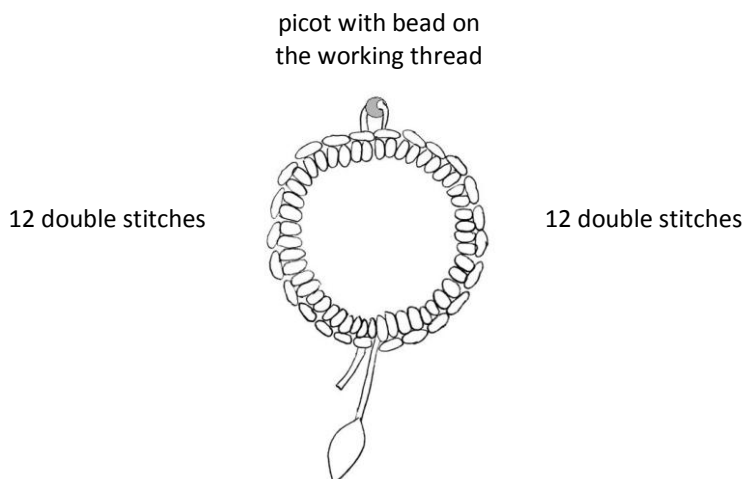# Onion Ring (OR)

Onion ring (OR) may consist of several rings, that differ in diameter. These rings are located one round another and are tatted from one point. Let's take a look at the OR made of 2 rings – inner and outer ones. In the pictures in order to be more exact I marked the inner ring with pink colour.

I. It is possible to tat firstly the outer ring, then the inner one:

I.A. If on the top of OR bead is located (as in my "Cowberries") or if outer ring's picot will be joined to other elements except the inner ring:

1. Tat the outer ring

picot with bead on
the working thread

12 double stitches   12 double stitches

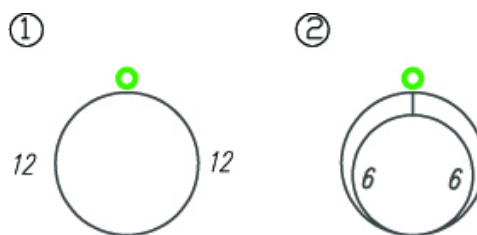**2.** Begin to tat the inner ring: 6 double stitches, join (to perform this join I usually reverse outer ring with it's back side looking at me without taking thread from my left hand – see the middle picture).

3. Complete tatting the inner ring: after the join – 2nd half stitch, 5 double stitches.

The pattern may look like this (i.e. join is counted as a part of the 1st double stitch of the ring's part coming after the join):

① 12   12

② 6   6

I.B. In order to make join in OR more flat:

1. Tat the outer ring
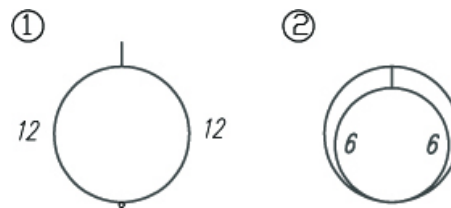
2. Before tightening the ring move picot in such way, that it faces ring's center.

3. Use ordinary join to connect inner ring with outer one.

1st half stitch – picot – 2nd half stitch

12 double stitches

11 double stitches

The pattern may look like this:

① 12 12

② 6 6

II. It is possible to tat inner ring firstly, then the outer one:
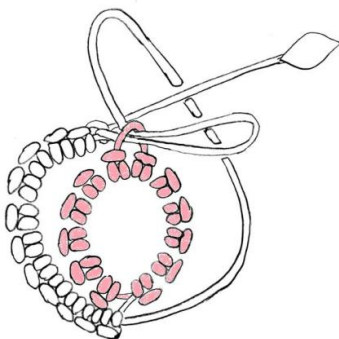
1. Tat the inner ring:

