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Abbreviations

R	ring	Ch	chain	
SR	split ring	vsp	very small picot	
Cl	close	SS	switch shuttles	
Lj	lock join	RoSR	ring on split ring	
DNRW	do not reverse work	RW	reverse work	
btwn	between	T & C	tie and cut	
LP	long picot	LCh	Lock chain. First half ds normal, second half unflipped	
CWJ	Catherine wheel join	RoCh	Ring on chain	
MB	Move bead along core thread to lie next to last ds worked			
SLT	Shoe lace trick (tie a knot)			

Although the pattern is for a parrot a budgie, cockatiel or cockatoo may also be made from the basic idea. Instructions are given for adding a crest.

Materials required. Thread of your choice (number 20 thread gives a parrot measuring 3 ½") and small seed bead for eye.

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.

Wing

SR1: 4 vsp 4 / add spacer to core thread next to first ds worked 4 see fig. 1
        RoSR:4 vsp 4 Cl
        SR1: 4 Cl

SR2: 4 vsp 4 / 4
        RoSR:3 vsp 3 Cl
        SR2: 4 Cl
SR3: 4 vsp 4 / 4
        RoSR:2 vsp 2 Cl
        SR3: 4 Cl
SR4: 2 / 2 Cl
SR5: 3 vsp 3 / 3 – 3 Cl
SR6: 2 / 2 Cl
SR7: 6 / 2 vsp 2 Cl
SR8: 4 – 4 / 2 Cl
SR9: 4 / 2 + (vsp SR7) 2 Cl
SR10:6 / 3 + (SR5) 3 Cl

SR11:8 / 4
        RoSR:2 + (RoSR3) 2 Cl
        SR11:4 Cl
SR12:8 / 4
        RoSR:3 + (RoSR2) 3 Cl
        SR12:4 Cl
SR13:8 / 4
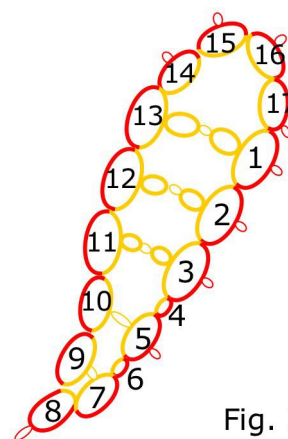   *RoSR:4 + (RoSR1) 4 Cl*

Fig. 1

Fig. 2

SR13: 4 Cl
SR14: 3 vsp 3 / 6 Cl
SR15: 3 vsp 3 / 6 Cl
SR16: 3 vsp 3 / 6 Cl
SR17: 4 vsp 2 / 6 Cl T & C to top SR1 removing the spacer to make the join.

