



Balanced Double Stitch Snowflake by Stephanie Wilson 2011

MATERIALS: 2 shuttles, wound CTM Thread (any size)

NOTES: I used size 20 thread for the sample and FILLED both Clover shuttles. You could probably get by with less thread on one of the shuttles, but it takes me many times through the same motif to figure out 'around' how much thread I need, and then it's usually in 'how many turns on the Clover shuttle,' which still isn't very helpful for most people.

For those who prefer to tat frontside/backside, the center ring and all of the small (3+3) rings are tatted on the 'front' side. The 'outer' rings are tatted on the 'back' side. The outer "BDS" round is your preference - if it looks like you might run out of thread on one of the shuttles, you can either RW when you get to that round or do a SLT so the shuttle with less thread on it becomes your 'core thread' shuttle.

Inner 'motif' is tatted with Sh1, except for the two split rings used to climb to the next round.

PATTERN:

R: 3 - 3 - 3 - 3 - 3 - 3 - 3 - 3 - 3 - 3 - 3 - 3 (total of 11 picots in all)

climb out with mp,

Split s(small)R: 3/3 RW

small bare thread space (BTS), then

m(medium)R: 5 - 7 - 5 RW

(BTS), then sR: 3 + (to next p on center ring) 3 RW

(BTS), l(large)R: 5 + (to adjacent p on mR) 7 - 7 - 5 RW

(BTS), repeat sR, RW,

(BTS), mR: 5 + (to adjacent p on IR) 7 - 5 RW

(BTS), repeat sR, RW

continue around, alternating medium and large rings on the outer edge until there are 12 small rings joined to the center ring. RW

then make a (BTS), and

Split IR: 5 + (to adjacent p on mR) 7 / 5 + (to adjacent p on 1st mR) 7

Now decide whether or not you need to start using thread from Sh2 for the BDS. You can either RW and follow the directions (remembering you're now working on the BACK side of the snowflake), OR you can do a SLT if you prefer to work on the front side of the snowflake. Either way you choose, once you've done the 'preliminaries' with either the RW or the SLT, proceed with a mock picot (for ease of joining later), then

CH: 15 BDS DNRW!

TOR: 5 -- 2 -- 2 ---- 2 -- 2 -- 5 (or you can make them all the same size)
DNRW

CH: 15 BDS lock join to next p in center of next IR of previous round
DNRW

Continue with the Ch/Tor/Ch 'pattern' until you have 6 chains, join end of last chain in the Mock picot at the beginning of the first chain.

Cut, tie, hide ends (or if you plan to hang it or glue it to something, cut, tuck ends in back, glue....or cut ends a bit long, tie a knot for a hanging loop, and stiffen snowflake)

