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**Priscilla's Shamrock, an excerpt from Book 2 of the Ribbonwinners Series,  
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This pattern is very easy to individualize. Simply adjust the size of the rings and number of picots on the chains to suit your eye. Size 8 thread will make shamrock about 3" in diameter.

The basic method is to make the rings in a row with about ½" space of thread between them. The middle ring should be slightly larger than the others.

There should be an odd number of picots as center picot (slightly smaller than others) of each of these rings is used twice as a join for the outer chainwork.

The picots of the rings should be relatively small. The second row of chainwork picots should be a little larger and the last row of chainwork should have good picots.

This is a suggested pattern. You may add or drop picots as you like, just remember you must maintain a balance to the work & preserve any picots used for joins.

You may also want to use a gauge to measure the size of the picots. The areas just before and after the joins should be free of picots to add definition to the shamrock shape.

R 11 picots separated by 3 DS cl ring. Leave ½" space.

Do not turn.

R 13 picots separated by 3 DS cl ring. Leave ½" space.

Do not turn.

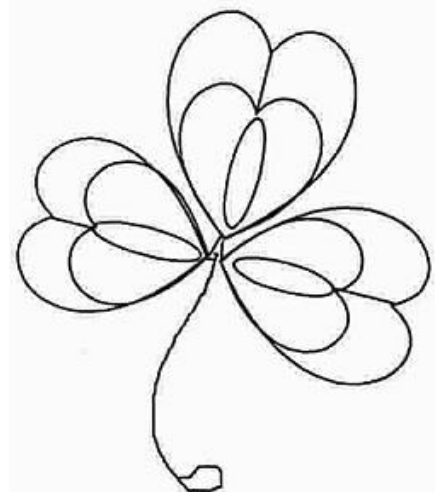
R 11 picots separated by 3 DS cl ring. Leave ½" space.

Turn.

Work the next rows all in chainwork around the outside of the rings attaching chains to the center picot of each ring and the two spaces in between rings.

CH approx. 9 picots separated by 2 DS (Add or subtract DS to reach the picot or space where join is to be made.) Attach to ring with the shuttle join. Repeat, attaching space between rings.

CH approx. 11 picots separated by 2 DS. Attach to ring with the shuttle join. Repeat, attaching to space between rings.



CH approx. 9 picots separated by 2 DS. Attach to ring with the shuttle join. Repeat attaching to space between rings. Do not turn. Do not cut thread.

Second row of chain work:

CH approx. 11 picots separated by 3 DS (Add or subtract DS to reach the picot or space where join is to be made.) Attach to ring with the shuttle join. Repeat, attaching to space between rings.

CH approx. 13 picots separated by 3 DS. Attach to ring with the shuttle join. Repeat, attaching to space between rings.

CH approx. 11 picots separated by 3 DS. Attach to ring with the shuttle join. Repeat, attaching to space between rings.

Stem: After attaching last chain segment continue to chain approx. 2". Make a small picot, chain 6 DS and join back into that picot. Tie and cut. Whipstitch or glue or hide ends properly in back.

Supplies needed to easily make shamrock into a pin to wear:

**For Shamrock Pin**, you need a pin back (approx. ½" oval; adjust to fit size of thread used), hot glue and a heart- shaped green faux gem. Starch shamrock heavily or use fabric stiffener and pin out the picots. When dry, attach to pin back with small of hot glue and use faux gem to cover glue by placing it directly in the center.