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Helen Bailey's CELTIC EGG PATTERN

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This pattern was adapted & worked by Helen Bailey from a circular motif, [5 Point Celtic Motif](#) by Sue Hanson.

Many thanks to Helen for sharing this with the online tatting class.

This pattern is made in three steps: two separate motifs are worked, posted through each other and then a final round is worked to tie it all together.

Original worked in Manuela 20 - mauve 013, yellow 046. With this thread it measures approx. 2.5 x 3 inches

First Section

*Ring 5 - 5 + 5 - 5 - 5 - 5

Chain 18**

Repeat from* to ** 8 more times, joining second picot of ring to fourth picot of previous ring. Join to base of first ring.

Cut and tie.

Note: this will come out slightly cupped and does not lay flat. It will be fine when the motif is assembled.

Second Section

Note the slight differences in the chains which are necessary to get the egg shape!

*Ring 7 - 7

Chain A 4 + 8 - 4**

Repeat from* to ** 4 more times, joining first picots of chains to second picots of previous chains.

Ring 7 - 7

Chain B 4 + (to second picot of previous chain) 6 - 4

Ring 7 - 7

Chain C 4 + (to second picot of previous chain) 8 - 6

Ring 7 - 7

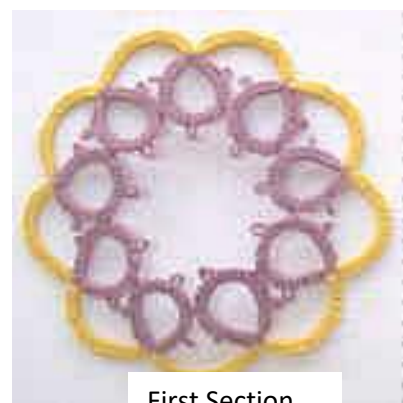
Ring 7 - 7

Chain D 6 + (to second picot of previous chain) 8 - 4

Ring 7 - 7

Chain E 4 + (to second picot of previous chain) 6 + (to first picot on Chain A) 4

Join to base of first ring. Cut and tie



First Section



Second Section

Now lay first section on top of second section and post the "legs" through rings of first section.

Third Section

Commence with right side facing, at point indicated on photograph. Rings are worked under the chains of first section, so fold work out of the way whilst joining.

Ring A 7 + 3 + 7 (joining to picots on Rings from First Section)

Chain A 3 - 3 - 3 Lock Join (LJ) to picot of last ring of Second Section

Working over the top of the egg as follows:

*Chain B 6 - 6 - 6 LJ to picot of next ring of Second Section**

Repeat from * to ** 2 more times

Chain C 3 - 3 - 3

Ring B 7 + 3 + 7 (joining to picots on Rings from First Section)

Chain D 3 - 3 - 3 LJ (to picot of next ring of Second Section) 3 - 3 - 3

#Ring C 12 + 3 + 12 (joining to picots on Rings from First Section)

Chain E 4 - 4 - 4 LJ (to picot of next ring of Second Section) 4 - 4 - 4##

Repeat from # to ## 3 more times

Ring D 12 + 3 + 12 (joining to picots on Rings from First Section)

Chain F 3 - 3 - 3 LJ (to picot of next ring of Second Section) 3 - 3 - 3

Join to base of first ring. Cut and tie.

Adjust to shape and block.

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