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The finished piece measures roughly 4½" high when worked in a number 20 thread.

Materials required

Two shuttles, size 20 thread (same colour for both shuttles), 2 size 11 seed beads.

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.

Abbreviations

R	ring	Ch	chain	vsp	very small picot
Cl	close	RW	reverse work	SS	switch shuttles
T & C	tie and cut	DNRW	do not reverse work		
SR	split ring	MB	move bead on shuttle		
+	join	Lj	lock join	S	start point

Add two size 11 seed beads to the ball thread and wind 4½ yards onto shuttle one. Pull off another 3½ yards, cut from ball and wind onto shuttle 2. This leaves 2 shuttles wound CTM (continuous thread method). Before starting make sure that the two beads are on the second shuttle.

Body – using Sh1

R1: 2 vsp 2 vsp 2 vsp 2 Cl

SR2: 3 vsp 3 / 3 vsp 3 Cl

SR3: 3 vsp 3 / 3 vsp 3 Cl

SR4: 3 vsp 3 / 3 vps 3 Cl

SR5: 3 vsp 3 / 3 vsp 3 Cl

SR6: 3 vsp 3 / 3 vsp 3 Cl

SR7: 3 vsp 3 / 3 vsp 3 Cl

SR8: 4 vsp 3 vsp 2 / 4 vsp 3 Cl

SR9: 3 vsp 3 vsp 3 / 6 Cl SS

Ch: 2 vsp 2 RW

R10: 4 + (vsp SR8) 4 Cl RW

Ch: 4 RW

R11: 4 + (vsp SR7) 4 Cl RW

Ch: 5 RW

R12: 3 + (vsp SR6) 3 Cl RW

Ch: 5 RW

R13: 3 + (vsp SR5) 3 Cl RW

Ch: 5 RW

R14: 2 + (vsp SR4) 2 Cl RW

Ch: 4 Lj (vsp SR3) 2 Lj (SR2) 2 Lj (vsp R1) 2 vsp 1 Lj (next vsp R1) 1 vsp 2 Lj (next vsp R1) 8 Lj (vsp SR2) 7 Lj (vsp SR3) 4 Lj (SR4) 5 RW

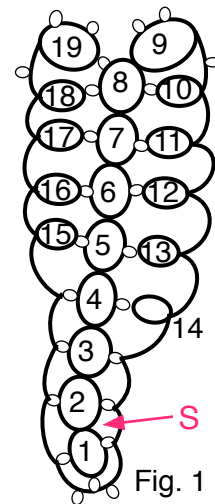
R15: 2 + (vsp SR5) 2 Cl RW

Ch: 5 RW

R16: 3 + (vsp SR6) 3 Cl RW

Ch: 6 RW

R17: 4 + (vsp SR7) 4 Cl RW



Ch: 6 RW

R18: 4 + (vsp SR8) 4 CI RW

Ch: 2 vsp 2 RW

R19: 6 + (vsp SR8) 3 vsp 5 vsp 1 CI RW SS

Now working with shuttle 1 (no beads on the thread)

Arm 1

SR20: 2 + (vsp last Ch) 2 / 3 vsp 3 CI

SR21: 4 / 2 vsp 2 CI

SR22: 4 / 2 vsp 2 CI

SR23: 4 / 2 vsp 2 CI

SR24: 4 / 4 CI

R25: 2 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 2 CI SS DNRW

Ch: 6 Lj (vsp SR23) 5 Lj (vsp SR22) 4 Lj (SR21) 6 Lj (vsp SR20) 3 LJ (1st vsp R19) 4 Lj (next vsp R19) RW SS

Neck/Face

Ch: 2 vsp 2 RW SS

SR26: 4 / 4 CI

SR27: 3 vsp 1 / 2 MB 2 CI

SR28: 1 vsp 1 vsp 1 vsp 1 / 4 CI

SR29: 1 vsp 1 vsp 1 vsp 1 / 4 CI

SR30: 1 vsp 1 vsp 1 vsp 1 / 4 CI

SR31: 1 vsp 1 vsp 1 vsp 1 / 4 CI

SR32: 1 vsp 1 vsp 1 vsp 1 / 4 CI

SR33: 1 vsp 3 / 2 MB 2 CI

SR34: 4 / 4 CI RW

Ch: 2 + (vsp on last Ch) 2 + (first vsp made on SR9) RW SS

Ch: 3 Lj (next vsp SR9) SS

Arm 2

SR35: 4 / 4 CI

SR36: 4 / 2 vsp 2 CI

SR37: 4 / 2 vsp 2 CI

SR38: 4 / 2 vsp 2 CI

SR39: 4 / 4 CI

R40: 2 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 2 CI SS DNRW

Ch: 6 Lj (vsp SR38) 4 Lj (vsp SR37) 3 Lj (SR36) + (vsp chain between SR9 and R10) T & C

Tail Fin - 2 shuttles.

Add 1½ yards to shuttle pull off another yard from ball, cut and wind onto second shuttle.

R1: 4 - 4 CI RW

Ch: 8 vsp 2 vsp 8 RW

R2: 4 - 4 CI DNRW SS

Ch: 8 + (vsp R1 body) Lj (vsp last Ch) 2 + (next vsp R1) Lj (next vsp last Ch) 8 T & C base R2

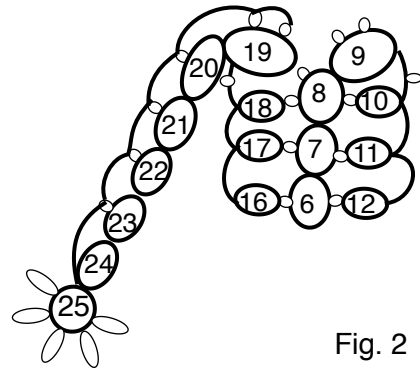


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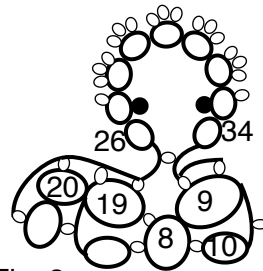


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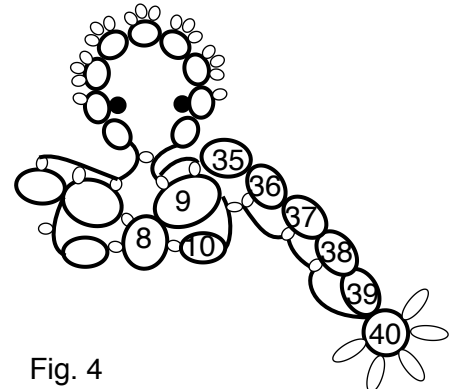


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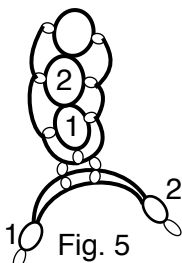


Fig. 5



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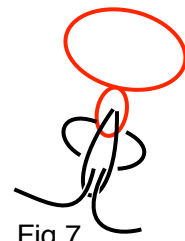


Fig 7

Hair

Using size 20 thread or any thread you think is suitable, cut 17 lengths of 8".

Hold your mermaid with the 'wrong' side facing (if you have a wrong side) and take a folded 8" thread. Pull the loop through a vsp on the head - see figs 6 & 7 below. Take the two ends through the loop and gently tighten. Repeat for all 17 lengths.