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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
SLT	shoe lace trick	VLP	very long picot 3"
LP	long picot 1"	LCh	
Lock chain	First half ds as usual, second half wrapped like the second side of SR		

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.

Skills required: Split rings and lock chain.

Materials needed: Brown, black, red and white thread (size 20) and a size nine/ten bead.

Top of Head to Upper Back

Wind 2 shuttles with brown thread. See fig. 1

R1: 4 vsp 2 vsp 1 Cl

SR2: 4 / 5 Cl

SR3: 3 - 3 / 7 Cl

SR4: 4 / 5 Cl RW

Ch: 4 RW

R5: 5 - 3 Cl RW

Ch: 8 RW

Wing

SR6: 4 + (p R5) 2 / vsp 3

RoSR: 3 vsp 3 Cl

SR6: 3 Cl

SR7: 4 / 4 Cl SS

Ch: vsp 8 SS

SR8: vsp 4 / 4 Cl

SR9: 5 vsp 1 / 3 Lj (RoSR6) 3 Cl

SR10: 6 / 6 Cl

SR11: 8 / 4 - 4 Cl

SR12: 1 vsp 1 vsp 4 / 6 Cl

SR13: 6 - 6 / 2 Cl

SR14: 6 / 6 Cl

SR15: 8 / 4 Lj (p on SR11) 4 Cl

SR16: 6 / 6 Cl Lj (vsp SR6) RW See fig. 2

Ch: 8 Lj (space btwn SR16 & SR15) 8 Lj (space btwn SR15 & SR14) 7 vsp 1 Lj (space btwn SR14 & SR13) RW See fig. 3 below

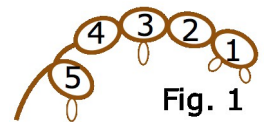


Fig. 1

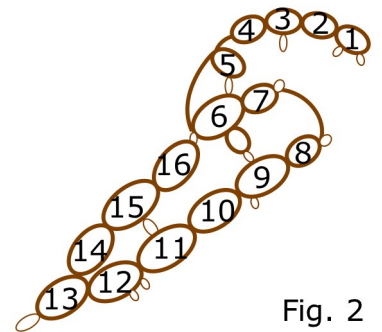


Fig. 2

Tail

SR17: 2 vsp 1 / 1 + (vsp Ch) 1 vsp 1 Cl
SR18 – SR21: 1 + (vsp last SR) 1 vsp 1 / 1 + (vsp last SR) 1 vsp 1 Cl
SR22: 1 + (vsp last SR) 2 / 1 + (vsp last SR) 2 Cl Tie overhand knot and cut leaving short ends.

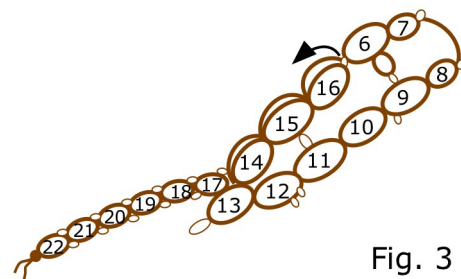


Fig. 3

Face & Breast– 2 shuttles with red thread & 1 black bead.

Wind Sh1 with 1 yard of red thread and Sh2 with 1 yard CTM

R1: 4 + (vsp @ base SR7) 4 + (p SR3) 4 + (2nd vsp R1) 2 vsp 2 + B (centre of R) Cl
SR2: 2 + (vsp R1 – face) 2 + (1st vsp R1 on top of head) 4 vsp 2 / 4 Cl
SR3: 6 / 6 Cl
SR4: 6 / 3 Lj (vsp base SR8) 3 Cl
SR5: 6 / 6 Cl
SR6: 6 / 6 Cl RW SS
R7: 8 + (vsp SR9) 4 vsp 4 Cl RW SS
R8: 6 vsp 3 vsp 3 Cl T & C

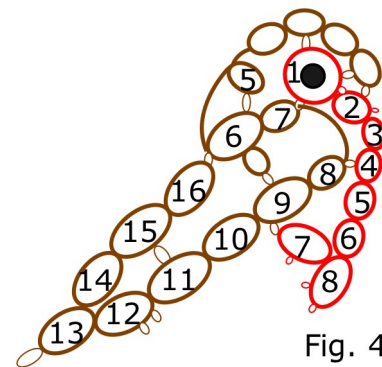


Fig. 4

White under body

2 shuttles – S1 with ¾ yard and Sh2 with 9" yard white thread (or finger tat). Join in the space btwn SR9 & SR10 – using Sh2 (short end)

