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Materials Required - No. 20 thread makes a crab measuring 5" x 4 ½", two shuttles, two 4mm beads for eyes.

Skills needed – knowledge of split ring and the continuous thread join (shown and explained below).

Abbreviations

R	ring		Ch	chain
– or p	picot		SR	split ring
Sh1	Shuttle 1 (shuttle in right hand)		Sh2	Shuttle 1 (shuttle in right hand)
/	after the / make 2nd half of SR		Btwn	between
+B	add bead to picot before joining		vsp	very small picot (smallest you can make)
Lj	join made with shuttle thread		+	join
CTJ	Continuous Thread Join (see below)		Cl	close
SS	Switch shuttles		T & C	Tie and cut

Making the CTJ - continuous thread join

Fig. 1

Fig. 2

Using a hook, take Sh1 thread under and up through the last very small picot of side 1.
Push Sh2 through the loop and gently tighten.

Continue through all the picots on this side of the SR.

Tip: The bottom three legs on each side can be adjusted to curve after the continuous thread join by gently pulling the thread which runs through the vsp's.

Body and first side

Starting at top left hand corner of body with Sh1 – see fig. 3.

R1:   3 vsp 3 vsp 3 vsp 3
SR2:   3 vsp 3 / 3 vsp 3
SR3:   3 vsp 3 / 3 vsp 3
SR4:   3 vsp 3 / 3 vsp 3
SR5:   3 vsp 3 / 3 vsp 3
Ch: 3 vsp 3 vsp 3

Row 2
SR6:   4 / 4 vsp 4 vsp 4
SR7:   4 + (SR5) 4 / 4 vsp 4
SR8:   4 + (SR4) 4 / 4 vsp 4
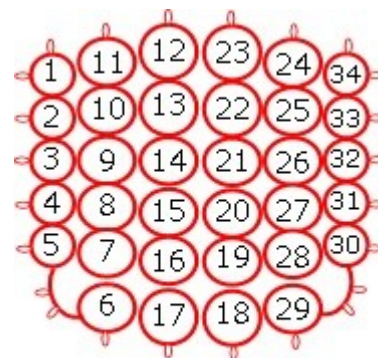SR9:   4 + (SR3) 4 / 4 vsp 4
SR10:   4 + (SR2) 4 / 4 vsp 4

Fig. 3

SR11: 4 + (SR1) 5 vsp 5 / 4

Row 3

SR12: 5 vsp 5 vsp 4 / 4
SR13: 4 vsp 4 / 4 + (SR10) 4
SR14: 4 vsp 4 / 4 + (SR9) 4
SR15: 4 vsp 4 / 4 + (SR8) 4
SR16: 4 vsp 4 / 4 + (SR7) 4
SR17: 4 / 4 + (SR6) 5 vsp 5

Row 4

SR18: 4 / 5 vsp 5 vsp 4
SR19: 4 + (SR16) 4 / 4 vsp 4
SR20: 4 + (SR15) 4 / 4 vsp 4
SR21: 4 + (SR14) 4 / 4 vsp 4
SR22: 4 + (SR13) 4 / 4 vsp 4
SR23: 4 + (SR12) 5 vsp 5 / 4

Row 5

SR24: 5 vsp 5 vsp 4 / 4
SR25: 4 vsp 4 / 4 + (SR22) 4
SR26: 4 vsp 4 / 4 + (SR21) 4
SR27: 4 vsp 4 / 4 + (SR20) 4
SR28: 4 vsp 4 / 4 + (SR19) 4
SR29: 4 / 4 + (SR18) 4 vsp 4

Row 6

Ch: 3 vsp 3 vsp 3
SR30: 3 + (SR28) 3 / 3 vsp 3
SR31: 3 + (SR27) 3 / 3 vsp 3
SR32: 3 + (SR26) 3 / 3 vsp 3
SR33: 3 + (SR25) 3 / 3 vsp 3
SR34: 3 + (SR24) 3 vsp 3 / 3

Claw

SR1:   10 / 10
SR2:   14 / 14
SR3:   14 / 13 vsp 1 SS
Ch: 10 SS Rw
Ch: 8 + (vsp SR3) continue
Ch: 10 SS Rw continue
Ch: 14 Lj (vsp SR3) 14 Lj (space btwn SR3 & SR2) 14 Lj (space btwn SR2 & SR1) 11 vsp 1 Lj (base SR1) 2 Lj (vsp 33) SS
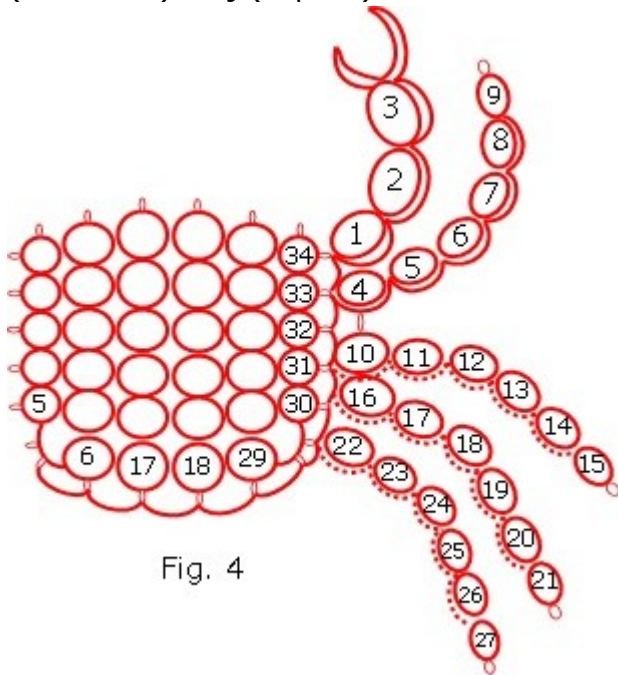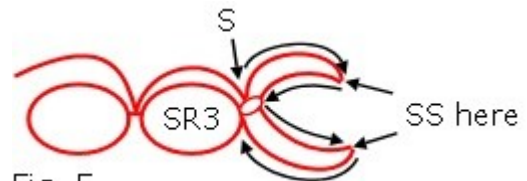

