

# Basic shuttle tatting instructions

The First Half of a stitch.

These instructions are for right handed tatting.

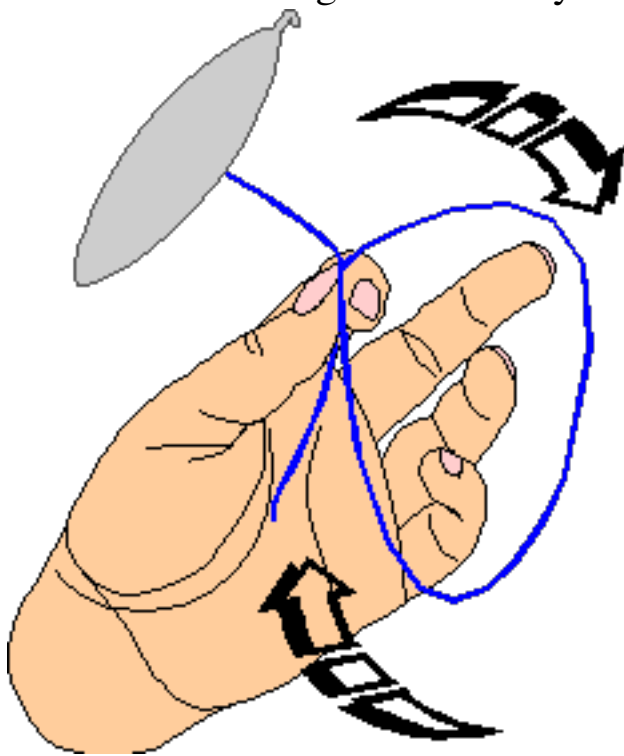
If you are left handed and want to see left handed instructions, [click here](#).

To start:

Hold the shuttle in your right hand and grab the end of the thread with the left.

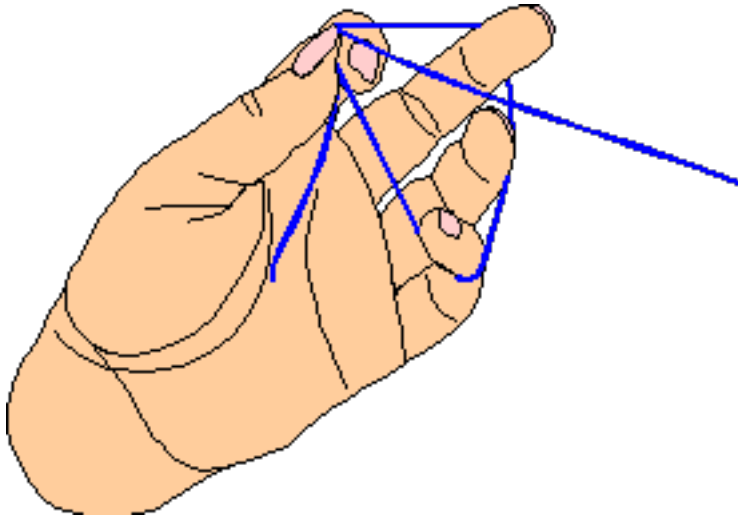
Wind the thread around your hand, behind your fingers, in the direction of the arrows.

Catch the thread again between your left thumb and index finger.

