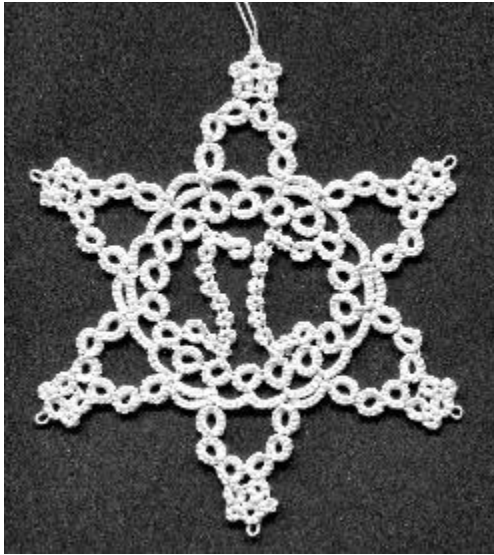


SOUTH CAROLINA CAPITOL DOME SNOWFLAKE

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DESCRIPTION: This six-pointed snowflake was designed to hang on a Christmas tree in the South Carolina State House—or on the tree of anyone who loves South Carolina. The State’s official postal abbreviation is in the center, and the points are suggestive of the State House dome. If tatted with Size 20 thread, the finished diameter is approximately 4 inches (larger if Liz Metallic is used).

NOTATION:

^ A small construction picot
 - A regular decorative picot
 +(..) Regular picot join to place described in parentheses
 Ch Chain
 Cl Close (Cl R = close ring, Cl SR = close split ring)
 CTM Continuous thread method
 DNRW Do not reverse work
 LJ Lock join
 p Picot
 R Ring
 RW Reverse work
 Sh Shuttle
 SR ../.. Split ring, [first part]/[last part] instructions
 Tatted elements are numbered consecutively (for example, R1, Ch2, R3, etc.) within each pattern element or round.
Red italic instructions are performed with the *back* side of the work facing up (i.e., toward the tatter). Black instructions are performed with the *front* side of the work facing up.

PATTERN NOTES:

- (1) For this pattern, dropping the shuttle through the ring/split ring (from front to back) just before closing is recommended. This makes a **round** (rather than teardrop-shaped) ring or split ring, which is desirable for this pattern.
- (2) The letters “S” and “C” must be tatted separately, with a “cut and tie” at the end of each. However, the

remainder of the pattern is tatted continuously; only the threads remaining at the end of the last round will need to be hidden.

PATTERN:

LETTER “S”:

Two shuttles, wound using the continuous thread method (CTM), with 1 yard of Size 20 thread on each shuttle.

Starting at the bottom with Sh1:

R1: 3^5 Cl R.

SR2: 2/2 Cl SR.

SR3: 1/1^2 Cl SR.

SR4 through 6: 2/3 Cl SR.

SR7 through 9: 3/2 Cl SR.

SR10: 2^1/1 Cl SR.

Recommended: Mark the picot on SR10 with a contrasting thread or safety pin for future reference.

SR11: 2/2 Cl SR.

Cut Sh2 thread, leaving a 4-inch tail.

R12(tatting all stitches over the Sh2 thread tail): 8 Cl R.

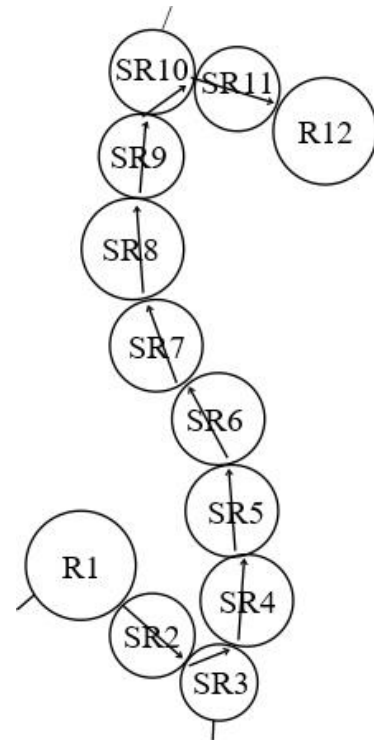
Clip the tatted-over Sh2 thread tail close to the work.

Cut the Sh1 thread, leaving a 6-inch or longer tail.

Sew the Sh1 thread tail into stitches of R11 (and perhaps also SR10), ending on the back of the work.

Clip the sewn-in Sh1 thread tail close to the work.

Recommended: Mark the *front side* of the finished letter (for example with a small piece of a sticky note).



LETTER “C”:

Two shuttles, wound CTM, with 1 yard of Size 20 thread on each shuttle.

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Starting at the top with Sh1:

R1: 3⁵ CI R.

SR2: 2/2 CI SR.

SR3: 1/1² CI SR.

SR4 through 9: 2/3 CI SR.

