Compass Star

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http://needles-n-shuttles.com

Materials:

2 Shuttles (or a Double Bobbin Shuttle) or 2 Needles

Thread #10 in 2 colors

¾" Glass Gem or 1" button or coin

14 Seed Beads

4 "E" or size 6 Beads

Notes:

- If using 2 shuttles you will need Blue Tack or any material that will allow you to stack and separate the shuttles easily.
- Add beads to Shuttle 1 in this order: 3 seeds, E, 3 seeds, E, 3 seeds, E, 5 seeds, E.
- Pattern is easier if the shuttles use bobbins.
- Base is made in one pass joining rings with letters together and rings with letters and numbers together.
- All joining picots are very smalls.
- Rings on the points are a variation of the square ring.

You can find a whole tutorial for shuttle tatting in Christiane Eichler website Dream of Lace:
http://www.tatting.de/dol/eckiger_ring.html

Round 1:

Ring A: 5 – 1 – 5.

Ring A1: 5 – 1 – 5.

* Chain: 8.

Ring B: 5 + (join to ring A) 1 – 5.

Ring B1: 5 + (join to ring A1) 1 – 5.

Repeat from ***** around until you have joined 8 rings on the back base. Start making the 8th ring on the front of the base and before finishing it, insert the gem. Finish the ring and close. Make the last chain and join to the start of the 1st ring.

Don't cut.

Round 2:

Direction of the work will change. All the rings on this round are square rings.

Chain: 5 – 3 (bead) 3 + (to picot just made) 5. Join between chains on previous round. This chain will make a point where the picot will be "inside". Reverse Work.

[5 beads] Ring: 6 (2, slide 1 bead, 2) 4 (3, slide 3 beads, 3) 4 (2, slide 1 bead, 2) 6. Close and Reverse Work.

How to make the square ring: *Wrap around the hand the thread from the shuttle with the beads and slide 5 beads before start tatting. Use some tack to stick both shuttles together and make 6 stitches. Drop shuttle 2 and make 2 stitches, slide 1 bead from the back of the hand, 2 stitches. Pick shuttle 2 and with both shuttles together make 4 stitches. Drop shuttle 2 and make 3 stitches, slide 3 beads, make 3 stitches. Pick shuttle 2 and with both shuttles together make 4 stitches. Drop shuttle 2 and make 2 stitches, slide 1 bead, make 2 stitches. Pick shuttle 2 and with both shuttles together make 6 stitches. Close ring with shuttle 1 and then pull the thread from shuttle 2 until the ring takes the form of a diamond. Reverse work.*

Chain: 3 + (join to picot on previous chain) 8. Join between chains on previous round.

* Chain: 5 – 3 (bead) 3 + (to picot just made) 5. Join between chains.

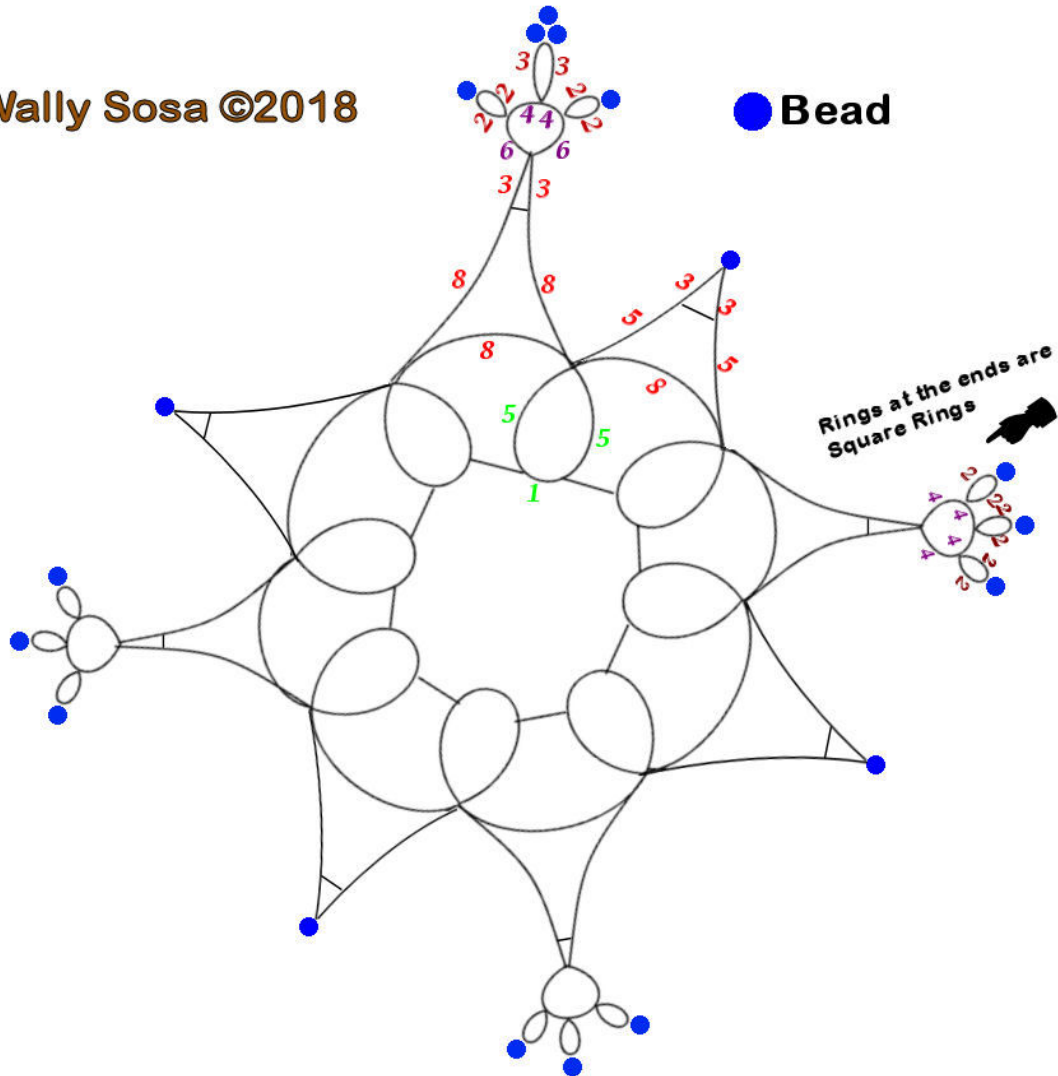[3 beads] Ring: 4 (2, slide 1 bead, 2) 4 (2, slide 1 bead, 2) 4 (2, slide 1 bead, 2) 4.