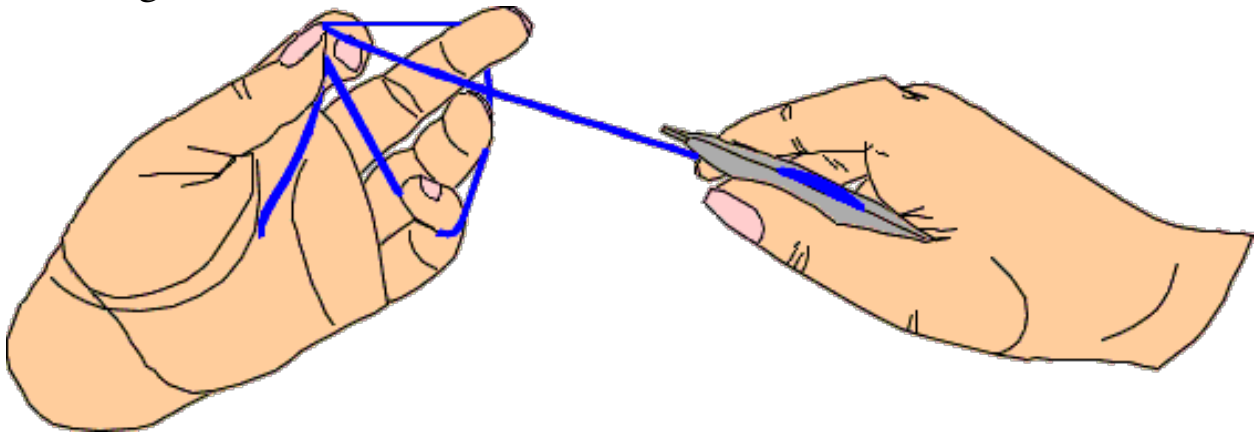


Holding the thread in the left hand.

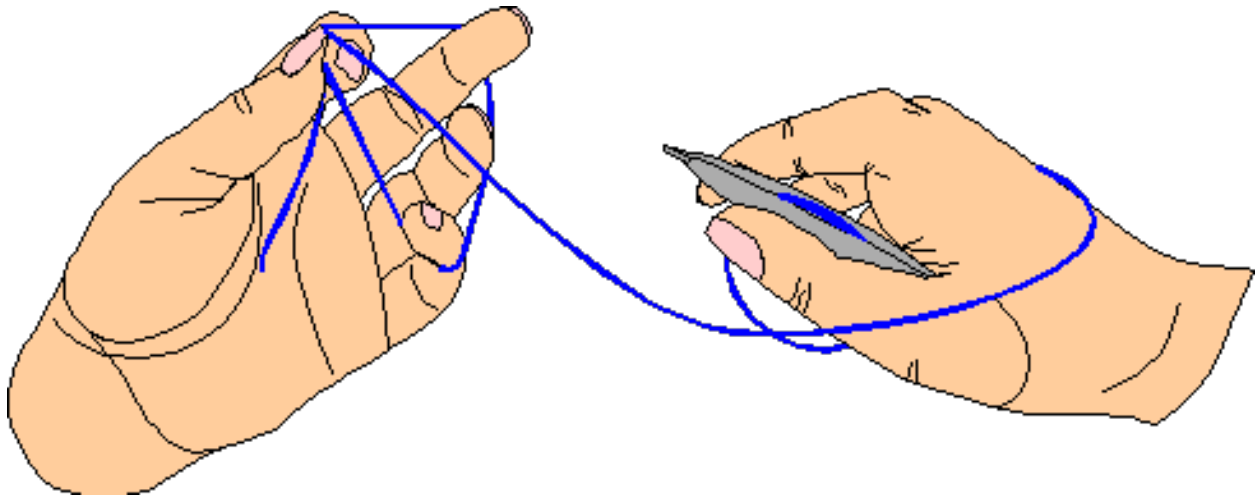
This is the basic position for all shuttle tatting.