Back & over head – B on Sh2 (blue thread) – use Sh1 as working shuttle to start.
Join to space btwn SR13 & SR14 and make
Ch: 4 CWJ or Lj (vsp SR14) 6 RW
R1:   4 + (SR15) 4 Cl RW SS
SR2: 8 / 6 vsp 2 Cl
SR3: 8 / 2 vsp 5 vsp 1 Cl
SR4: 6 / 1 + (vsp SR3) 4 vsp 1 Cl B @ back of hand (go to end of
pattern for cockatoo).
SR5: 6 / 1 + (vsp SR4) 2 MB 2 vsp 1 Cl
SR6: 6 / 1 + (vsp SR5) 4 vsp 1 Cl SS
Ch: 9 – 1 SLT RW
Ch: 8 + (vsp SR6) SLT RW
LCh: 4 + (p at end of chains)
Ch: 4 vsp 4 RW
R7:   5 + (vsp SR3) 1 + (vsp SR2) 5 Cl RW
Ch: 4 SS DNRW
RoCh8:   3 + (vsp last Ch) 3 Cl SS RW
R9:   3 + (vsp SR16 on wing) 3 Cl RW
Ch: 6 RW
R10: 3 + (space btwn SR16 & SR17 on wing) 3 Cl RW
Ch: 5 SS
SR11: 3 / 2 + (vsp SR17 on wing) 2 Cl
SR12: 4 / 2 + (vsp SR1 on wing) 2 Cl
SR13: 6 / 6 + (vsp SR2 on wing) Cl
SR14: 5 vsp 1 / 6 + (vsp SR3 on wing) Cl
Foot
R15: 1 + (vsp SR14) 5 Lp 1 Lp 4 Cl
Tail
SR16: 4 / 4 Cl
SR17: 4 / 2 vsp 2 Cl
SR18: 4 / 2 vsp 2 Cl
SR19: 4 / 2 vsp 2 Cl
SR20: 4 / 2 vsp 2 Cl
SR21: 4 / 2 vsp 2 Cl
SR22: 3 – 3 / 2 Cl
SR23: 4 / 2 + (vsp SR21) 2 Cl
SR24: 4 / 2 + (vsp SR20) 2 Cl
SR25: 4 / 2 + (vsp SR19) 2 Cl
SR26: 4 / 2 + (vsp SR18) 2 Cl
SR27: 2 + (vsp SR5 on wing) 2 / 2 + (vsp SR17) 2 Cl SS
Ch: 6 T & C to base of foot.
For a cockatoo
After working SR4 add in yellow and work as follows:-
Take the yellow thread (Sh3) and make the first half of a double stitch around the Sh1 thread
close to SR4 leaving a tail of roughly 2". **DO NOT FLIP THE STITCH**. Follow this with a
second half of the ds again **DO NOT FLIP THE STITCH**. See fig 4 & 5 below
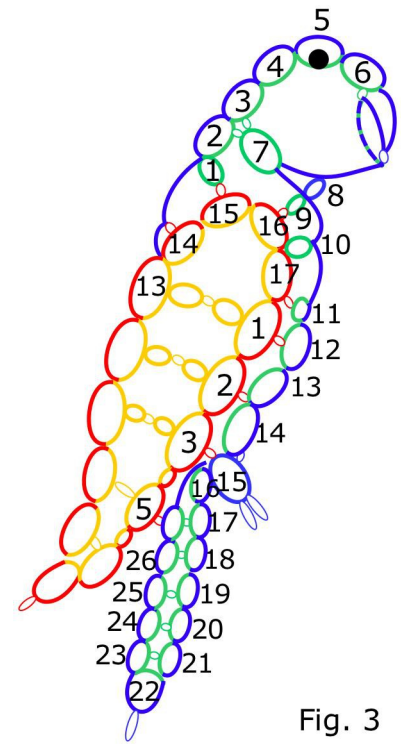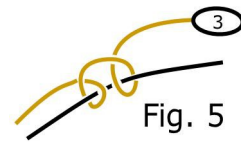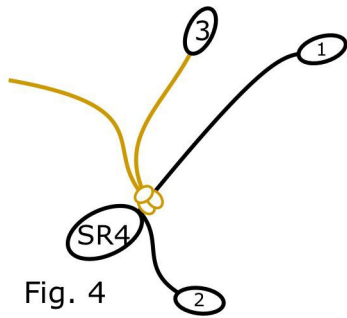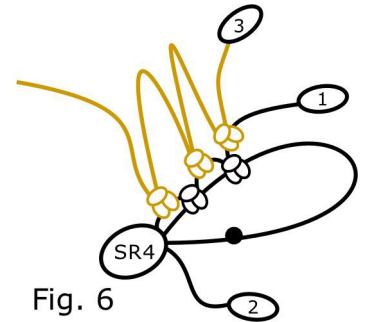

Fig. 3

Fig. 4

Fig. 5

Fig. 6

Wrap Sh1 round hand (with B @ back of hand).
Make a normal flipped ds using the white thread on Sh1. Take Sh3 again and make another unflipped double on the Sh1 thread round the hand leaving a long picot which will later be cut. Repeat this three times. SR5 is written below (remember that the first yellow is made before starting the SR).

SR5: white yellow white yellow white yellow white yellow white / 1 + (vsp SR4) 2 MB 2 vsp 1 Cl
Make a further ds with yellow on Sh1 thread between SR5 & SR6 and cut leaving a 2″ end.
Work as before from SR6.
The long picots can be cut and shaped when the bird is completed.