Joining last Ring to First Ring © Jane Eborall 2012

Joining the last ring of a motif where the rings face outwards to the first ring worked. A lot of people use the folding join which in over 50 years of tatting I've never understood. I'm attempting here to show the way I do this join.

The first drawing shows where this join is needed. 5 rings of the 6 ring motif have now been worked and the final ring now has to be joined to the first ring.

Make ring 6 up to where the join is needed.

Lay the last ring close to the first ring keeping the shuttle thread, the ring thread and the chain thread to the front of the work. Slide the section of ring thread adjacent to the last ds worked behind the picot of the first ring to which you are joining, being careful to keep the rest of the ring to the front of the work.

Pull a loop of the 'ring thread' up through the picot on the first ring.

Take the shuttle through the loop and then tighten as you would normally. Continue making the ring at the front of your work.

