

Wilma Walker's Tatted Flower Bookmark

Thank you Wilma for permission to share
this beautiful simple flower!

This flower may be tatted with a single thread or mix several threads together the way Wilma tatted them.

Leave about 20" tail of both the shuttle and ball threads, then wind one shuttle CTM, or use a separate ball thread - great for using up leftover bits of thread.

First Ring (3 - 3 - 3) Close Ring Turn

* Chain (3 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 3) Turn

Ring (3 + 3 - 3) Close Ring Turn *

Repeat between * joining each ring to the previous until you have 4 rings. The fifth ring is joined to both the previous ring and the available picot of the first ring.

Fifth Ring (3 + 3 + 3) Close Ring Turn

Chain (3 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 3) Turn

Tie the shuttle thread end to the beginning tail, then cut, leaving desired length tails to make twisted cord with the ends.

Twisted Cord

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At one Queen City Lace Guild meeting at Wilma's house, in Cincinnati, I showed the ladies something I made with twisted thread and was asked how I got mine to be so tight, and look the way it looks. So, I showed them how I learned rope making at Girl Scout camp years and years ago.

The technique is fairly simple: (We're not going to talk about tree bark here) Start with any tatted piece, in this case, Wilma's Tatted Bookmark. We need to have at least four strands of thread somewhat longer than the desired length of the finished cord.

Cut thread Ends to about 20" long. You may add extra strands of thread if you wish.

Twist half of the threads together as tightly as possible. Hold all the threads securely between your thumb and first finger, while twisting. Now we have to hold the twist in these first threads between the third and fourth fingers, while twisting the other threads together tightly in the same direction. When all the threads are twisted as tightly as possible, hold them all together and let the tatted motif go. It will spin around making the cord twist together.

Continue on working a couple of inches at a time of the twisted cord, until you have about the desired length of the finished twisted cord. Tie a double overhand knot in the twisted cord to hold the threads in place, and then cut leaving about a 2" tassel.