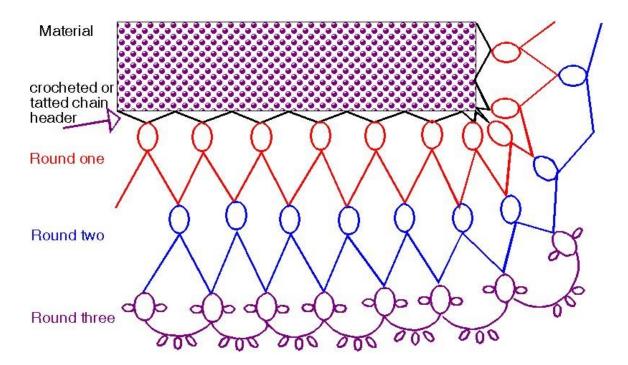
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Mignonette Stitch as Hanky Edging

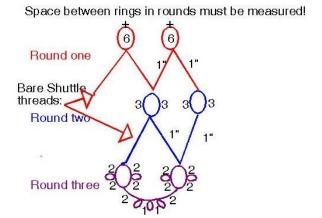
Katie Johnson spotted this unusual hanky at an online auction and began asking how it was done. When I first saw it I thought that it was a round of one shuttle work with rings on opposing sides to which a ring and chain round was attached. After Katie said "Huh?" I put on my glasses and enlarged the pattern and was pleasantly surprised to realize that it was instead mignonette stitch.

This is a really simple pattern on which to practice especially if you are doing it for the first time. It is advisable to use a measuring gauge to measure the length of bare shuttle thread which is left between the rings to insure regularity. Many thanks to Katie for bringing this to class.



The first round of mignonette has the rings caught up by a crocheted header which is crocheted directly onto the hanky's edge.

It is not necessary to have a picot on the rings as the crochet hook can simply pull the thread through a bar on the back side of the ring at mid-point.



Round 1

R 6 close.

Leave a measured length of bare shuttle thread between rings, 2" for example. Tat for the length desired (leave the shuttle attached until done with attaching it to the hanky with the crocheted header.)

Round 2

R 3 + 3 close. The ring joins at midpoint on the bare shuttle thread of round one and also leaves 2" of bare shuttle thread between rings of round two.

Round 3

Using ball and shuttle,

*R 2 - 2 + (joins to midpoint of bare shuttle thread of round two) 2 - 2 close RW CH 2 - 1 - 1 - 2 compress chain to enhance curve RW Repeat from * around and finish off.

Katie has worked just part of a corner using this pattern. She did not use the header to attach the lace to the hanky but tatted it directly onto the hanky.

A problem at the corner. It maybe that this needs to float on that header, be it crocheted or a tatted chain. Please let the class know your results as you try this pattern out. Thanks.