Fig. 4

Fig. 5

Formation of the claw

Fig. 6

Working back along the 3rd, 4th & 5th legs using the CTJ - note the join btwn the SR's.

First Leg

SR4:   2 + (last vsp on Ch) 6 / 8
SR5:   8 / 8
SR6 & SR7 as SR5
SR8:   5 vsp 1 / 6
R9:   1 + (vsp SR8) 5 – 6 SS
Ch: 8 Lj (space btwn SR8 & SR7) 10 Lj (space btwn SR7 & SR6) 10 Lj (space btwn SR6 & SR5) 10 Lj (space btwn SR5 & SR4) 5 vsp 5 Lj (base SR4) 2 Lj (vsp SR32) 4 Lj (vsp SR31) SS

Second Leg

SR10: 5 + (vsp on Ch of last leg) 5 / 2 vsp 2 vsp 2 vsp 2 vsp 2
SR11: 8 / 2 vsp 2 vsp 2 vsp 2
SR12 – SR14 as SR11

R15: 6 – 6 SS
CTJ to vsp's on SR14, 13, 12, 11 & 10 & spaces btwn these SR's as shown. Also join to base SR10 continue with
Ch: 2 Lj (vsp SR30) SS
Third Leg
SR16: 10 / 2 vsp 2 vsp 2 vsp 2 vsp 2
SR17: 8 / 2 vsp 2 vsp 2 vsp 2
SR18 & SR19 as SR17
SR20: 6 / 2 vsp 2 vsp 2
R21: 4 – 4 SS
CTJ to vsp's on SR20, 19, 18, 17 & 16 & spaces btwn these SR's. Also join to base SR16.
Ch: continue with 3 Lj (vsp Ch btwn SR29 & SR30) SS
Fourth Leg
SR22: 8 / 2 vsp 2 vsp 2 vsp 2
SR23: 6 / 2 vsp 2 vsp 2
SR24 – SR26 as SR23
R27: 4 – 4 SS
CTJ to vsp's on SR26, SR25, SR24, SR23 & SR22 & spaces btwn these SR's. Also join to base SR22
Ch: continue with 2 Lj (next vsp Ch btwn SR29 & SR30) 6 Lj (SR29) 6 Lj (SR18) 6 Lj (SR17) 6 Lj (SR6) 6 Lj (vsp Ch btwn SR5 & SR6) T & C

Second side
Turn work over (as in turning the page of a book).
Top and second side
Rejoin threads to SR34 where it meets the first claw.
Ch: 3 Lj (SR34) 6 Lj (SR24) 5 – 1 Lj (SR23) 1 + B (last p) 4 – 1 Lj (SR12) 1 + B (last p) 5 Lj (SR11) 6 Lj (R1) 3 Lj (next vsp R1) SS
Claw 2
SR1: 10 / 10
SR2: 14 / 14
SR3: 14 / 13 vsp 1 SS
Ch: 10 SS Rw
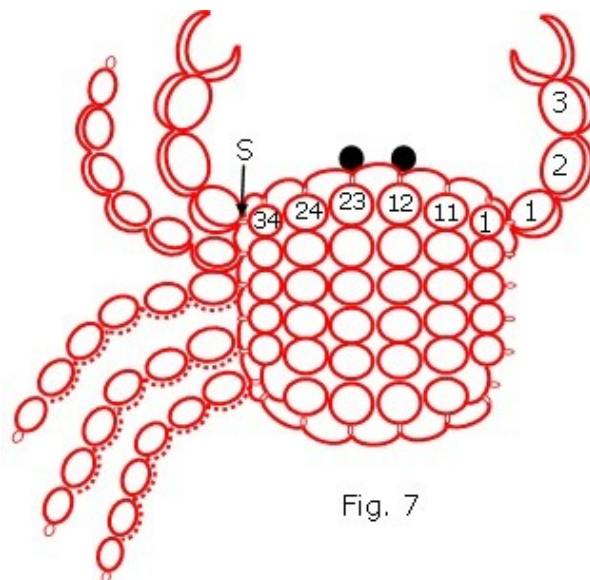Ch: 8 + (vsp SR3)
Ch: 10 SS Rw continue

Fig. 7

Ch: 14 Lj (vsp SR3) 14 Lj (space btwn SR3 & SR2) 14 Lj (space btwn SR2 & SR1) 11 vsp 1 Lj (base SR1) 3 Lj (vsp SR2) SS
Continue from First Leg on first side until the last leg has been joined to the base of that leg.
Ch: 3 Lj (vsp on Ch) T & C
For any help with this pattern please email me.