Floating Chain (FCh)

Floating chain (FCh) may be made using working or core thread of the chain.
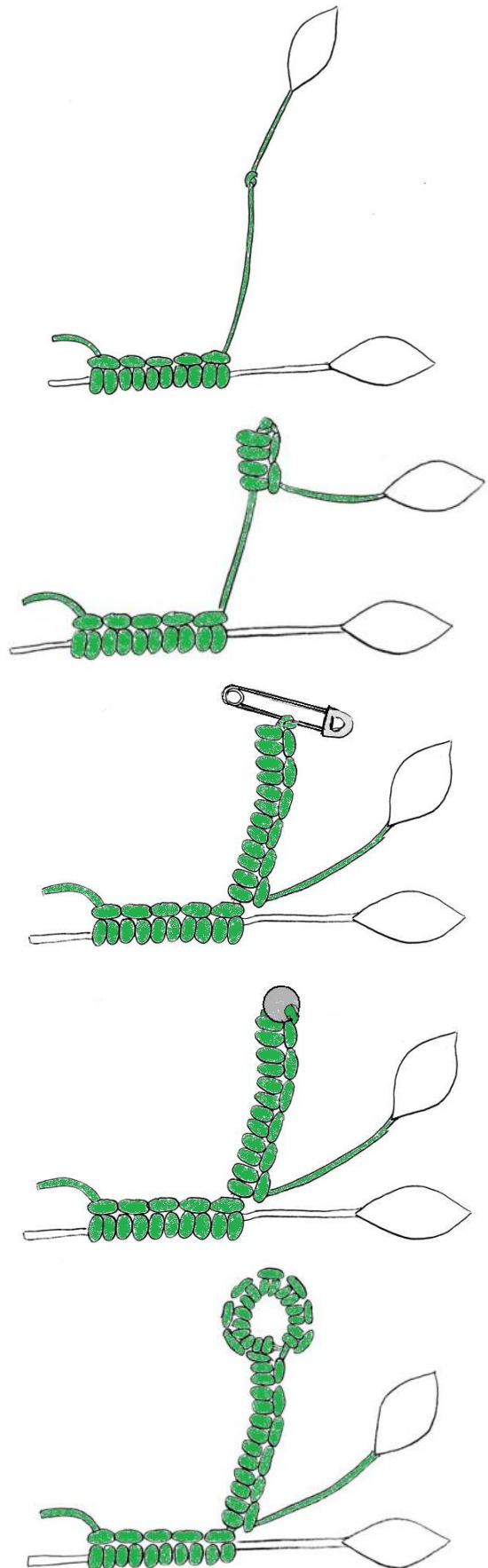
1. Measure out needed thread length (it will be FCh length). In some patterns this figure is given in length units (for example, in sm). In other patterns FCh may replace the ordinary chain, standing symmetrically to the already tatted one. In this case to measure FCh length apply thread to the tatted chain. Make node in this point.

2. Using direct or reverse stitch order wrapping make needed number of knots.

- To form false picot for future joins you may make the node round the pin or paperclip.

- Or move a bead from the shuttle thread.
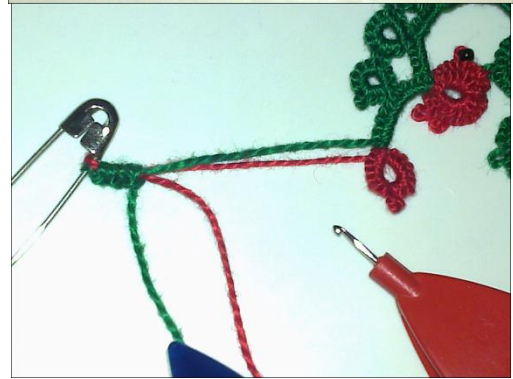
- Or tat a ring.

2-shuttle Floating Chain (2-shFCh)

In the lace "Cowberries I" red "berry" comes out off the green FCh.

1. Measure out 2-shFCh length equal to the already tatted symmetrical chain. Using green thread make node round the pin. Red thread may be simply popped over the pin.

2. Wrap knots round all 3 parts of thread – green thread and 2 parts of bended red one. Before tatting ring with red thread make sure that red thread length between 2-shFCh knots and previously tatted elements is equal the appropriate green thread length. Pull it if needed.

Hands position while wrapping is shown in the photo

Unavoidable difficulties while making floating chains:

- When FCh is short in is very inconvenient to make it;

- It may be difficult to measure out core thread length as it has a tendency to stretch during wrapping.