

Celtic Heart Pendant

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This is not a beginner pattern.

I found this little heart pendant in a UFO tub. I think I didn't use it in a book because it is just a bit more complicated than the other Celtic hearts.

I am including several versions of the same pattern because I had fun playing with the design. It is one long continuous chain woven into the Celtic knot and the heart around and through. Fun!

I learned shuttle tatting first, but needle tatting this is easier than shuttle. You don't need much thread on the shuttle. That's good because the best look for a smooth heart means you have to unwind the shuttle to join the outline of the heart to the Celtic knot. Begin a chain with a picot by tying a knot between the ball and shuttle, and then tat the first DS a picot's distance from the knot.

Celtic knot: Chain – 21 – 21 – 21

Weave the trefoil Celtic knot, and then join to the beginning picot.

Heart: Chain - 15 +

The first picot is a very small one to join back to at the bottom of the heart.

For a smooth side on the heart, unwind the shuttle and put the core thread through the picot of the Celtic knot. Wind the thread back onto the shuttle and continue tatting. Or with a tatting needle insert the needle through the picot and then continue tatting.

Chain 21 – 35 +

The 53 DS weave through the Celtic knot over and under as shown. Shuttle tatters must unwind the shuttle and cut the thread from the ball leaving a couple of yards to finish the piece. Weave the chain through and then wind the shuttle again. For the next join to the previous picot, the core thread goes on tip of the chain and the ball thread goes under the chain and up through the picot to join. When the stitches are snugged up the chain will cross over the previously tatted chain and will be held in place by the join.

Chain 21 +

Again unwind the shuttle and insert the core thread through the [picot of the Celtic knot.

Chain 15 +

The heart is completed.

Variations with beads and different kinds of joins are shown on the next page.

To make the pendant with beads at the bottom. Finish by stringing a bead on each thread, and then thread both threads through a third bead in opposite directions. Go through the first two beads again, and then tie them and hide the ends. Add a jump ring to the picot at the top center of the heart.

You may wish to add a Clover at the bottom to make a bookmark.

Ring (3 + 3 – 3 – 3)

Ring with the other thread (3 + 3 – 3 – 3)

Split ring (3 + 5 / 3 + 5) For a bookmark add twisted cord and a tassel. ENJOY !!!

Needle tatters have an advantage with this one because the weaving is easier and the joins on the sides can be done by just inserting the needle through the picots which will not leave a dimple or a bump.

This sample is size 3 lizbeth thread. It will look better when it is blocked. Since I have been sick with this cough that is going around... bronchitis or bronchial pneumonia, I am a couple weeks late getting this out.

But it is before Valentines day!

Sending out love to you all!

Ruth