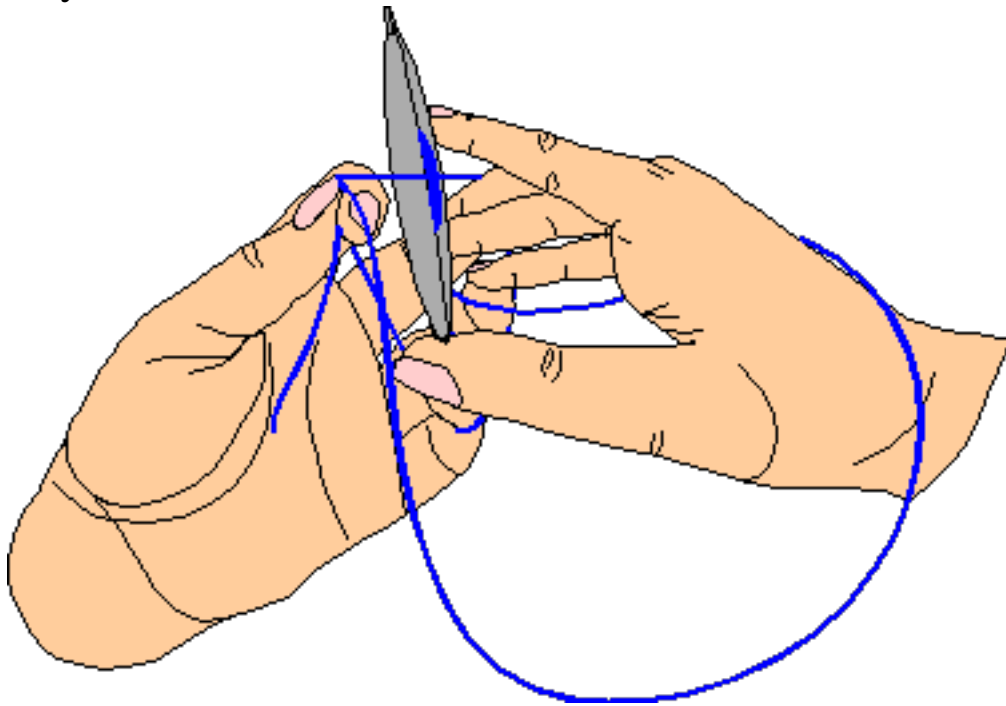
Now to make your first stitch. Hold your hands in front of you with the thread in the basic position on the left hand and the shuttle held loosely in the right hand.

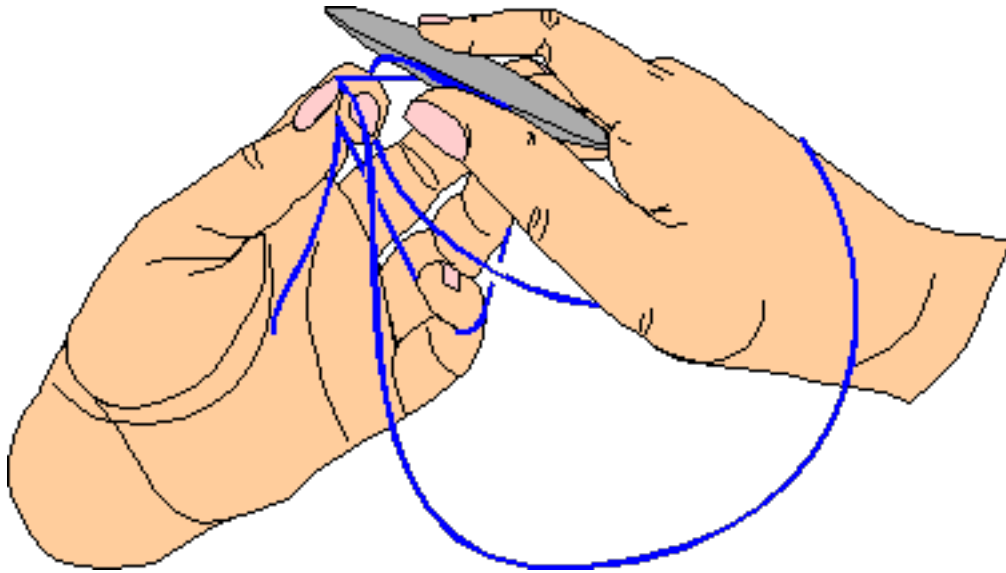


Tuck your right hand under the thread allowing the thread to drape over the back of your right hand.

