



4-H Member Project Guides

NEEDLEWORK

Tatting





Purpose

To have fun while learning how to use a hook and/or bobbin and thread to create useful, well-made items through the needle art of tatting.

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4-H Needlework—Beginner Tatting Member Project Guide

Just a Tatter

Welcome to the wonderful world of tatting. You will begin by learning and practicing some basic tatting skills. This unit may be repeated to improve skills. It is suggested that you practice different projects before moving on to the next level.

DO

Learn new skills.

You will learn to:

- Use a tatting shuttle or tatting needle
- Position thread on your fingers
- Make a double stitch
- Make a picot
- Close a ring
- Identify a motif
- Read a pattern
- Keep a record of your tatting projects

APPLY

Using the skills listed above, tat several practice items before starting your final project. Your tatting leader/teacher can help you with ideas and suggestions. Remember to keep a record of your tatting projects and activities.

What you will do:

Practice the skills—learn by doing

Tat a flower, butterfly, or some other small article to use on a note card. Ask your leader/teacher for patterns and suggested projects.

These Practice Projects cannot be entered in 4-H Needlework at the Kentucky State Fair.

Tat and exhibit a final project

Using knit Cro-Sheen® or No. 5 cotton thread, select your final project from one of the following items:

- Hand towel with tatted edging
- Pillowcase with tatted edging
- Handkerchief with motif made with stitches that are repeated

Keep a record of what you have tatted

Take time to fill out the 4-H Needlework Record. List skills you have learned. Keep the record in a folder or notebook to use as a reference for your next tatting project.



What you will need:

- Tatting shuttle or tatting needle
- Knit Cro-Sheen® or No. 5 cotton thread
- Steel crochet hook if shuttle doesn't have hook
- Scissors
- Tape measure

SHARE

Show others what you have learned.

What you can do:

- Participate in your club, county, district, and/or state Demonstration Contest
- Exhibit in your county Fair, Festival, and/or Rally Day and the Kentucky State Fair (4-H Project Card required)
- Investigate participating in county Fashion Revue

Clutter Control

Equipment and supplies have a tendency to get lost. Here are some suggestions to help keep everything safe and in good condition:

- Use a 1-gallon bag with a zip top for your tatting project (put your name on it)
- Use a small container to hold your basic small equipment
- Use a cloth or sturdy bag with handles to carry all supplies
- Use a pocket folder or three-ring binder to store handouts and patterns

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4-H Needlework—Intermediate Tatting Member Project Guide

Just a Ball and Shuttle

You learned some of the basics of tatting skills in the Beginner Level. In this project you will build on those skills by working with a ball and shuttle or a ball and needle. You may repeat this project as many times as necessary to improve skill and competency. It is suggested that you practice different projects before moving to the Advanced Level.

DO

Learn new skills and refine old ones.

You will learn to:

- Use ball and tatting shuttle or ball and tatting needle
- Position thread on fingers using ball and tatting shuttle or ball and tatting needle
- Make a chain stitch
- Use two colors of thread
- Make a Josephine knot
- Improve pattern reading skills
- Keep a record of your tatting projects

APPLY

Using the skills you have already learned as well as the ones listed above, tat several practice items. Practice your tatting skills and become comfortable with the techniques you are learning before starting your final project.

What you will do:

Practice the skills and techniques—learn by doing

Make one or more projects using ball and tatting shuttle or ball and tatting needle. Ask your leader for suggested projects.

These Practice Projects cannot be entered in 4-H Needlework at the Kentucky State Fair.

Tat and exhibit a final project

Select and tat one of the following projects, making sure to use two threads:

- Bookmark
- Piece of jewelry (no beadwork)

Keep a record of what you have tatted

Take time to fill out the 4-H Needlework Record for this project. List the skills you have attempted and check off those you have mastered. Keep the record in a folder or notebook to use as a reference for your next tatting project.



What you will need:

- Tatting shuttle or tatting needle
- Size No. 10 or No. 20 cotton thread
- Steel crochet hook if shuttle doesn't have hook
- Scissors
- Tape measure

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What you can do:

- Participate in your club, county, district, and/or state Demonstration Contest
- Exhibit your project in your county Fair, Festival, and/or Rally Day and the Kentucky State Fair (4-H Project Card required)
- Investigate participating in county Fashion Revue

Clutter Control

Equipment and supplies have a tendency to get lost. Here are some suggestions to help keep everything safe and in good condition:

- Use a 1-gallon bag with a zip top for your tatting project (put your name on it)
- Use a small container to hold your basic small equipment
- Use a cloth or sturdy bag with handles to carry all supplies
- Use a pocket folder or three-ring binder to store handouts and patterns

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4-H Needlework—Advanced Tatting Member Project Guide

Tatting and a Little More

Welcome to the wonderful world of tatting—and a little more. You are becoming an accomplished tatter at this level! This unit builds on skills and techniques learned in previous projects. You may repeat it as many times as needed in order to improve your tatting competency.

DO

Learn new skills and refine old ones.

You will learn to:

- Continue using skills previously learned, practiced, and perfected
- Include beads in tatting
- Split rings
- Reverse tatting
- Read and understand more complicated patterns and instruction guides
- Keep a record of your tatting projects

APPLY

Using the skills previously learned and those listed above, tat several practice items before starting your final project.

What you will do:

- Practice the techniques and skills—learn by doing**

Make one or more of the suggested Practice/Service Projects. Consider giving some of these as gifts to friends or

family. Ask your leader for suggested projects or practice ideas.

Practice/Service Projects cannot be entered in 4-H Needlework at the Kentucky State Fair.

- Tat and exhibit a final project**

Create one of the following, using two threads and beads:

- Piece of jewelry with beadwork
- Advanced motif to be used as embellishment
- Six sheets of stationery with motif and beads

- Keep a record of what you have tatted**

Take time to fill out the 4-H Needlework Record. Be sure to list the skills you have attempted as well as those you have mastered. Store the record in a folder or three-ring notebook to use as a reference for future tatting projects and activities.



What you will need:

- Tatting shuttle or tatting needle
- No. 20 or No. 30 cotton thread
- Steel crochet hook (if shuttle doesn't have hook)
- Scissors
- Tape measure

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What you can do:

- Participate in your club, county, district, and/or state Demonstrations Contest
- Exhibit your project in county Fair, Festival or Rally Day and the Kentucky State Fair (4-H Project Card required)
- Investigate participating in county and state Fashion Revue if your project is wearable*

*State Fashion Revue participant must be 14 years old by Jan. 1 of the current year.

Clutter Control

Equipment and supplies have a tendency to get lost. Here are some suggestions to help keep everything safe and in good condition:

- Use a pencil box, eye glass case, travel toothbrush holder to hold small items such as hooks, T-pins, yarn needles, tape measure, pencil and notepad (put your name on it)
- Use zip top plastic bags to hold your tatting samples
- Use a cloth or sturdy bag with handles to carry all supplies and materials
- Use a pocket folder or three-ring binder to store handouts and patterns

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