SR10: 1/1² CI SR.

[*Recommended:* Mark the picot on SR10 with a contrasting thread or safety pin for future reference.]

SR11: 2/2 CI SR.

Cut Sh2 thread, leaving a 4-inch tail.

R12(tatting all stitches over the Sh2 thread tail): 5³ CI R.

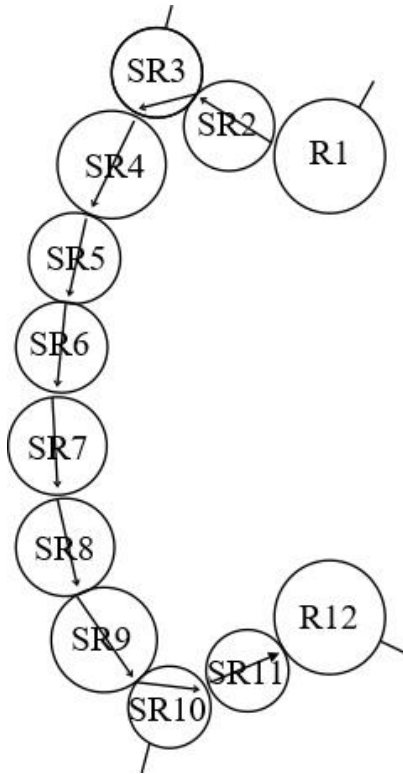
Clip the tatted-over Sh2 thread tail close to the work.

Cut the Sh1 thread, leaving a 6-inch or longer tail.

Sew the Sh1 thread tail into stitches of R11 (and perhaps also SR10), ending on the back of the work.

Clip the sewn-in Sh1 thread tail close to the work.

Recommended: Mark the *front side* of the finished letter (for example with a small piece of a sticky note).



NOTE: The diagram on the following page is intended to be used in conjunction with the following written instructions.

ROUND 1 (circle of rings/split rings around the “S”):

Two shuttles, wound CTM, with Size 20 thread: 7 yards on Sh1, 6½ yards on Sh2.

NOTES: (1) Be sure the *front sides* of the “S” and “C” are facing up (i.e., facing the tatter) when joining to them. (2) We will start tatting near the top left of the snowflake (see * on diagram on the following page):

R1(with Sh1, working counterclockwise): 4⁴1+(p on SR10 of the “S”—at its top)5 CI R.

SR2 through 4: 6/4⁴ CI SR.

SR5: 4+(p on R1 of the “S”—at its bottom end)2/4⁴ CI SR.

SR6: 6/4⁴ CI SR.

SR7: 3+(remaining p on the “S”—on SR3)3/4⁴ CI SR.

SR8: 6/4⁴ CI SR.

SR9: 3+(p on SR10 of the “C”—near its bottom)3/4⁴ CI SR.

SR10: 6/4⁴ CI SR.

SR11: 2+(p on R12 of the “C”—at its bottom)4/4⁴ CI SR.

SR12 and 13: 6/4⁴ CI SR.

SR14: 4+(p on R1 of the “C”—at its top end)2/4⁴ CI SR.

SR15: 6/4⁴ CI SR.

SR16: 3+(remaining p on the “C”—on SR3)3/4⁴ CI SR.

SR17: 6/4⁴ CI SR.

SR18 (breaking out to Round 2): 6+(p on R1 of this round that is nearest the “S”)4/4 CI SR. RW.

ROUND 2 (chained circle—green on diagram):

Ch1 (with Sh1): ^6. LJ to p on previous round’s R1.

Ch2 through 17: 6. LJ to next p of previous round).

Ch18: 6. LJ to initial p on Ch1 of this round. DNRW.

ROUND 3 (snowflake points—red on diagram):

Ch1 (with Sh1): 7.

LJ in the first LJ of previous round. RW.

*SR2(with Sh1, working counterclockwise): 8/6 CI SR.

SR3: 6/6 CI SR.

SR4: 6³/3 CI SR.

SR5: 2²2¹/3 CI SR.

SR6: 2/3 CI SR.

SR7: 1+(nearest p, SR5)3¹/2-2 CI SR.

SR8: 2/3 CI SR.

SR9: 1+(p, SR7)2+(p, SR5)2/3 CI SR.

SR10: 3+(p, SR4)6/3 CI SR.

SR11: 6/6 CI SR.

SR12: 8/6 CI SR. RW.

*LJ the Sh1 thread to the LJ after the next LJ in previous round (that is, skip one Round 2 LJ; then LJ into the next Round 2 LJ).****

Ch13: 7.

*LJ the Sh1 thread to the next LJ in previous round. RW.***

Tat from * to ** a total of five times.

Tat from * to *** once.

Cut threads from shuttles, leaving 6-inch (or longer) tails.

Sew tails into stitch caps of nearby tatted elements.

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