Ch: 4 + (vsp R7) 3 + (2nd vsp R8 on breast) 3 SS
R1: 3 + (1st vsp R8) 4 vsp 3 Cl SS
Ch: 3 SS DNRW
R2: 3 + (vsp R1) 4 vsp 3 Cl SS DNRW
Ch: 3 Lj (space btwn SR11 & SR12) T & C

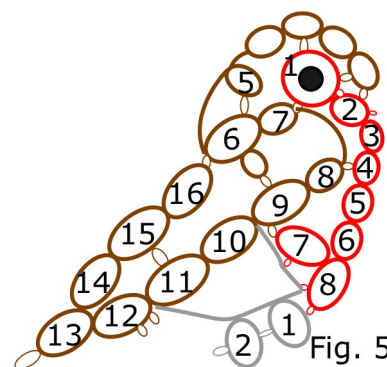


Fig. 5

If you want to mount the bird on a branch then work the branch before the legs as follows. 2 shuttles with brown and white.

R1: 3 + (metal ring) 9 Cl
SR2 & SR3: 6 / 3 + (metal ring) 3 Cl
SR4 & SR5: 3 vsp 3 / 3 + (metal ring) 3 Cl
SR6, SR7 & SR8: 6 / 3 + (metal ring) 3 Cl
R9: 9 + (metal ring) 3 Cl

Front Leg

Using 18" of brown or black thread on a shuttle with a chain end of about 12". Join to vsp on SR12 closest to white.

LCh: 3 + (vsp R2 under body) 4 SLT
SR: 2 Lp (a on fig. 6) 1 VLp (b on fig. 6) 1 / 1 Cl

If joining to a branch work as follows

SR: 2 Lp (a on fig. 6) 1 VLp (b on fig. 6) 1 + (vsp SR5 on branch) / 1 Cl
Cut the Lp (a) and trim as claws. Cut the VLp (b) leaving one short claw and take the longer end and tie with the shuttle thread in an overhand knot. Repeat with another overhand knot to complete the back claw – trim and cut. Sew the remaining chain end into the LCh and trim.

Back Leg

Using 18" of brown or black thread on a shuttle with a chain end of about 12". Join next vsp on SR12.

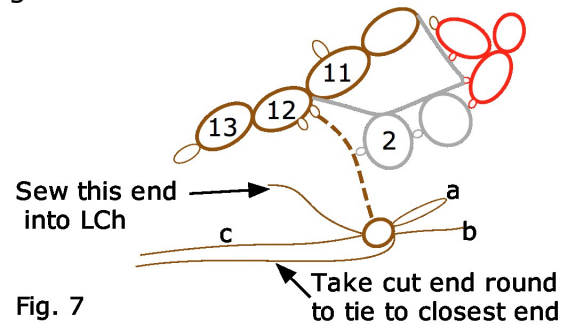
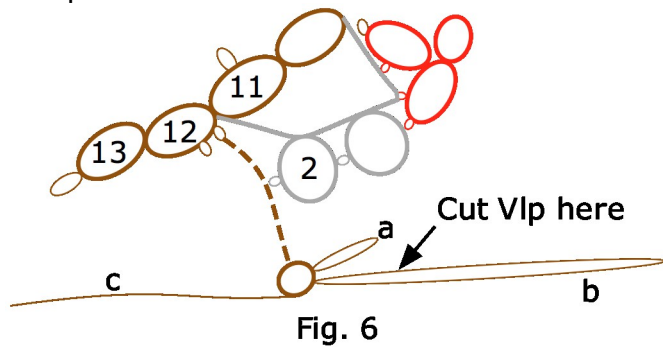
LCh: 7 SLT

SR: 2 Lp 1 VLp 1 / 1 Cl

If joining to a branch work as follows

SR: 2 Lp (a on fig. 6) 1 VLp (b on fig. 6) 1 + (vsp SR4 on branch) / 1 Cl

Cut the Lp (a) and trim as claws. Cut the VLp (b) leaving one short claw and take the longer end and tie with the shuttle thread in an overhand knot. Repeat with another overhand knot to complete the back claw – trim and cut. Sew the remaining chain end into the LCh and trim.



To make the beak take a short length of black thread and slip through (doubled over) the vsp on SR2 on face. Take the ends through the loop formed and tighten and cut according to the length required.

Cut the very long picot (a) on the leg SR (if not standing on a branch) to form the other claws.