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Abbreviations

R	ring	Ch	chain
SR	split ring	Cl	Close
RW	reverse work	SS	switch shuttles
vsp	very small picot	AJ	Alligator join
Lj	lock join	+	join
P or -	picot	DNRW	do not reverse work
OTTJ	over the top join		

For a handkerchief I recommend a number 80 (or thereabouts) thread. The edging can be made with any size, however. 2 shuttles are required.

Skills required: Knowledge of split rings.

Note: for those who prefer front side/back side tatting the text in italics and red indicates where the worker needs to use second half ds first.

Sides – 1st repeat

SR1: 8 / 4 vsp 4 Cl

SR2: 2 – 2 / 2 vsp 2 Cl

SR3: 8 / 4 vsp 4 Cl SLT

Ch: vsp 8 Lj (vsp SR3) – 4 RW

SR4: 2 + (vsp SR2) 2 / 2 – 2 Cl RW

Ch: 4 Lj (vsp SR1) – 8 Lj (start of SR1) SLT SS 4 – 8 RW

R5: 4 + (p SR2) 4 Cl RW

Ch: 2 – 2 SS

Clover

R6: 2 + (p last Ch) 4 – 4 – 2 Cl

R7: 2 + (R6) 4 – 4 – 2 Cl

R8: 2 + (R7) 4 – 4 – 2 Cl SS

Ch: 2 + (R8) 2 RW

R9: 4 + (SR2) 4 Cl RW

Ch: 8 – 4 Lj (vsp base SR3) SLT SS 4 RW

R10: 4 – 4 Cl RW SS

R11: 2 + (p on last Ch) 2 – 2 – 2 Cl SS

Ch: 4 SLT SS

Second and following repeats

Repeat from SR1 – SR4 then continue with

Ch: 4 Lj (vsp SR1) – 8 CJ (round start of SR1) SLT 4 + (R11) 8 RW

Return to original pattern starting with R5

Repeat until a corner is required finishing after R9

Corner

Ch: Ch: 8 – 4 Lj (vsp base SR3) 4 SLT DNRW

Corner ring: 2 + (p on last Ch) 4 – 4 – 2 Cl SLT

Ch: 4 SS

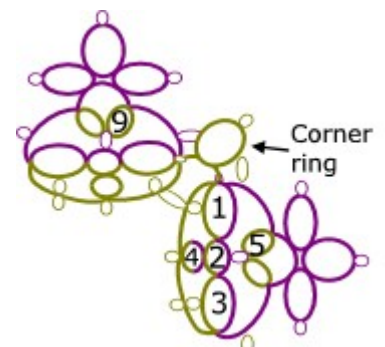
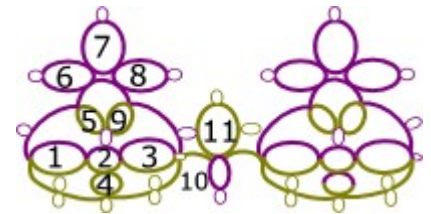
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SR2: 2 – 2 / 2 vsp 2 Cl

SR3: 8 / 4 vsp 4 Cl SLT SS

Ch: vsp 8 Lj (vsp SR3) – 4 RW

SR4: 2 + (vsp SR4) 2 / 2 – 2 Cl RW



Ch: 4 Lj (vsp SR1) + (corresponding p on 1st side) 8 OTTJ (start of SR1) SLT 4 + (corner ring) 8 RW
Continue second side from R5