Chain: 3 + (join to picot on previous chain) 8. Join between chains on previous round.

Repeat from ***** around. Cut and hide ends.

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● **Bead**

Rings at the ends are
Square Rings

Needle Tatters:

You will need 2 needles, if possible, a smaller size than the recommended for thread #10.

Beads are going to be inserted on the needle that will make the rings at the moment they are going to be used.

All the rings will be "true" rings.

The needle used for the rings will be Needle 1. The needle used for the chains will be needle 2.

How to work the square ring:

Unthread needle1 and insert 5 seed beads.

Cast on 6 stitches over both needles.

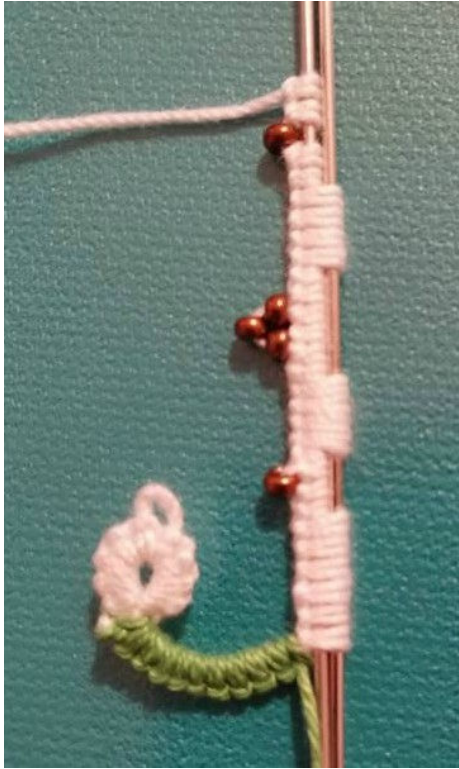*Cast on 2 stitches, slide 1 bead, 2 stitches over needle 1 only.*

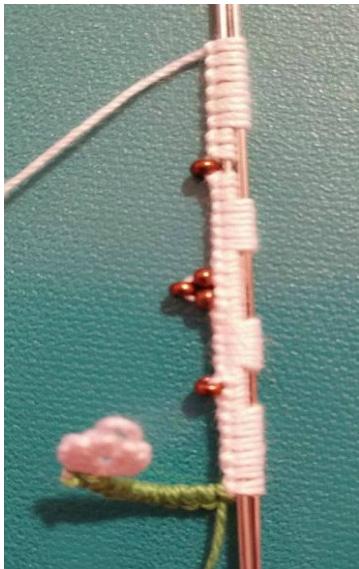*Cast on 4 stitches over the 2 needles.*

Cast on 3 stitches, slide 3 beads, 3 stitches over needle 1 only.

Cast on 4 stitches over the 2 needles.

Cast on 2 stitches, slide 1 bead, 2 stitches over needle 1 only.

Cast on 6 stitches over both needles.

Start closing the ring cast off first needle 2. You don't need to pull tight yet. Then finish closing the ring pulling needle 1 and tight the ring. You will see some of the thread from needle 2 sticking our between stitches.

Finish the ring pulling tight the thread from needle 2 and adjust the ring giving the form similar to the one on the photo. The ring will look like a diamond.

Continue the pattern as written.