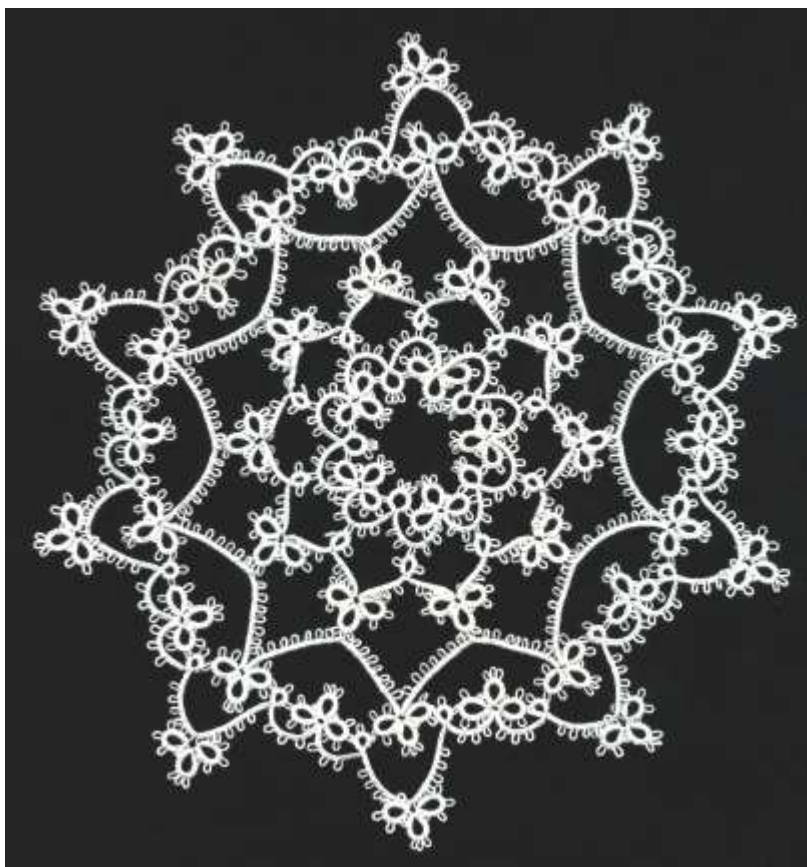


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Fields of Clover Doily – row 4



This month I've added row 4, which taught me that no matter how long I've been tatting, I have new things to learn. In row 2, I used the shoelace trick. I found the clover leaves sitting on top of the chains in that row did not lay smoothly. That was rather frustrating. On row 4, I went back to using two shuttles and also left just a tiny bit of thread between the clover leaf and the chain. I was a whole lot happier with the results. The tatting below on the left is using the shoelace trick. The tatting on the right uses two shuttles.



By the way, I've just steamed this doily at this point. I haven't blocked it. When I finish the whole doily and block it, then you'll see what a difference it makes to take the time to block your work, too.

This doily was tatted with size 30 DMC Cebelia thread.

This is an intermediate-level 2-shuttle pattern using simple rings and chains..

ds	double stitch	R	ring	lp	long picot
Ch	chain	j	join	lj	lock join
p	picot	bj	beaded join		

You will need:

Tatting thread in your choice of color, size 20 or 30
2 tatting shuttles

Round 1

Clover leaf (use this same clover leaf throughout--will be abbreviated as CL

R: (3ds p) 5 times 3ds, close

R: 3ds j to last p of previous R, 5ds p 1ds p 1ds p 5ds p 3ds, close

R: 3ds j to last p of previous R, (3ds p) 4 times 3ds close, turn

Ch: 5ds p (3ds p) 4 times, 5ds, turn

R: 3ds j to 2nd p of previous R, 5ds p 1ds p 1ds p 5ds p 3ds, close, turn

Ch: 5ds p (3ds p) 4 times, 5ds, turn

CL, joining 4th p of first R in CL to last p of previous R

Repeat until you have 5 repetitions of the pattern, making sure you j to the appropriate p on the first CL once you've reached the last repetition. Cut and tie.

Round 2

*R: 3ds p 3ds j to center p of chain on previous round 3ds p 3ds, close, turn

Ch: (3ds p) 3 times, 3ds, do not turn

Using shuttle 2 stitch CL, do not turn

Ch: (3ds p) 3 times, 3ds, turn*

Repeat between * around.

Cut and tie.

Round 3

*CL, turn

Ch: 5ds p (3ds p) 6 times, 3ds j to center p of any CL on the previous round, (3ds p) 7 times, 5ds, turn*

Repeat between * around.

Cut and tie.

