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This butterfly is made on a button and two contrasting colours are used to show the small 'blips' of colour showing on the wings. The technique used on the outer round has been taken from Dora Young's All New Knotless Tatting and is a simple idea using the second half of the double stitch.

Materials required – Two shuttles, size 20 thread in two contrasting colours, size 11 seed beads and a ½" four hole shirt button. A pin with holes in the top to attach the button if wished.

NB When working the Hss do not pull it tight.

Preparation: Wind 2½ yards onto shuttle 1 and 3¾ yards on shuttle 2. A 3mm picot gauge is required for the long picots.

Note: for those who prefer front side/back side tatting the text in italics and red indicates where the worker needs to use the second half of the ds first.

Beads are not shown on the button in the diagrams to avoid confusion.

Abbreviations

R	ring	Ch	chain	Cl	close	RW	reverse work
+	join	vsp	very small picot			SS	switch shuttles
btn	button	LP	long picot (3mm)	Hss	one second half of ds		
+B	add bead to picot before joining						

R1: 2 – 4 – 2 Cl RW

Ch: 6 RW

R2: 2 + B (R1) 2 + 4 beads (hole in btn) 2 – 2 Cl RW

Ch: 6 RW

R3: 4 vsp 4 Cl RW

*Ch: 4 *LP 1 (repeat from * 6 times = 7 picots) 3 Lj (vsp R3) 6 RW*

R4: 2 + B (R2) 4 – 2 Cl RW

Ch: 6 RW

R5: 3 vsp 3 Cl RW

*Ch: 4 *LP 1 (repeat from * 4 times = 5 picots) 3 Lj (vsp R5) 4 RW*

R6: 2 + B (R4) 2 + 4 beads (next hole btn) 2 – 2 Cl RW

Ch: 6 RW

R7: 2 + B (R6) 4 – 2 Cl RW

Ch: 6 RW

R8: 2 + B (R7) 2 + 4 beads (next hole btn) 2 – 2 Cl RW

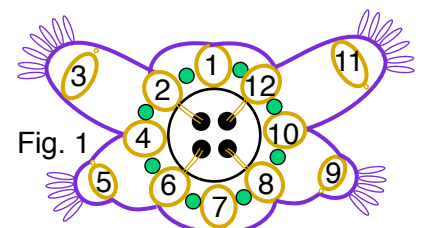
Ch: 4 RW

R9: 3 vsp 3 Cl RW

*Ch: 4 *LP 1 (repeat from * 4 times = 5 picots) 3 Lj (vsp R9) 6 RW*

R10: 2 + B (R9) 4 – 2 Cl RW

Ch: 6 RW



R11: 4 vsp 4 CI RW

Ch: 4 *LP 1 (repeat from * 6 times = 7 picots) 3 Lj (vsp R11) 6 RW

R12: 2 + B (R11) 2 + 4 seed beads (next hole btn) 2 + B (R1) 2 CI RW

Ch: 6 join to base R1 SLT RW

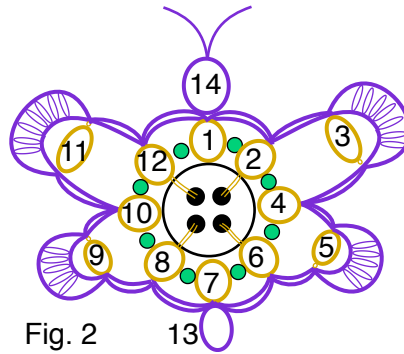


Fig. 2

Ch: 1 vsp 6 Lj (base R12) 6 Lj (top R11) 6 Lj (1st LP) Hss Lj (next LP) continue to work Hss and lock joins to following LP's 6 Lj (base R11) 6 Lj (base R10) 6 Lj (top R9) 6 Lj (1st LP) Hss Lj (next LP) continue to work Hss and lock joins to following LP's 6 Lj (base R9) 4 Lj (base R8) 5 vsp 1 Lj (base R7) SS

R13: 1 + (vsp Ch) 6 vsp 1 CI SS

Ch: 1 + (vsp R13) 5 Lj (base R6) 4 Lj (top R5) 6 Lj (1st LP) Hss Lj (next LP) continue to work Hss and lock joins to following LP's 6 Lj (base R5) 6 Lj (base R4) 6 Lj (top R3) 6 Lj (next LP) continue to work Hss and lock joins to following LP's 6 Lj (base R3) 6 Lj (base R2) 6 vsp 1 Lj (base R1) SS. Cut thread on shuttle 1 and hide that end in the last ring.

R14: (head) 1 + (vsp last Ch) 8 very Lp for antennae 8 + (vsp first Ch) 1 CI Cut and hide final thread end. Cut very long picot to form antennae.

Sew button onto the pin if required and tat's it!

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