

LHPJ the Krystledawne way

The “Larks Head Picot Join” is my favorite way of doing an invisible join. The finished join mimics a Double Stitch, and in most patterns takes the place of the stitch either immediately before or after the join. For example, if a pattern calls for a Ring of 4 - 4 + 4 - 4 , you would either work it as R 4 - 3 LHPJ 4 - 4, or R 4 - 4 LHPJ 3 - 4. In either case, the finished stitch count of the ring should include the join counted as a regular stitch.

In my Petal Perfect necklace design, the rings are intentionally done with an odd number of stitches, to center the Lark Head Picot Joins at the top of some of the rings, but this is not a typical use of the join.

- 1. Pull up the thread as if you are making a regular join. Keep the loop on the tip of the shuttle.**



- 2. Turn the loop one full turn to the left.**

The most efficient way of doing this is by holding the loop taut on the shuttle tip and moving it in a Counter clockwise circle.



This is what your loop should look like at this point.

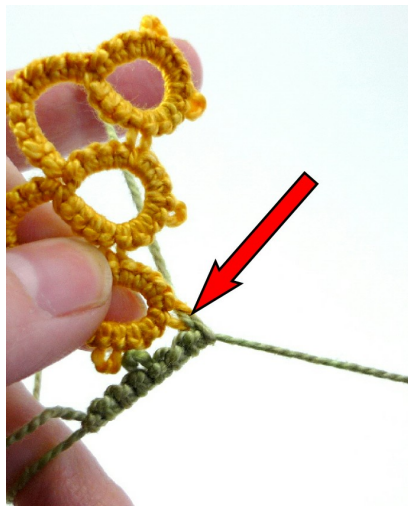


3. “post” the shuttle (pass it through the loop) and snug the thread into position.

This is the first half of your double stitch. Keep this snug as you work the second half.



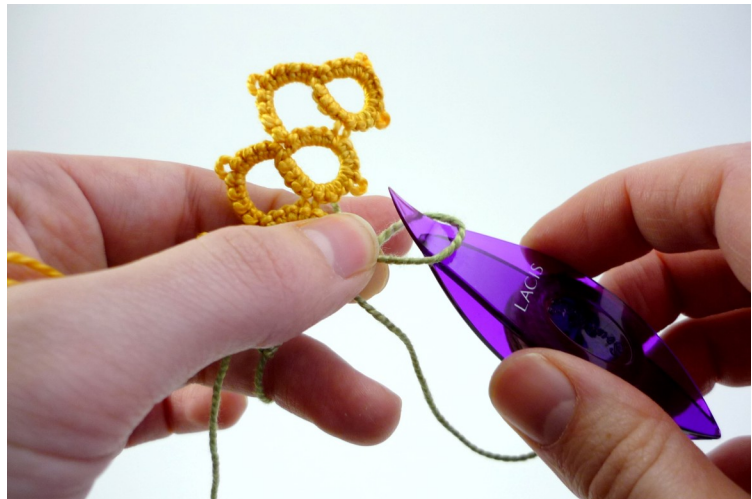
4. Use your shuttle tip to go back into the picot, and pick up the thread that is going around the back of your hand



4. Turn the loop one half turn to the right



5. Pinch the place where the threads cross and hold as you take the shuttle tip out the loop and post (pass) the shuttle through from the underside.



6. Snug the second half of the stitch into place.

The shortened version of these instructions (once you have the hang of it) is like this:

*Pick up, full turn to the left.
Pick up, half turn to the right.*



This join can be done on the back side of the work by doing a downward join with a full twist to the right, then picking up the hand thread from below and doing a half twist to the left.