Basket Edging from the Corticelli Book

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This pretty little basket design is from Corticelli Lessons in Tatting / by Nellie Ellison, page 21.

While the instructions are old style, seem ambiguous, and the photo is black and white, it is a pretty design. Tatting it is worth the time and effort.

My sample here in pink and white is done with size 20 thread. I probably should have made the picots of the small rings on top a bit larger to join to, but I didn’t.

Two shuttles, one with pink and one with white.

Two white rings and chains done.

Left
First ring done and thread joined to the picot.

Right

Begin with the Pink.
Ring with 13 picots sep by 3 DS.

Join the pink thread to the closest picot of the ring.

With the white thread Ring (3 – 3)

Using shuttle with pink on it tat a chain of the white thread, Chain 2 DS, then shuttle join (first half only) to the next picot of the first ring.
Repeat these rings, chains and joins until there are 8 white rings.
Chain 3 – 3
join to the next picot.

Continue with white rings and chains joined to the first ring until there are 5 more white rings.

Chain 3 – 3
Join to the last picot of the first ring.

SLT so that the pink thread is on top. Join to the first white ring. Tat a pink ring with 12 picots sep by 1 DS.

Turn and chain 3, join to the next white ring. (First half of join only. Do not tat the 2nd half DS on this join) Turn

Repeat large pink rings and white chains until there are 8 large pink rings.

The photo on the left shows five of the large pink rings completed. Three more to go.

The photo on the right shows the piece completed. I just need to hide the ends.

Enjoy!