Hedgehogs - © Jane Eborall

The family of hedgehogs consists of a large and a small 3D hedgehog and a flat one (the one that didn't get to the other side of the road!!). The largest one measures 1 1/2" and the small one is just over 1". The flat hedgehog is approximately 1 1/4". All use split chains and split rings. The split chains in the 3D versions can be replaced with ordinary chains (with a centre vsp). This will only add to the amount of ends to be sewn in. The split chain on the flat hedgehog cannot be avoided and also has picots on the split half. This design also starts initially with a mock picot. All could be used as brooches or stand alone figures. I leave the rest to your imagination and ingenuity. I also feel sure that they could easily be enlarged by adding more rings and rows.

Materials
No. 20 thread. Two shuttles. One bead of 5mm diameter (nose) and two of 3mm (eyes) for each hedgehog.

Abbreviations

Wsh1	working shuttle 1	Wsh2	working shuttle 2	vsp	very small picot
SR	split ring	SCh	split chain (optional)	Lp	long picot (see notes at start of each hedgehog pattern)
–	picot	+	join	VLp	very long picot

Large hedgehog - (mum and dad). All picots on chains for this hedgehog are 8mm long.
Centre ring – two shuttles. Wsh1
R: 1 – 2 – 2 – 2 – 2 – 2 – 2 – 1. Pull core thread down through the middle of picot 4 and add large black bead (nose). Put shuttle through the loop to retain the bead and close ring. The bead should be larger than the ring and so it will lie on the top. Tie a double knot to anchor the bead in place. See fig. 1. Leave a gap the size of a picot before starting the SR of the next round. See fig. 2

Round 1 -
SR1: 2 – 2 / 2 – 2. Change to Wsh2
Ch: vsp 1 Lp 1 Lp 1 Lp 1 Lp 1 Lp 1 Lp 1
R2:   2 + (3rd p of last R) 2 + (next p of centre ring) 2 – 2
Ch: as last
R3:   as last ring but add a small bead to centre of ring (see fig. 1) for eye
Ch: as last
R4:   as R2
Ch: as last
R5:   as R3
Ch: as last
R6:   as R2
Ch: as last
R7:   as R2
Ch: 7
R8:   as R2 joining to 1st p of SR1
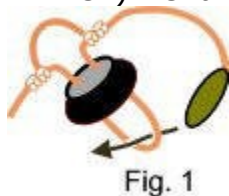
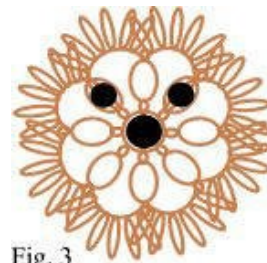Ch: 7 + (vsp on 1st Ch). Change to Wsh1. See fig. 3

Fig. 1

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Fig. 3

Round 2
SR1:   2 – 2 / 2 – 2. Change to Wsh2 and continue in same direction
*Ch: as chains of last round
R2:   2 + (3rd p of last R) 2 + (vsp at base of next R on last round) 2 - 2
Repeat from * joining to 3rd p of previous R's and vsp at base of next R's to
R8:   which is joined to SR1 of this round.
Figure 4 shows part of this round with the long picots of the chains BEHIND
the rings. When the hedgehog is finished pull all the long picots to the
outside.
Round 3
As last round
Round 4
SR1:   2 – 2 / 2 – 2
* Ch: vsp 1 – 1 – 1 – 1 - 1 – 1 – 1 – 1 (no need for vsp's on rest of chains)
R2:   2 + (3rd p of last R) 2 + (vsp at base of next R on last round) 2 – 2
Repeat from * until R7 has been completed
Ch: 4 – 4
R: as last also joining 3rd p to 1st p of SR1
SCh: 4 + (vsp on 1st ch) 4.
Cut and leave ends to run through each centre p on chains of last row. Draw up tight T & C.
Pull all long picots to outside of hedgehog.

