

Another New Year and another Tat it and See game for 2012.

To those of you who have played before – thank you for your support.

To those of you who are new to this game – welcome, sit back, tat and enjoy the fun.

The game is a brand new pattern that I give to those taking part in small bite sized pieces every few days. This gives everybody time to complete each part. There will only be a few elements to work each time and you can always leave it to do whenever you like.

Anybody who who can manage the basics of ring, chain, Self Closing Mock Ring and split ring will be able to complete the pattern and still learn a bit on the way. One 'new to some' technique can be practiced before we start and instructions are below. This is only used once in the pattern and could be replaced with a normal chain and a cut and tie. There will be only one pair of ends to work in when the piece is finished if you can manage the continuous thread join.

To make this game more fun I ask you to [email me](#) all comments, pictures of work in progress and anything else you can think of during the game. Guesses are always welcome too. This is not 'compulsory'! I will add pictures and comments to the [Tat It And See blog which is here](#). Any private comments will be kept out of the blog but please let me know if there is something you don't want published!!!

For this TIAS you will need 2 shuttles (fully wound) in the **same** colour of number 20 thread and a seed bead (size 11 or 10) plus a size 6 bead. I will show you how to start without tying a knot if you do not want to use the Continuous Thread Method. The smaller bead is added to the shuttle first followed by the larger one.

The Continuous Thread Join Technique.

The join (CTJ) is a simple technique which takes both threads back over part of the work without having to use a chain – the advantage being a less bulky progression and a way to avoid cutting and tying. It resembles a crocheted or knitted slip stitch.

The CTJ is made by pulling the chain thread DOWNWARDS through each vsp and picot on the previous chain. After each loop has been pulled down through the picot pass the working shuttle thread through this loop. Snug up the chain thread and continue to next vsp or ds.

Some people may find it easier to do this technique by pulling the thread UP through each picot.

Practice piece.

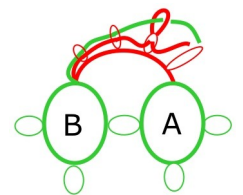
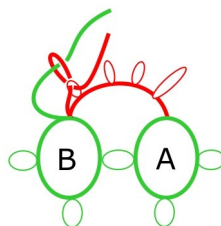
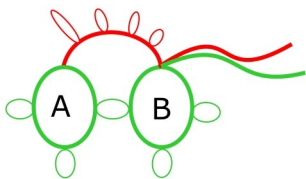
Make the following rings and chain. Vsp stands for 'very small picot'.

RA: 3 – 3 – 3 – 3 CI RW

Ch: 4 – 2 vsp 2 vsp 2 vsp 2 RW

RB: 3 + (last p RA) 3 – 3 – 3 CI RW and turn. See diagrams below.

CTJ: UP through vsp's and picot on last Ch SLT



Perhaps somebody else would like to run a Tat It And See? If so please feel free to contact me for help. I cannot run it for you or do updates on the blog but I'll happily advise and give access to the TIAS blog.