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Using a split self-closing mock ring, which I learnt from muskaan's post https://tipsaroundthehome.blogspot.com/2018/08/the-correct-guess.html where she explores Randy Houtz's technique.



Materials

3 shuttles, 2 wound CTM with green thread, size 20 and shuttle 3 with white thread. Note, I used size 70 for this, but size 20 can be used, as shown below.



<u>Abbreviations</u>

ds double stitch, CTM continuous thread method, jk josephine knot, SCMR self closing mock ring,

Foundation

Using any method for starting with a chain, work 3 ds using the shuttles wound with green thread. Then wrap the white thread around a green thread and work a josephine knot, of 12 second half stitches, hiding the end inside the jk.

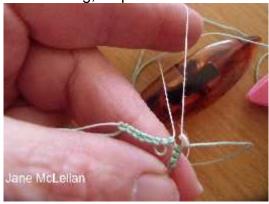


First split SCMR

Using shuttle with white thread as working shuttle, wrap thread around pinky and work 2 ds, picot, 6 ds chain with green thread:



Then remove the loop of white thread from pinky and put it on forefinger. Using the other green thread, work 4 ds in direct tatting, as per the second half of a split ring:





Now pass the white thread shuttle through the loop and pull to close the ring:



Work another jk with white thread.

Second split SCMR

Work in the same way, but work 4 ds on first half and 2 ds picot 6 ds on second half.



Work these 2 split rings alternately, with jk in between.

Note, instead of working a jk for 'flowers' you can make a ring with picots:

