

Autumn Leaf, by Sherry Pence

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<http://freepdfhosting.com/uploads/892bb57480.pdf>

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This pattern is written for four colours, but can also be done using one colour.



You need one shuttle and four colours. Wind the shuttle with the colour you want on the rings on the 2nd row. Leave all ends at the length of 3-4 inches.

Techniques used:

Rings, chains, lock join (LJ, see pg2), encapsulation (see pg2), Josephine knots (see pg2)

1st row

Shuttle and ball thread #1

*ch3-(*15X)3RW tie ends to shape ring.

Do not cut shuttle thread. Leave one of the ends from the ball thread long enough to encapsulate the stem (10 inches).

2nd row

All joins are to picots on 1st row

Shuttle and ball thread #2

*ch3-3RW, r3+(next p on first row)3clRW(*3X)

*ch4-4RW, r3+(next p)3clRW(*2X)

*ch2-2RW, r3+(next p)3clRW(*2X)

ch5-5RW, r6+(next p)6clRW (ptA)

ch5-5RW, r3+(next p)3clRW

*ch2-2RW, r3+(next p)3clRW(*2X)

*ch4-4RW, r3+(next p)3clRW(*2X)

*ch3-3RW, r3+(next p)3clRW(*2X)

ch3-3+(LJ to the base of the first chain of the row)

3rd row

Shuttle and ball thread #3

ch4+(LJ next p)5+(LJ next p)

ch6+(LJ next p) *5-5+(LJ next p)(*2X)6-6+(LJ next p)

ch5+(LJ next p)7+(LJ next p)7RW,

r5+(join at ptA, between the chains on each side of the r6+6 of 2nd row)5clRW

ch7+(LJ next p)7+(LJ next p)5+(LJ next p), ch6-6+(LJ next p)

*ch5-5+(LJ next p)(*2X)6+(LJ next p)5+(LJ next p)4+

(LJ to the base of the first chain of the row)

Stem

Encapsulate tails in a josephine chain approx. 1 inches using the long end of ball thread #1, from 1st row.

Abbreviations and Notes

ch = chain

RW = Reverse Work

- = picot

r = ring

cIRW = close (ring) reverse work

+ = join

PtA = point A in the diagram

LJ = lock join aka shuttle join

See tutorial at: <http://www.georgiaseitz.com/classes2001/shtljoin.html>

With thanks to Georgia Seitz for this information:

The shuttle join uses the shuttle thread to attach to a previously tatted point below the horizontal line of progression. The tatting is accomplished to the point of the proposed join.

- *Snug up the double stitches and check the correctness of the work to that point. A shuttle join is not easily undone.*
- *If the work is correct, let the shuttle thread drop down behind the free standing picot or other point of attachment on the previous tatting.*
- *Pull a loop of the shuttle thread thru the picot, slip the shuttle thru this loop, but do not tighten it yet.*
- *Pull on one side of the loop only, so that the new tatting is drawn up to the old tatting and then hold both segments under the thumb while the shuttle thread gently pulls up the slack in the loop and tightens down.*
- *Continue to tat.*

Josephine chain = chain of one half of the double stitch

can be either the first half **or** second half—individual choice unless spiral of specific direction is desired...first half goes to the right and second half goes to the left

Encapsulate = **unflipped stitches around two or more thread ends**

Easiest way I've found is to hold the ends you want to cover together with the loom/ball thread and go around them with wrapped or unflipped stitches.

Jane Eborall has an awesome tutorial located at:

<http://www.users.globalnet.co.uk/~nickeb/Encapsulation.pdf>

We thank Jane, Georgia and Sherry for sharing their work with us.