



# *My method to tat Onion Rings*

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Onion ring is a complex shape of one ring (inner ring) surrounded by another another ring (outer ring) and tatted with one and only one thread.

There are 3 known methods to tat onion rings. Here I present my method to tat onion rings.

The pattern is a onion rings flower and very easy:

R1 = 12DS CR

R2 = 1DS Capture inner ring into outer's loop 3DS - 8DS 6 ( - 2DS) 6DS - 4DS  
CR

Leaving a bare thread before starting inner or outer ring is not needed and not desired. But if your tatted work is a flower, for example, you will need to leave a bare thread as it were a chain or you'd get a clover of onion rings.

In the graphic inner ring is tatted in green and the outer ring in white just to make it clear.

**1**

Tat your inner ring R1 and start the outer ring as near as you can to the base of the first one.

Tat the first Double Stitch of the outer ring  
**and...**



**2**

Place your inner ring R1 between the core and working thread of the outer ring R2.

Inner ring R1 will face down into outer ring loop



**3**

Tat the next double stitches, taking care of not leaving space between the first and the second DS of the outer ring, unless you want a picot there.



**4**

Hold the outer and inner ring with the fingers and then close the ring.



Your onion ring will look like this.



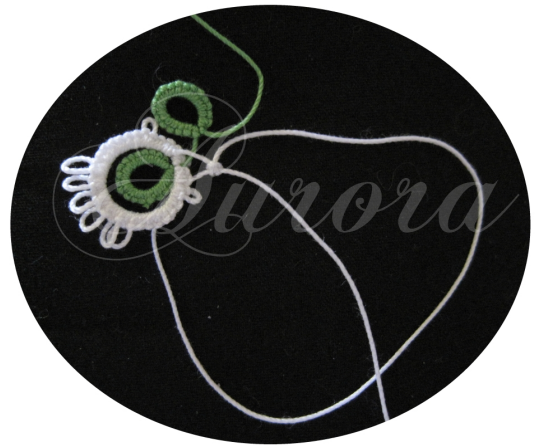
**5**

Being a flower, it needs a little bare thread before tatting the next inner ring



Start tatting the second outer ring leaving the same bare thread length of the inner ring. ONLY because we are working 2 colour-thread onion ring.

Skip this step for ONE thread onion ring.



Remember to join to the previous outer ring's last picot.

Repeat 3 more times the steps 1 to 5 and join the 5<sup>th</sup> outer ring to the outer ring's 1<sup>st</sup> picot.



The Onion Rings flower finished



You can tat 3 layered onion ring. Don't leave bare thread between the rings of the onion ring.



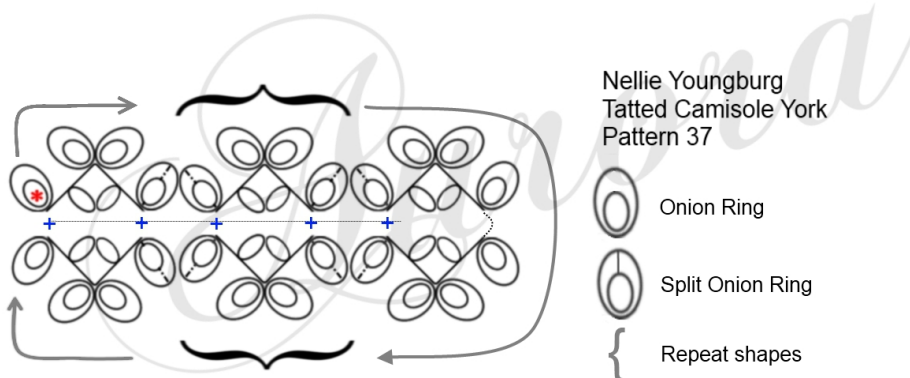
Nellie Youngburg's book, patterns 3 and 37





## Tatting a split Onion Ring

Working on Nellie Youngburg's pattern 37, I needed a way to avoid the cut, tie and hide for every motif of the tatted york camisole.



It's needed split rings to jump from one motif to another, but how to split an onion ring that connects to another onion ring in the next motif?.

We have to make use of some techniques:

UnFlipped knot  
 SSSR Single Shuttle Split Ring  
 DSSR Double core Single Shuttle Split Ring \*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bfiLdiZ2C20>

Following the diagram the 4<sup>th</sup> and the 5<sup>th</sup> Onion Rings are connected but they belong to different motifs. Let's work on them.

The Nellie Youngburg's onion ring pattern for motif 37 is:

R1 = 4DS - 4DS - 4DS - 4DS CR      tatted in white  
 R2 = 9 ( 4DS - ) 4DS CR      tatted in pink  
       nine times 4ds picot then 4ds

The onion rings are connected by the 7<sup>th</sup> picot in the book, so we we will do.

1

After tatting your inner ring R1 **start the outer ring with a Single Shuttle Double core Split Ring (DSSR)**

DSSR= 1DS Do Not Close Ring

Tat the outer ring's first DS and capture the inner ring into outer ring's loop. Then...





2

DSSR= 3DS - 5 ( 4DS - ) 4DS  
Do Not Close Ring

Remember that the 7<sup>th</sup> picot is the connection to the onion ring of the next motif



3

Discard white thread now, we'll work just pink thread

The rest of the 4<sup>th</sup> onion ring's part is tatted with a Single shuttle Split Ring (SSSR)

SSSR= 4DS - 4 DS CR

Remember you have to put the loop around the base of the ring before pulling thread to close the ring.



4

Start the next onion ring with the outer ring tating a Single Shuttle Double core Split Ring

DSSR= 6 ( 4DS - ) 4DS Do Not Close Ring

Take the white thread AND tat an UNFLIPPED knot. This will act as a Shoe Lace Trick (SLT)

The core thread must run freely



5

Tat inner ring with white thread

R= 4DS - 4DS - 4DS - 4DS CR



6

Continue the outer ring with a Single Shuttle Split Ring

SSSR= 1 DS Do Not Close Ring and



7

Place your inner ring between outer ring's working and core thread facing down into the loop.



8

Continue with

SSSR= 3DS - 4DS - 4DS CR

Remember to secure your split ring or it will get undone.



The Split Onion Ring completed.