Fig. 4

Small hedgehog - (baby).
All picots on chains for this hedgehog are 7mm.
R: 1 – 2 – 2 – 2 – 2 – 1. Pull core thread down through the middle of
picot 3 and add large black bead (nose) as in large hedgehog. Leave a gap
the size of a picot before starting the SR of the next round
Round 1
SR1:   2 – 2 / 2 – 2. Change to Wsh2
Ch: vsp 1 Lp 1 Lp 1 Lp 1 Lp 1 Lp 1
R2:   2 + (3rd p of last R) 2 + (next p of centre ring) 2 – 2 add a small bead to centre of ring
(as nose) for eye
Ch: as last
R3:   2 + (3rd p of last R) 2 + (next p of centre ring) 2 – 2
Ch: as last
R4:   as R2
Ch: as last
R5:   as R3
Ch: vsp 6
R6:   as R3 also joining to 1st p on R1
Ch: vsp 6 + join to vsp at base of SR1. change to Wsh2
Round 2
SR1:   2 – 2 / 2 – 2. Change to Wsh1 and continue in same direction
*Ch: as chains of last round
R2:   2 + (3rd p of last R) 2 + (vsp at base of next R on last round) 2 - 2
Repeat from * joining to 3rd p of previous R's and vsp at base of next R's of last round. R6 is
joined to SR1 of this round
Round 3

As last round of large hedgehog with all chains having 5 p's.

Ch5 will be 3 vsp 3 and Ch6 Sch of 3 + (vsp at base of R1) 3 T & C. Pull all long picots to outside of hedgehog.

Flat Hedgehog. All picots are 8mm picots on all chains and rings where specified.

Place large bead on Wsh1 – two shuttles. **NB** Make the p's on the rings and chains 8mm unless otherwise indicated.

Row 1

Make a mock p and start with

Ch: 1 Lp 1 Lp 1 Lp 1

R1:   2 + (mock p on last Ch) 2 VLp (long enough to pull through nose bead and join) 2 vsp 2. Pull core thread down through 2nd p and add eye bead – see fig. 1

Ch: vsp 1 Lp 1 Lp 1 Lp 1 Lp 1 Lp 1 Lp 1

R2:   (place large bead at back of hand before working) 2 +(vsp of R1) 2 large nose bead 2 vsp 2

Ch: as last

R3:   2 + (vsp of R2) 2 + (VLp on R1 taking this p through the eye bead first) 2 vsp 2. Add eye bead as R1

SCh: 1 + (vsp on R3) 1 Lp 1 Lp 1 Lp 1. See fig. 5

Mock picot

Fig. 5

Row 2

SR1: 1 Lp 1 Lp 1 Lp 1 / 2 vsp 2. Change to Wsh2

Ch: vsp 1 Lp 1 Lp 1 Lp 1 Lp 1 Lp 1 Lp 1

R2:   2 + (vsp on SR1) 2 + (vsp at base of next R of row 1) 2 vsp 2

Ch: as last

R3:   2 + (vsp on R2) 2 + (vsp at base of next R of row 1) 1 –1 – 1 – 1

Row 3

SR1: 1 Lp 1 Lp 1 Lp 1 Lp 1 Lp 1 Lp 1 / 3 vsp 3

Ch: 1 Lp 1 Lp 1 Lp 1 Lp 1 Lp 1 Lp 1

R2:   3 + (vsp on SR1) 3 + (base of next R of row 2) 3 vsp 3

Ch: as last

R3:   3 + (vsp on R2) 3 + (base of next R of row 2) 1 Lp 1 Lp 1 Lp 1 Lp 1 Lp 1 Lp 1 T & C. Pull all long picots to outside of hedgehog.

Fig. 6

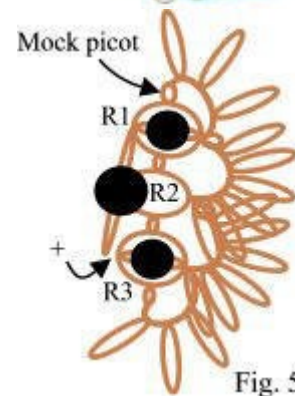If you would like any help with this prickly pattern please get in touch,