



I had the occasion to sit in a laundromat this weekend and while my washing was going, I tatted and watched the people there. It's always an interesting place to people watch.

I met one nice man there who shared his Girl Scout cookies with me and who worked in the same place I have, but before I got there. We had a nice chat.

Then there was the single mom with her two pre-teen children. I remembered those days! I wish her well.

This little design is what I came up with while I was there, plus a while longer to refine it and make it sit neatly. Once it was done, though, I decided it would make an interesting center for a doily. So, here is row 1 of another doily. I plan on doing a new row every other month, and at this point, I don't even know how many rows there are going to be. We'll see how this one grows.

I've decided that one of the nice things about doilies is that you can often stop on any row and still have a nice piece of tatting.

This pattern is beginner level and uses one shuttle. I used size 30 DMC Cebelia thread in white.

You will need:

Thread in your choice of color and size.  
1 tatting shuttle

ds double stitch  
p picot

Instructions:

R: (3ds p) 7 times, 3ds close.  
R: 3ds j to last p of previous R, (3ds p) 6 times, 3ds close, turn.  
Start the next ring 1/2" (1.5 cm) away from the previous ring.  
R: (2ds p) 3 times, 2ds close, turn.  
Start the next ring 1/2" (1.5 cm) away from the previous ring.  
R: (3ds p) 2 times, 3ds j to 5th p of previous large R (3ds p) 4 times, 3ds close.  
\*R: 3ds j to last p of previous R, (3ds p) 6 times, 3ds close, turn.  
Start the next ring 1/2" (1.5 cm) away from the previous ring.  
R: 2ds j to last p of previous small R (2ds p) 2 times, 2ds close, turn.  
Start the next ring 1/2" (1.5 cm) away from the previous ring.  
R: (3ds p) 2 times, 3ds j to 5th p of previous large R (3ds p) 4 times, 3ds close.\*  
Repeat between \* 5 more times.  
R: 3ds j to last p of previous R, (3ds p) 3 times, 3ds j to 3rd p of first large R (3ds p) 2 times, 3ds close, turn  
Start the next ring 1/2" (1.5 cm) away from the previous ring.  
R: 2ds j to last p of previous small R 2ds p 2ds j to first p of first small R 2ds, close.  
Cut and tie to base of first R.

