I have always loved Pansy flowers. My very first garden when I was about 4 had just Pansies. I have tatted the very old Pansy flower that has been reprinted in several newer books. Recently I saw some onion ring pansies, and, thought it would be fun to do a different Pansy flower. There are so many different combinations of colors and they are all so pretty. There can never be too many flowers.

I finger tatted this because of the way the threads work to make the design. That’s just the easiest way for me. You could do needle or shuttle. It’s what the thread is doing that matters, not the tools used that counts.

Begin with about 2 yd of each of two colors Color 1 is the center and color 2 is highlights. I used yellow color 1, and, blue color 2 in the one above, and peach color 1 with purple color 2 on the one I am making to write the instructions.

Leave about 8” tails and wrap both threads around your hand for the “hand ring”. Color wrap the working end of color two like the ball thread when doing a chain. Color 1 makes direct (unflipped) stitches on the hand ring. 1 – 1.

Then turn the work over and use color 2 to make a Ring ( 1 – 1 – 1 – 1 – 1 )
Turn it over and use color 1 to tat direct stitches on the hand ring as before 1 – 1.

Turn it over and tat a ring with color 2 Ring ( 1 – 1 – 1 – 1 – 1 – 1 – 1 – 1 )
Turn it over and tat one direct stitch with color 1

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Close the center ring by pulling on both color tails. This part of it looks like a butterfly to me.

Tie the working ends of each color in a SLT overhand knot to reverse the color positions. (See photo)

Next, using color 1 (peach) as the “ball thread, and color 2 (purple) as the “shuttle” thread chain 1.

Because this is finger tatting pull the purple thread through the closest purple picot of the previous round. Leave the space of a picot and chain 1. Repeat around the ring.

Lock join to the peach picot between the purple rings of the center.

Continue around this ring with 7 picots then lock join to the picot that joins the 2nd and 3rd rings both with 7 picots. Continue around this ring,
and then, lock join to the peach picot from the center. Continue around the last ring with 5 picots. Lock join to the peach picot of the center. If you like you could use the peach thread to crochet around the picots of this round which would give it a smoother look. (cro-tat)

Or you can use the peach as shuttle thread and the purple as ball thread as I have done to add another row to each of the top rings. One pair of threads goes around the right-side ring and the other around the left side ring. Each pair of threads ends on opposite side of the flower.

Tie, hide, cut the ends. This makes a lovely realistic looking Pansy center.

Finish with two onion ring petals, or (ring and chain petals) that are sewn in back of the front we just tatted. Sew it with their thread ends. This looks messy to me, but since it is meant to be glued to a card it is fine.

The stitch counts for the ones shown here are

Ring ( 4 – 3 – 3 – 4 )
Chain - 6 + 2 – 2 + 2 – 2 + 6
Join to 1st picot of previous. Then Chain 10 + 1 – 1 – 1 – 1 – 1 – 1 + 10 + ( omit the picots if you wish )

Leave a 1/4th space and tat another petal the same Alligator join between the rounds.

Pansies are some of the earlier Spring flowers after Crocus and Daffodils. When I see Pansies I always smile. Warm sunny weather has arrived!

Make lots. Put them on cards. Send them to friends to brighten their day. Or, sew onto fabric. Wouldn’t they look great on baby clothes! You may sell the items you make. You may share a link to this pattern.

This COVID-19 thing will not last forever, Spring will come, and the World will be beautiful again.

Enjoy!!!