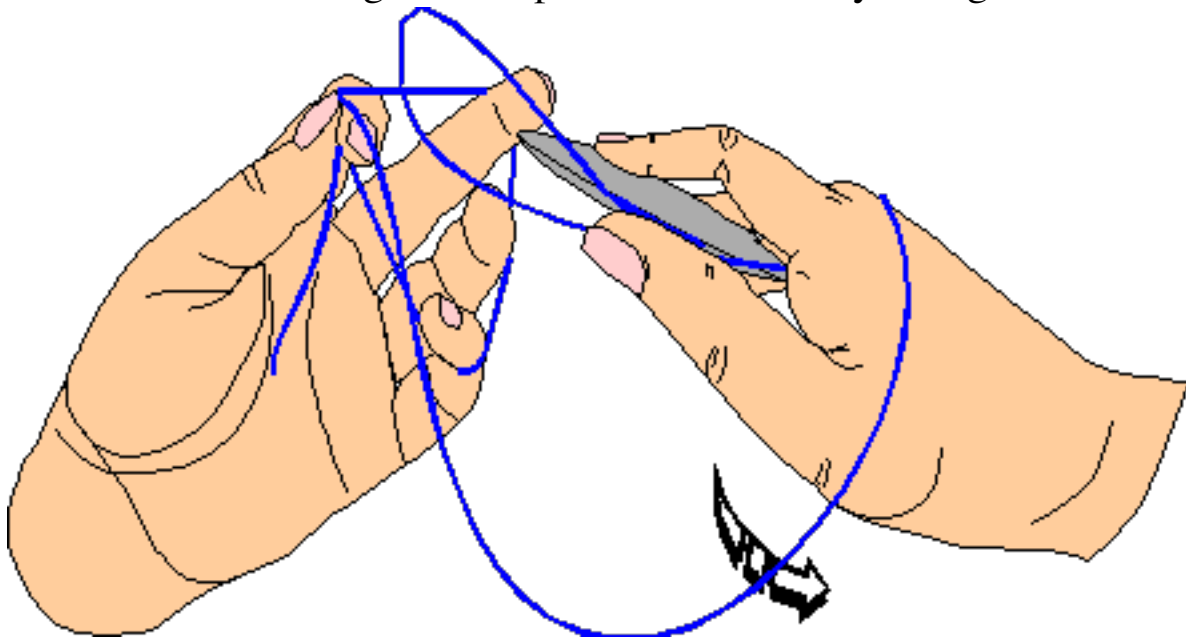


Pass the shuttle under the thread between your index and middle fingers on your left hand.

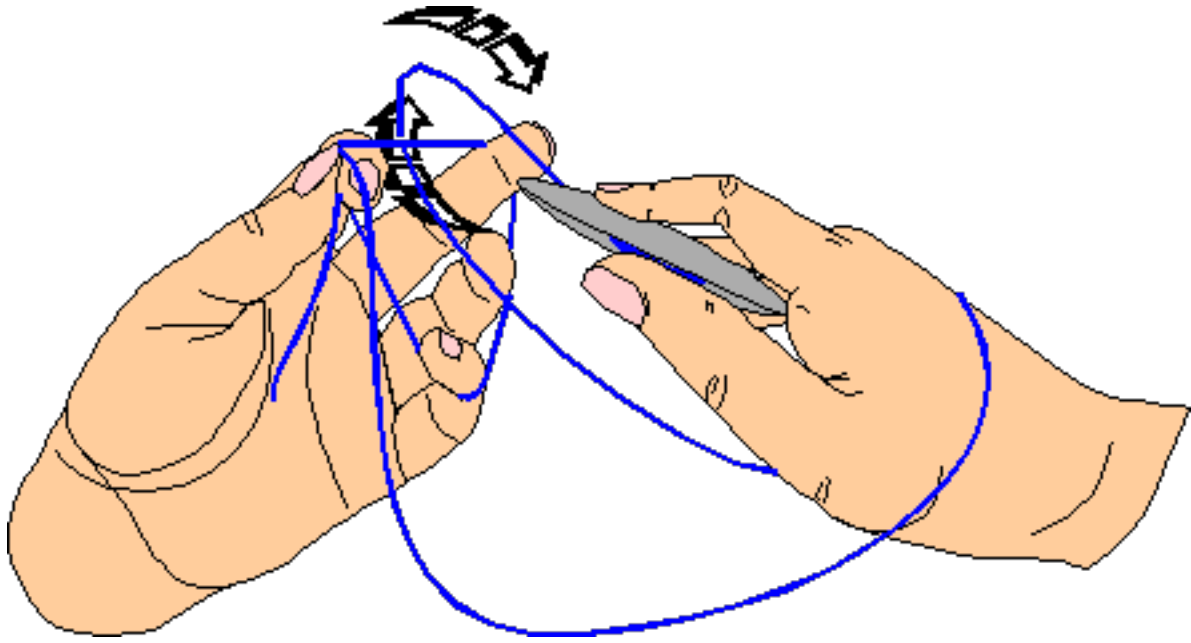




Pull the shuttle through the loop over the back of your right hand.

