**Trefoil Knot Celtic Cross**

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This beautiful cross is four repetitions of the Trefoil knot with the chains between them woven over and under making a Celtic knot in the center as well.

**Requirements:**
One Tatting Shuttle
One Paper Clip
Tatting Thread: Flora size 10 Variegated
Sample is Purple and White.
Finished size is about 2” x 2”

Wind two shuttles with one continuous thread of size 10 tatting or crochet thread. To do this, wind one shuttle until it is full, then, unwind sufficient thread from the ball to fill the second shuttle and cut the thread at the ball. Wind the thread on the second shuttle.
There should be about five yards of thread on each shuttle, and about 12 inches of thread between the two shuttles. The best way to find out how much thread a shuttle will hold is to fill the shuttle one time and then unwind the shuttle and measure the thread.

**Tatting Instructions:**

Starting with an open ended chain on a paper clip at the bottom left corner:

CHAIN (20 – 20 – 20 – 20 + )

Weave the first Trefoil Knot after the first picot as shown.
Join the end of the chain at this point to the first picot to hold the knot together.

CHAIN (20 – 20 – 20)

**Weave the 2nd trefoil knot.**
Hold the first trefoil knot and paper clip in one hand, and wrap the ball and shuttle threads around your other hand. This is just like an overhand knot. Pull the tatted chain through the loop until it forms the knot as shown here.
The chains weave over and under at the center of this cross. Continue tatting the next trefoil knot:

CHAIN (–20 – 20 – 20 + )
Weave the 3rd trefoil knot, and then join to the picot at the beginning of this knot.

CHAIN (20 – 20)

The tatting is completed. It will have three trefoil knots, and one section of tatted chain at the beginning with 20 DS, while there are two chain sections at the end with 20 DS each and a picot between them.

Weaving the last trefoil knot
Pull the chain through to weave the 4th trefoil knot as shown here.

Remove the paper clip and join the end to the beginning through the loop left by the paper clip.

Work in the ends, and cut them off close.

Or, add a second color of thread here for a row around the edge of the cross. This cross will make a wonderful doily center. Here is just one suggestion for the next row around the outside of the cross.

Another variation of this cross is with small hearts at each of the corners of the trefoil knots instead of just picots. These hearts are tatted when the cross is tatted where it calls for the picots at the corners of the trefoil knots.

Heart:
RING (3 – 3)
CHAIN (12 + 12 +)
Join at the top of the ring just tatted. Then join back at the base of the same ring and mold the chain to look like a pretty little heart.