shuttle.

Lock chain (work first half of the stitch as usual but leave the second half of the stitch un-turned) for about 2 ¼ inches (5 cm) from the 10 mm bead.

Tie a knot at the top of the lock chain, adjusting it to allow just the large bead to hang below the bell.

If necessary tie another knot on top of the first one so that it is big enough not to slip through the centre of the inside support.

Unwind the shuttle, cut the ball thread to the same length, then pass both ends up through the centre of the inside support.

Wind one of the threads back onto the shuttle and work another lock chain long enough to form a hanging loop.

Tie the ends at the top of the bell and secure the ends.

Add a bow if you wish.