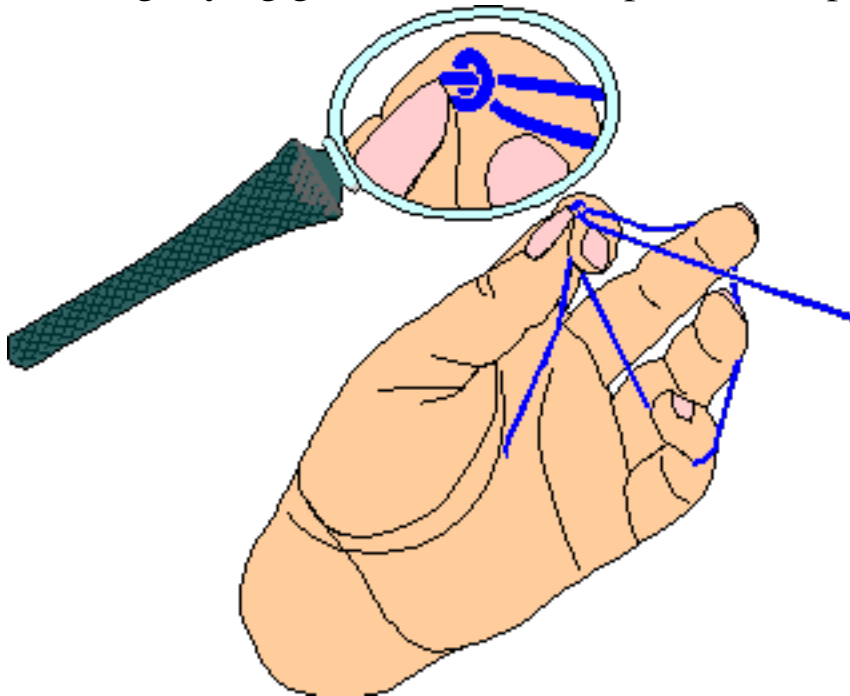


Now relax the tension on your left middle finger, just enough to give a little slack, not so much the loop comes off the left hand.

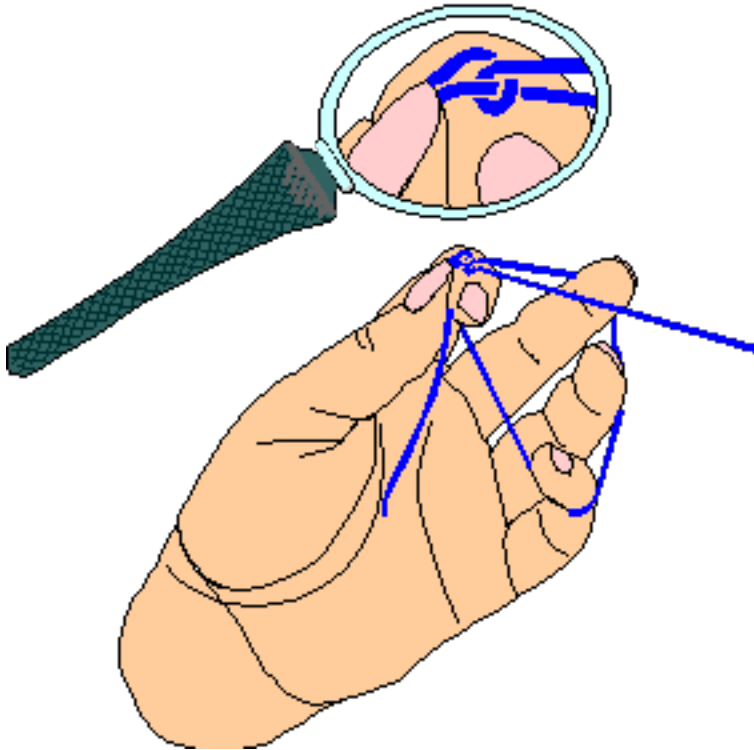


Gently pull with the right hand until the loop is transferred to the thread on the left hand.

The magnifying glass shows close ups of the important knot transfer.



Like this:



You have completed half of a stitch.

If this is confusing, try looking at the [chaining instructions](#). I used two colors of thread to make the knot transfer stand out more.

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