

# Eternal Rose Cross

The rose center is all rings and is made first. The cross is then joined while in progress to the back of the finished rose. All picots are small. Finished cross is about 2 inches in width when made in size 20 thread. (Note: in the model I used a slightly thicker thread for the rose than for the cross, but that is optional.)

## Supplies:

- 1 tatting shuttle
- Size 20 crochet thread
- Small crochet hook for joining
- Sewing needle to fit thread



**Rose:** Use shuttle only. Leave about 6 inches of thread tail when beginning; it will be sewn through the center of the rose later. All the rings have only a very tiny space between them.

R 3-8-3.

{R 3+8-3}2X. LJ into the tiny space of unworked thread between the 2 R's prior - rose shape begins to form. Continue in this manner, making a total of 5 rings this size. *Note: after each R, always LJ between the 2 R's prior to the R just completed.*



Then follow with 7 larger rings of R 3+10-3. The completed rose has a **total of 12 rings** (petals). Cut thread, leaving about 6 inches.

Thread the end onto the sewing needle, and bring it up through the center of the rose. Sew through the free p on the 1<sup>st</sup> ring made. Bring the thread back down through the center of the rose, pulling the first petal down firmly (*this*



*simulates a rose center*). Then sew the other loose end through the rose center as well, bringing it out on the other side of a bottom thread. Tie the ends together tightly using a square knot. These ends can be worked in and cut later.





**Cross:** Wind shuttle with thread, leaving it attached to the ball. LJ to the bottom of rose at a p between any 2 of the lower rings.

Ch 3. RW.

R 3-4-4-3. RW.

\*Ch 5. RW.

Trefoil: (R 3+5-5-3)3X. RW.

Ch 5. RW.

R 3+4-4-3. RW.

Ch 3. LJ to the bottom of rose at the same p as prev LJ.

Ch 8. LJ to the p between the next 2 rings at bottom of rose.

Ch 3. RW.

R 3+4-4-3. RW. Repeat from \* 3 times.

*Continuing with lower part of cross:*

Ch 5. RW.

R 3+4-4-3. RW.

Ch 5. RW.

Trefoil: (R 3+5-5-3)3X. RW.

Ch 5. RW.

R 3+4-4-3. RW.

Ch 5. RW.

R 3+4-4-3. RW.

Ch 3. LJ to the same p as prev LJ.

Ch 8. Cut and work in ends.

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#### **Abbreviations:**

Ch chain

j join

+ join

LJ lock join, or shuttle join

prev previous

p picot

- picot

R ring

RW reverse work

X times to repeat

