

2008 TAT-OFF PATTERN ENTWINED HEARTS EDGING

The tat-off winner will be determined by counting the number of completed pattern repeats. In case of ties, judging also will consider the extent to which a final attempted pattern repeat was completed.

Abbreviations:

-	Regular-sized decorative picot.	Ch	Chain.
J or +	Join.	R	Ring.
VLP	Very long picot.		

Requirements: One shuttle and ball, Size 20 thread. A picot gauge is recommended— $\frac{1}{2}$ " if gauge is used horizontally, 1" if gauge is used vertically.

Tips: (a) To make heart-shaped motifs, do NOT drop the shuttle through rings before closing. (b) The relative sizes of the two loops of a completed double picot are easy to adjust: grasping near the double picot's joined end, tug gently on the loop you wish to lengthen.

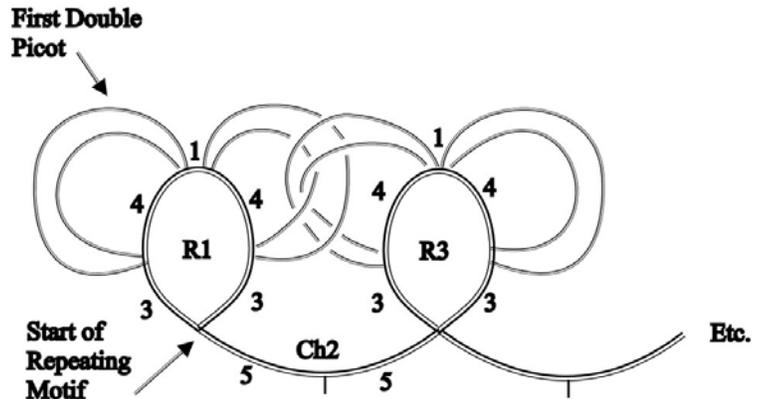
Pattern: All VLPs measure 1 inch when open, $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch when closed. All tatted elements are numbered consecutively (for example, R1, then Ch2, etc.).

R1: 3 VLP 4 +(J to previous VLP to make the first double picot) 1 VLP 4 +(J to previous VLP to make the second double picot) 3 C1 R. RW.

*Ch2: 5-5. RW.

R3: 3 VLP 4 +(without twisting, pull previous VLP up through the middle of R1's second double picot, then J to this VLP to make the first double picot) 1 VLP 4 +(J to previous VLP to make the second double picot) 3 C1 R. RW.**

Repeat from * to ** for desired length.



Variation: Here is an interesting, but slightly more complicated, version that you may wish to try after the Tat-Off: Wind a second shuttle with a second color of thread, and begin the pattern above but substituting the second shuttle for the ball. Then, immediately before *and* immediately after the 2nd, 4th, 6th, 8th (etc.) rings of the edging, change thread colors by making a shoelace tie and switching shuttles. The resulting edging then consists of entwined hearts of alternating colors and chains of the second-shuttle color. Have fun!

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