6 double stitches – picot – 6 double stitches
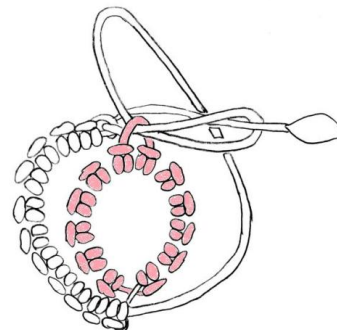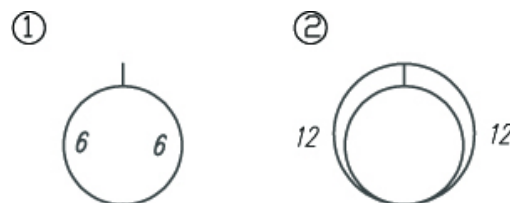
2. Outer ring:

2.1.

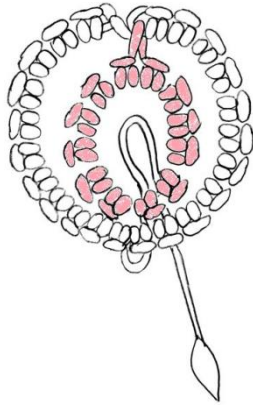**2.2.** 1st half stitch - join

11 double stitches

12 double stitches

The pattern may look like this (i.e. the join is counted as a part of the last double stitch of the 1st half of the outer ring):
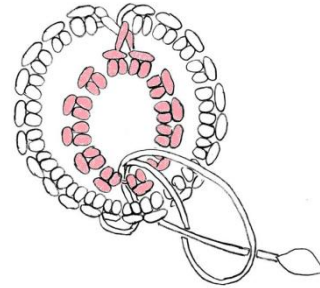
① 6 6

② 12 12

In the end of OR tatting:

After tatting both rings of OR I usually bind them in the following way:

1. Pull the loop through the rings' center.

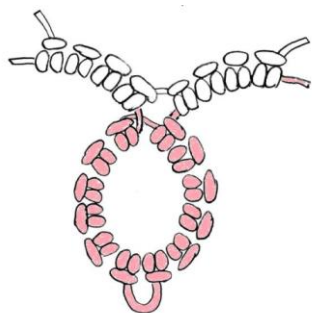**2.** Pass shuttle through this loop and tighten in the rings' bases.
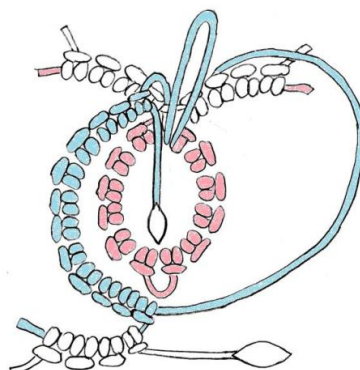
Mock Onion Ring (MOR)

This element looks like an OR, it also consists of inner and outer rings, but these rings are tatted from different points. Thus in two-row round motif that is in the photos, the inner ring of MOR is located in the 1st row, and the outer ring – in the 2nd one.

1. Inner ring of MOR:
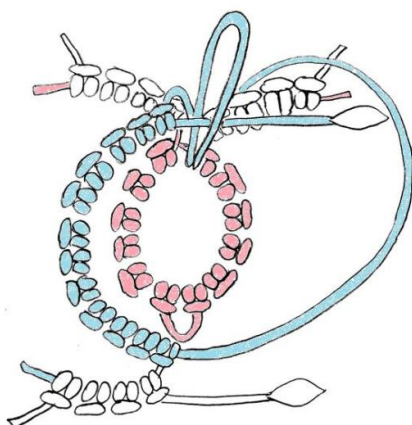6 double stitches – picot – 6 double stitches

2. To join the outer ring with the inner one pull the loop made of working thread round the inner ring's basis.

3. Pass the shuttle through this loop and tighten the join.

join – 2nd half stitch

12 double stitches

11 double stitches

4. Complete tatting of the outer ring, tighten it and join with the inner ring's picot using the lock join.

Front side

Back side