



## Tatted Cotter Pin Links

*Each link is put through the previous link while making. No ends to sew because they're hidden in the single shuttle split ring!*

### Supplies needed:

1 tating shuttle  
Steel crochet hook, about size 12/1.00mm  
About 1 and 1/2 yards thread per link

### Techniques used:

Ring, chain, picot, repeated stitch halves, alligator join, single shuttle split ring.

For each link, wind the shuttle with about 1/2 yard of thread, and leave attached to the ball (or, if using up leftover thread on your shuttle, leave a long tail of about 1 yard to use as a ball thread).

### First link:

R 9 - 9. RW.

Ch 2 first halves, then tat 28 ds, and then 2 second halves. (The repeated halves form the twist in the link.)

Snug all the stitches together as tightly as possible. Do not RW.

**\*\*\*** Putting shuttle thread **above** the chain at the base of the first ring, and the ball thread **below**, tat one first half to make an "alligator join" there. Cut the ball thread leaving a tail of a few inches. Tat over this tail in the first side of the next ring, which will be a single shuttle split ring.



**Tip:** Tutorials for learning the single shuttle split ring are available online. Or, you can finish by tating the ring normally if you prefer.

**Single shuttle split ring:** Begin the first part of the ring with 8 ds tatted normally, tating over the tail as you go. (I like to abandon the tail after 7 ds so that it doesn't get caught in the join.)

Arrange the ring in progress over the first ring, and join to the picot.





Finish with 8 ds using the single shuttle split ring technique. Close the final loop by putting it over both rings and tightening. Tug both tails to make sure that they're tight, and then trim them off as closely as possible to the tatting. The link is done!

*Tip:* Restore the rings to a nice round shape when finished, by putting a crochet hook shaft through the center of the rings and pushing outward using a circular motion.

*Note:* The reason that the second ring has less ds than the first ring is to allow for the extra bulk of the hidden tails, so that the rings will match in size.

## Connecting links:

R 9 - 9. RW.

Ch 2 first halves, then tat 28 ds, then 2 second halves.

Do not RW.

Put this ring through the joined rings of the previous link, squeezing the ring to get it to fit. Then finish the link in the same way as the first link from \*\*\*.



### Abbreviations:

Ch	chain
ds	double stitch
R	ring
-	picot
RW	reverse work