I've had several requests for more detailed photos of the basic Ice Drop. The photos are much better in this version of the tutorial thanks to my granddaughter, Eva. The basic Ice Drop was designed with size 20 Lizbeth thread and a 3/4” glass gem. Any 20 mm cabochon, bead, or coin will work.

In the first round, all rings are 4-4-4-4, and all chains are 6-6.

1. Ring 1: The first picot is a joining picot.

2. The second picot is very long.
3. The third picot is a joining picot.

4. Close ring and reverse work.

5. Chain 6, medium picot, chain 6. Reverse work.

6. Ring 2: 4 ds, join to last picot of previous ring; 4 ds, join to large picot of previous ring; 4 ds, joining picot. Continue in this pattern until you have completed 5 ring and chain sections.
7. Ring 6: 4 ds, join to previous ring; 4 ds, join to large picot; 4 ds, join to open picot on first ring; close ring. Tat the final section of chain.

8. Use a lock join to join to the base of the first ring. Now you’re ready for the second round.

In the second round, all rings are 6-6-6, and all chains are 8.

9. Reverse work and tat first ring of second round.

10. Do not reverse work. Fold ring away from you toward the center of the first round. The ring should be on top.

12. Lock join to base of next ring. Do not reverse work.

13. Begin second ring. When ready to join, lift previous ring. The chain will drop down to the front.

14. You should see that this will start to lift previous ring. The chain will drop down cup, forming the encasement for the glass gem.

15. Continue tatting rings and chains in this manner until five ring and chain sections have been completed.

16. On the sixth ring, tat 6 ds, join to previous ring, 6 ds, slip glass gem in to place.
17. Join to first picot of first ring. I insert my crochet hook from underneath, pull the loop through, and then I slide my shuttle through the loop for the join. Make sure this join is snug, and then finish the last 6 ds.

18. Close the ring.

19. Tat the last section of chain (8 ds) and join to base of first ring. Cut, tie, and hide ends.