


Palmetto Tatters Guild

Standardized Tatting Pattern Notation

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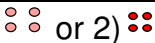


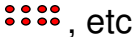
Written directions & Modern notation	* ♡	To denote repeating lines of a pattern. Example: Rep from * 7 times
	()	Eg. R: 5 + 5 – 5 – 5 (last P of prev R).
	B	Bead (Also see other bead notation below)
	BTS	Bare Thread Space
	<i>B</i>	Put bead on picot before joining
	⁺ BBB B	Three beads on knotting thread, and one bead on core thread
	Ch	Chain
	CTM	Continuous Thread Method
	DNRW	DO NOT Reverse Work
	DS	Double Stitch
	DJ	Decorative Join – Martha, Please write a definition for this join at the top of your block tatting class handout. We have chosen not to include this notation in this list.
	DP	Down Picot: 2 of 1 st HS, P, 2 of 2 nd HS
	DPB	Down Picot with a Bead: 2 of 1 st HS, B, 2 of 2 nd HS
	1 st HS	First Half of Double Stitch
	2 nd HS	Second Half of Double Stitch
	LJ	Lock Join
	JK	Josephine Knot (Ring made of only the 1 st Half of Double Stitch OR only the 2 nd Half of Double Stitch)
	LPPCh	Last Picot of Previous Chain
	LPPR	Last Picot of Previous Ring
	LS	Lock Stitch: First Half of DS is NOT flipped, Second Half is flipped, as usual.
MP	Mock picot	
MR	A ring formed by tatting a chain, then using a Shuttle Join to join the end to the beginning of the chain.	
P	Picot	

	PLJ or 	<p>'PULLED LOOP' join or 'PULLED LOCK' join since it is actually a lock join made after placing thread under a finished ring and pulling this thread through a picot.</p> <p>The join connects one ring to another in a sequence of rings in ONE shuttle tatting. Not very good for plain tatting because of a visible bare thread, but extremely useful for tatting with beads, see:</p> <p>A. Crichlow's Let's Tat, 1978 and N. Libin's One Shuttle, Lots of beads, 2004...</p> <p>It is also known as a 'CARRY THREAD' join in A. Crichlow's Let's Tat or a 'CARRY THREAD UNDER A RING' join in Klot's A Tatter's Workbook.</p>
R		Ring (made of Double Stitches)
RW		Reverse Work
SCMR		<p>Self-Closing Mock Ring: A Ring made as if making a chain, but closed by dropping Shuttle through a Core Thread loop to close.</p> <p>Example: SCMR 4 – 4 [3 – 3 – 3 – 3 .] 4 – 4.</p>
SCh		Split chain
Sh1		Shuttle 1 – define which is Shuttle 1 at the top of your handouts, if needed
Sh2		Shuttle 2
ShA		Shuttle A (if you prefer letters to numbers)
SLT		Shoe Lace Trick or Tie
SR		<p>Split Ring</p> <p>Example: SR 5 – 5 / 5 – 5.</p>
SSh		Switch Shuttles
SwJ		<p>Swirl Join: put a crochet hook into the picots of all the rings to be connected (3 or more), pull the knotting thread through all those picots and make a regular join</p>
Turn		Turn: a side-to-side motion, rather than up-and-down as for Reverse Work.
VSP		Very Small Picot
VLP		<p>Very Long Picot- length should be given for an 'open' picot. Example: VLP = 1" This means the tatter should use a 1" picot gauge vertically, so that the finished picot length is 1/2".</p>
WUJ		<p>Wrap Under Join: or 'Alligator' join (place a core thread under a marked place on a chain and continue tatting).</p>


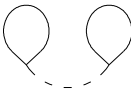
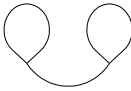




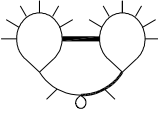
Long hand written instructions	Bet	Between
	Cl	Close (ring)
	J	Join
	P	Picot
	Prev	Previous
	Rep	Repeat
	Sep	Separated

Modern notation	+	Join
	-	Picot
	—	Long Picot
	.	Close Ring or shape Chain
	()	Pattern instructions to be repeated
	X#	Number of repetitions to be completed

The symbols below are made in Smart Draw, a program compatible with MS WORD, which means that everyone can copy it from this list and paste into their document. The image can be enlarged or made smaller to fit into the text by using the Format menu in WORD (Format> Object> Size).

		1 bead on the knotting thread
		1 bead on the core Thread
		3 beads on the knotting thread to make a 'POINTED' picot
		1 bead on the knotting thread & 1 bead on the core thread
		2 beads on the knotting thread and 1 bead on the core thread
		3 beads on the knotting thread and 1 bead on the core thread
For 'Block' tatting with beads	1)  or 2) 	2 beads on the knotting thread and 2 beads on the core thread
	3) 	
	4)  , etc.	

Each of the Symbols 2), 3), 4) above can be copied and pasted as a whole, or built up using  as in Symbol 1)

Symbols for graphical patterns	★→	start here
	⊗Jk	Josephine knot Example: ⊗Jk 12
		Ring
		bare thread space
		Chain
		decorative picot
		joining picot
		Number of Double Stitches between picots
		Split Ring
		Split Ring with a Bead in the middle
		Split Chain