

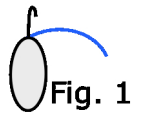
HOME Holding and Using the Shuttle the Slip and Slide Way

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Following discussions with several tatters I decided it was time I drew the positions for holding a shuttle when using the 'slip and slide' method of tatting.

This is only one way of holding the shuttle but it is the fastest way I've found so far!!!

Hold the shuttle with the first finger of the right hand and the thumb. If you use an Aero type shuttle with a hook I have found this way the best way to hold the shuttle. Thread coming out of the leading point of the shuttle with the hook facing away – see fig. 1. The finger will be on this side of the shuttle. Obviously this doesn't work for everybody!

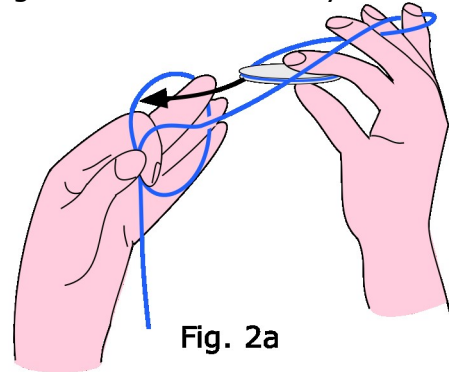
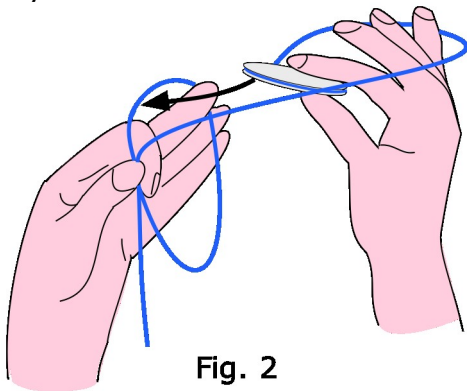


Making the first half of the double stitch.

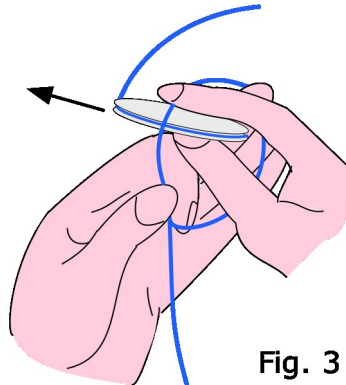
The left hand holds the thread in the pinch between the first finger and thumb. Take the thread over the second finger and back to the pinch.

The thread from the shuttle is taken over the back of the right hand – see figure 2.

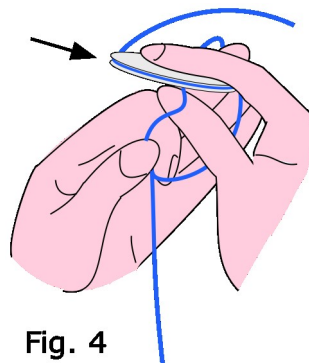
Alternatively the thread can be taken over the hand as in fig. 2a – this is the way I find faster.



SLIP the shuttle through the thread which is wrapped round the left hand allowing the upper side to pass between the first finger of the right hand and the top of the shuttle. See figure 3 below. The arrows in all diagrams show the direction the shuttle is traveling.



Next **SLIDE** the shuttle back passing it between the bottom of the shuttle and the thumb of the right hand. Fig. 4



Making the second half of the double stitch.

For the second half of the double stitch allow the thread from the shuttle to hang down as shown in figure 5.

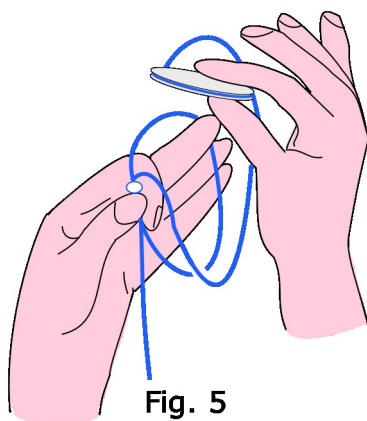


Fig. 5

Take the shuttle over top of the loop on the left hand allowing it to **SLIP** between the thumb and the bottom of the shuttle. See figure 6.

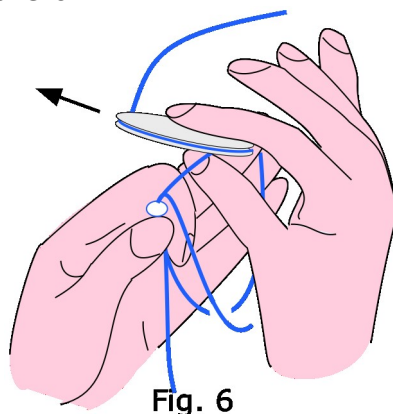


Fig. 6

Now **SLIDE** the shuttle back so that the same thread passes between the forefinger and the shuttle.

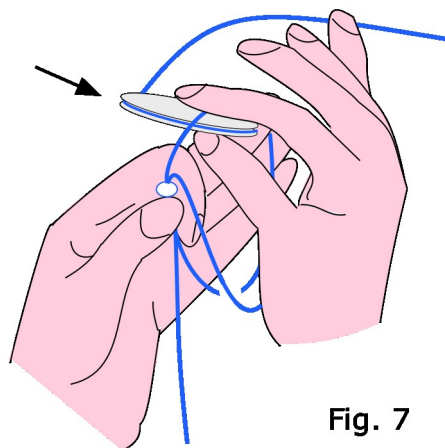


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