Block Tatted Ric Rac Easter Egg

This project is tatted with two shuttles wound continuous, CTM. All the stitch counts are 10 for the block Ric Rac, and for the split rings. Just follow the progression and have fun.

Begin with the Block Tatted Ric Rac with the long red arrow labeled 1.

Next follow the red arrow labeled 2.

Then follow 3, 4, & 5. Do not join the end of the last split ring in section 5 to anything. Stop at the blue line and leave the ends to tie and hide later.

Next Tat the Ric Rac with the green arrows labeled 6. Tie the end to the previous Ric Rac block and hide the ends now or leave them for later.

Now tie and hide the ends from section 5.

Tat the split rings for section 7 last, and then Tie, Hide, and cut then ends off.

For this Block Tatted Ric Rac I tatted a line of 10 stitch ZigZag Chains. Tat 10 DS, and then wrap or direct tat 10 reverse Stitches, like the second half of a split ring. The second row is all normal DS, and so is the third row. I just tatted extra stitches around the corners and joined at the mountain tops and valleys where there are picots for joining.

If a picot is not large enough to join into, just use a dental pic, sewing awl, or a crochet hook to open it up enough to join. The picots in the valleys of the Ric Rac need this.

Slide the beads onto the picots where the Ric Rac joins to the previous Ric Rac when making the joins. These beads are not on the thread while you are tatting.

If you would like to add beads to the three picots that do not have beads on them in this sample, they need to be on the shuttle before beginning the piece. Just put three beads on each shuttle, so that you have the required number of beads no matter which shuttle makes these picots.

Enjoy!