Tatting Thread might be less well known than "Pearl Cotton", but has many superior qualities that might just make it a better thread for your quilts!

Lizbeth tatting thread is 100% long staple Egyptian cotton and created with 6 strands that are twisted very tightly and "singed" twice to burn off wispy bits. This makes it a very strong, very smooth thread



that doesn't untwist like pearl cotton can (which is much more loosely twisted). Size 20 Lizbeth Tatting Thread is perfect for Sashiko, Big Stitch Quilting, Wool Applique, Cross-Stitch, Weaving, Embroidery, garment repair/embellishment, etc. Any time you would use 2 strands of embroidery floss or a pearl cotton, Tatting Thread is a better/stronger choice. It doesn't wear as you pull it through the fabric as much as embroidery floss, so you get a more even look (especially with a larger section of the same stitching), and you don't have to be careful with the way your two strands lay down with each other so it's always smooth since it's only one

strand. This makes wool applique a breeze. It's very smooth and tightly twisted so it doesn't tangle as much as pearl cotton can, and it washes better than either of them for long wearing use.



In these closeup photographs, you can see that the same size of pearl cotton is a looser twist so not as "smooth" which means it can untwist more easily as you use it and it isn't as strong. The tatting thread (top photo) acts more like a fat sewing thread and the pearl cotton acts more like a thin yarn.

Lizbeth Tatting thread generally costs less per yard than either embroidery floss or pearl cotton. I carry over 100 colors in my shop in downtown Vancouver, so think about trying some next time you plan on wool applique, sashiko, big stitch quilting, embellishing a quilt or garment, or embroidery, cross-stitch, weaving, or even fun things like bracelet making! Size 20 (the size I carry in the shop) is comparable to size 8 pearl cotton or 2 strands of embroidery floss, but other sizes can be special ordered. The thread comes in solid and variegated colors for many beautiful options. Because it's 100% cotton, it can easily be used on the same project as any of your other cotton threads and it will look beautiful - you can compare how you like working with it versus your other threads. Feel free to pop into the shop and ask any questions and feel some of the tatting thread for yourself!

I appreciate a chance to share a thread that's made my life so much easier since I discovered it!

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