



Tip of the Month September 2017 — Tatting



Thank you to Val D for providing these tips she's picked up from her own experiences and advice from others.

1. The double stitch is the most important stitch to perfect as it is used throughout most patterns.
2. Be prepared for it to take time to learn it properly and advance. It is not something that you will pick up over night and you may find it very slow going at first.
3. When doing rings, do count all doubles before you close the ring as it is difficult to undo once the ring is closed.
4. Always ensure your hands are clean before starting - don't apply hand cream before working on your project, as this will soil your item.
5. When using multiple shuttles it is best to have different colours so that is easier to recognise them.
6. If using multiple colours, it is essential to know the reef knot.
7. When reading German pattern books be aware that they work left to right whereas other books work right to left.
8. Reversing your work is not the same as turning your work, and it is important to understand the difference.
9. There is a right way to wrap the thread around your fingers to ensure the running thread and shuttle thread aren't confused. Take time to learn this.
10. You don't have to use the size thread stated in the pattern. You can use a different size thread which will give a different finished size to your project. See the samples below—same pattern with three different size threads

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