Round 4

*R: 3ds j to 3rd p of first R of CL on previous round, 3ds p 3ds p 3ds, close, turn

Ch: 5ds p (3ds p) 2 times, 5ds, turn

CL, joining 3rd p of first R to last p of previous R, turn

Ch: 5ds p (3ds p) 2 times, 5ds, turn

R: 3ds j to 3rd p of previous R, 3ds p 3ds j to 3rd p of last R of the next CL on the previous round, 3ds, close, turn

Ch: 5ds p (3ds p) 3 times, 5ds, do not turn

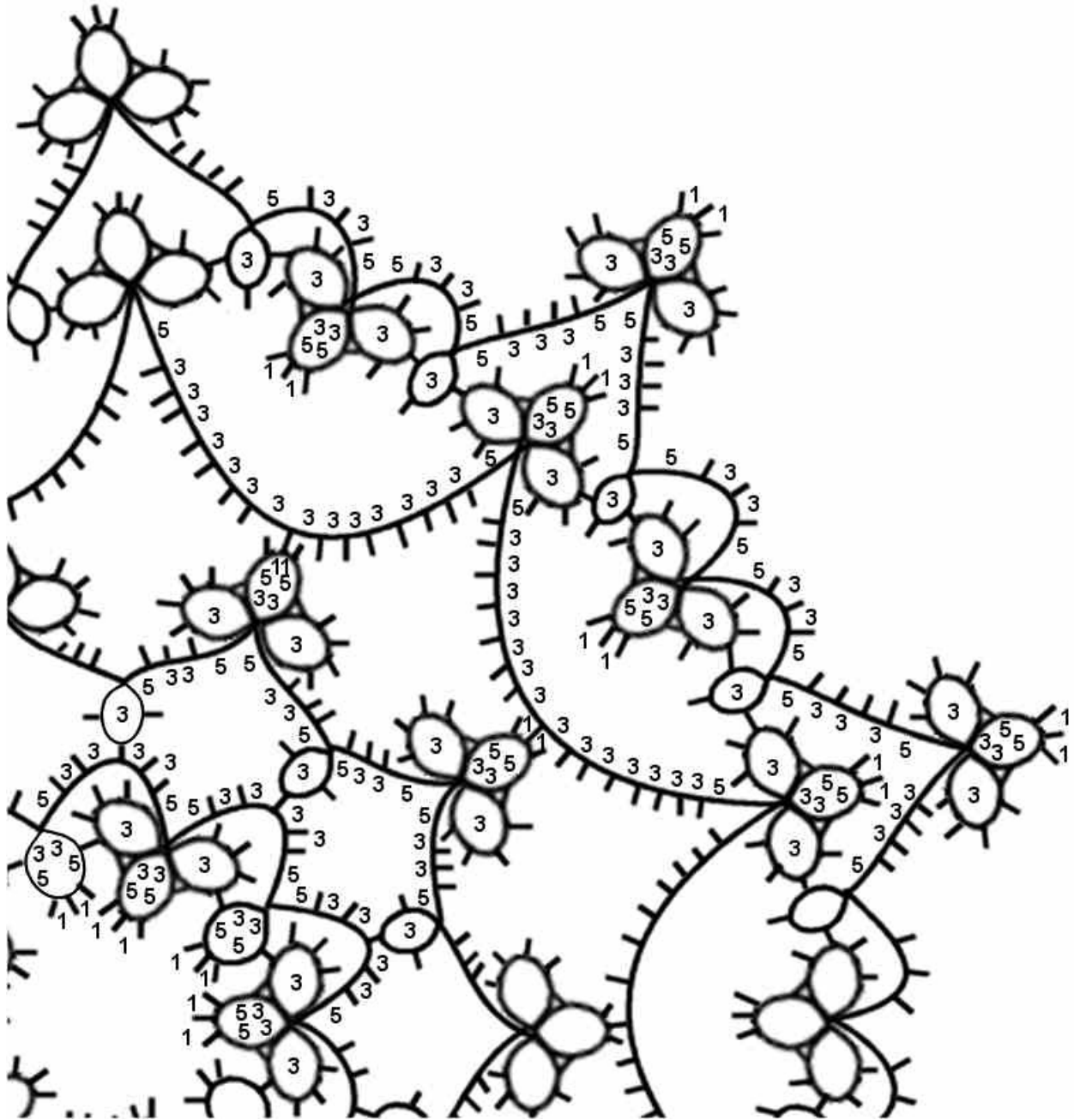
CL using shuttle 2, do not turn

Ch: 5ds p (3ds p) 3 times, 5ds, turn*

Repeat between * around.

Cut and tie.

If you like this motif the way it is and would like to stop here, block it, starch and steam.



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