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Note: for those who prefer front side/back side tatting the text in italics and red indicates where the worker needs to use the second half of the ds first. Please ignore if you don't want the added 'stimulation'!!!!

You will need two shuttles filled with thread. You can use the CTM method but instructions are given for starting without a knot. Add 2 beads to shuttle 2. The smaller bead is added first followed by the slightly larger one. Don't worry – if you find your beads on the 'wrong' thread a shoe lace trick later will put them in the right place!

Abbreviations

R	ring	Ch	chain
p or -	picot	Cl	Close ring
RW	Reverse work	vsp	Very small picot
+	join		

For those who have not wound their shuttles with the Continuous Thread Method then here are two ways (one for ring and one for chain) to start off without tying a knot.

Starting a ring and hiding the end.

Take the thread round the hand as if starting a ring as usual but turning the end back towards the left. See opposite.

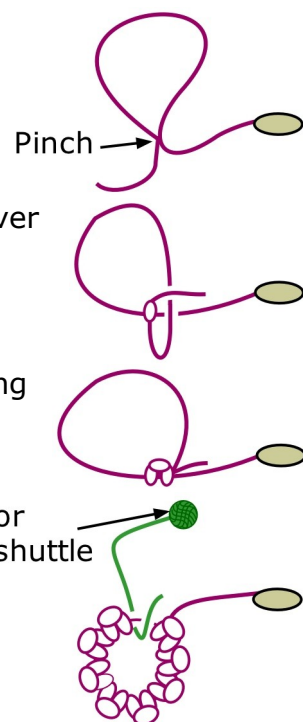
Work the first half of the double stitch and then bend the end up and over the top as in the diagram opposite.

Work the second half of the ds over the tail to hide it and continue working over the tail for a few more double stitches.

Starting the chain and hiding the end.

After reversing the work take the end of the ball thread through the ring **JUST BEFORE** completely closing the ring.

Finish closing the ring which will hold the end safely in place while working several chain ds over this 'tail' which will hide it and hold it.



Today's Piece

- R1: 5 vsp 4 vsp 3 Cl RW
- Ch: 6 RW
- R2: 3 + (2nd vsp R1) 3 - 3 vsp 3 Cl RW
- Ch: 6 RW
- R3: 3 + (vsp R2) 4 vsp 5 Cl RW
- Ch: 4 - 2 - 6 RW
- R4: 5 + (vsp R3) 4 vsp 3 Cl RW
- Ch: 3 - 3 RW

