American Flag
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From the book “Tatted Bookmarks”- By Handy Hands

Two Shuttles/Ring and Chain Method
Level: Intermediate - experienced
Lizbeth® Size 20 color 601 - White, 652 - Royal Blue & 669 - Poppy Red

Two shuttles or Two Tatting Needles Size #7-0 Approx 6” without tassel

Row 1:
Rings are White and Chains are Red
R: 6, sp, 3, lp, 3 Cl rw
Ch: 7 rw
*R: 3 +(to last p of prev. R) 3, sp, 3, lp, 3, Cl rw
Ch: 7 rw*  
    Repeat from * to * 14 more times.
R: 3 +(to last p of prev. R) 3, sp, 6 Cl
Tie/hide/cut

Row 2:
R: 6, sp, 3, lp, 3 Cl rw +(to the center p of first R made of previous row)
Ch: 7 rw
**R: 3+(to last p of prev. R) 3, sp, 3, lp, 3, Cl rw +(to center p of next R of prev. row
Ch: 7 rw ** 
    Repeat from ** to ** 14 more times.
R: 3 +(to last p of prev. R) 3, sp, 6 Cl
Tie/hide/Cut

Row 3:
R: 6, sp, 3, lp, 3 Cl rw +(to the center p of first R made of previous row)
Ch: 7 rw
***R: 3+(to last p of prev. R) 3, sp, 3, lp, 3, Cl rw +(to center p of next R of prev. row
Ch: 7 rw *** 
    Repeat from ** to **  7 more times.
Change to blue thread.

(Needle tatters: after the 9th chain tie a knot.
Working off the ball, thread the needle with blue thread, bring needle up through the base of the chain)

Continue: Repeat from *** to *** 7 times with the blue thread
R: 3 +(to last p of prev. R) 3, sp, 6 Cl
Join to center p of next R of prev. row
Tie/hide/Cut

Row 4: top chain:   Red thread
+(into center p of first white ring of row 3)

(Needle tatters: TF= refer to page 4) 
Ch: 7 + (to center p of next R) TF
Repeat Ch 7 more times for a total of 9 Ch then change to blue thread and continue same Ch to end. Tie/hide/cut

This flag has 51 rings, one for each state plus one for the District of Columbia.
Abbreviations

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<th>R = Ring</th>
<th>Ch = Chain</th>
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<td>(+) = Join</td>
<td>rw = reverse work</td>
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<td>(-) or p = picot 1/4”</td>
<td>prev. = Previous</td>
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<td>sp = small picot 1/16”</td>
<td>Cl = Close</td>
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TF - Take off - Needle tatters:  
Refer to page 4 for the two different techniques.

Tie/Hide/Cut = Tie the thread, hide the tails back through the double stitches and then trim the tails.

NOTE: If there is no rw do NOT reverse the work.  
Remember to tie a knot.