# Onion ring joins

An onion ring join is used to hold a ring in place so that it fits snugly outside a smaller ring. This join can also be used to hold a chain in place around a ring or on top of another chain.
Onion ring joins require picots on the previous ring, or chain, to which the join can be made so they are not to be confused with Catherine wheel joins - which don't as they are a different technique.
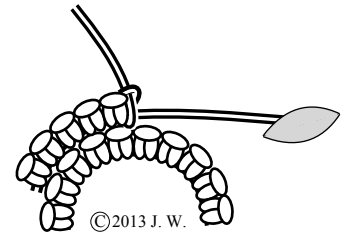
Work as far as the join, then drop the shuttle to the left, out of the way. Insert your hook into the picot on the ring (or chain) below the stitches you have just worked and pull a loop, from the thread round your hand, through the picot.
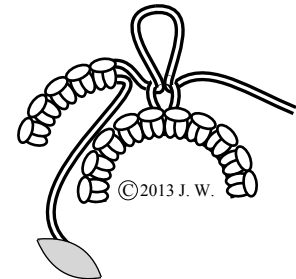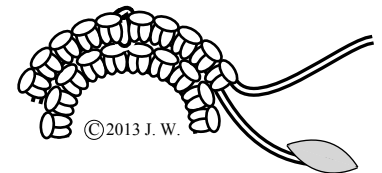
Pass your shuttle through this loop, from the back to the front.
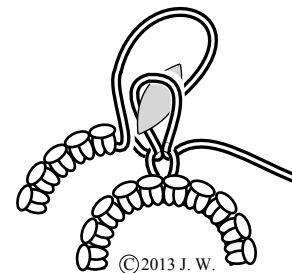
Adjust the threads (like you do for an ordinary join) <u>but make sure that the core (shuttle) thread is **not** pulled back through the picot.</u>

Work the rest of the chain (or ring) according to the pattern; tension so that the stitches fit snuggly around the ring (or chain) on the previous row.
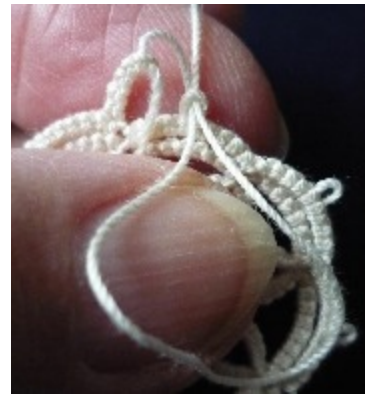
Onion Ring Join - on chains

1) Work the stitches as far as the join which is
(5 double stitches in the sample), then drop your
shuttle to the left, out of the way.

2) Insert your hook into the picot on the chain
of the previous row and pull a loop, from the
thread round your hand, through the picot.

3) Pass your shuttle through this loop, from
the back to the front.

4) Adjust the threads (like you do for an ordinary
join) but make sure that the core (shuttle) thread
is **not** pulled back through the picot.

5) Work the rest of the chain according to the pattern,
tension the chain so that it fits snuggly on top of the
one on the previous row, and shuttle join in place.