Ice Drop Tutorial
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Materials:
  tatting shuttle, size 20 thread, 3/4” glass gem, picot gauge (helpful, but not required)

This is a shuttle and ball pattern. Wrap the thread around the shuttle 52 times for the basic pattern.

The rings for the back side are all 4-4-4-4. I usually use a picot gauge, because my picots are all over the place without one. My joining picots were all made with the first mark, 1/8”, on my Handy Hands picot gauge. On the first ring only, the second picot is very large. As you can see, I used the 1/2” mark.

After the first ring, reverse the work and chain 6-6. I feel this is the minimum size for this chain. This is where adaptations for number of picots, beads, and chain lengths can be made. I used the 1/4” mark for the picots on the chains.

Reverse work and tat a ring 4+4+4-4, joining to the last picot of the previous ring and the large picot. Reverse work and continue the ring and chain pattern, joining the last ring to the first picot of the first ring. I used a lock join to connect the last chain to the base of the first ring. Do NOT cut.
Reverse work and tat a 6-6-6 ring. I use joining picots, about 1/8”. Fold the ring away from you (toward the center of the first round) and chain 8. Lock join to join the chain to the base of the next ring on the previous round.

Continue making rings (6+6-6), folding the previous ring up for joining and back down for chains (8 ds, lock join to base of next ring on previous round). You will notice a cup shape forming.

Before joining the sixth ring to the first ring, slide the glass gem into place. Tat the last 6 ds and close the ring. Hold the domed side of the glass gem away from you, chain 8, lock join to base of next ring on the previous round. Cut, tie, and hide ends.

I like to add a ribbon for a hanger. Alternatively, tat a hanger or add a pin back.

And there you have it! This pretty little Ice Drop is ready for the tree, and it looks nice from both sides.