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For a bookmark I recommend using a size 20 thread. I have used two colours in this one – a plain and a variegated. Start work with the variegated thread. The finished piece measures almost 2" wide.

Abbreviations

R	ring	Ch	chain
RW	Reverse work	SR	Split ring
vsp	Very small picot	Cl	close
SS	Switch shuttles	DNRW	Do not reverse work

Sides

R1: 4 – 4 Cl RW
 *Ch: 6 – 6 RW
 SR2: 6 vsp 2 / 4 – 4 Cl
 R3: 2 + (vsp SR2) 6 + (R1) 6 vsp 2 Cl
 SR4: 2 + (vsp R3) 6 / 4 – 4 Cl SS
 ^Ch: 4 – 4 SS
 SR5: 6 vsp 2 / 4 Lj (SR4) 4 Cl
 R6: 2 + (vsp SR5) 6 – 6 vsp 2 Cl
 SR7: 2 + (vsp R6) 6 / 4 + (SR2) 4 Cl RW
 Ch: 6 – 6 RW
 R8: 4 + (R6) 4 Cl RW
 Continue from * until length required finishing with SR7. RW

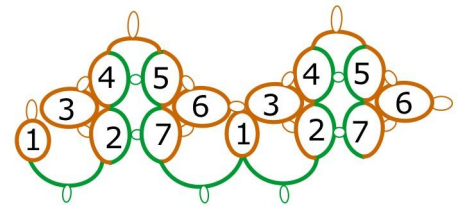


Fig. 1

Ends

Ch: 2 – 2 RW
 SR1: 6 vsp 2 / 4 – 4 Cl
 R2: 2 + (vsp SR1) 6 + (ring 6 on first side) 6 vsp 2 Cl
 SR3: 2 + (vsp R2) 6 / 4 – 4 Cl SS
 Ch: 4 – 4 DNRW SS
 SR4: 6 vsp 2 / 4 + (SR3) 4 Cl
 R5: 2 + (vsp SR4) 6 – 6 vsp 2 Cl
 SR6: 2 + (R5) 6 / 4 + (SR1) 4 Cl RW
 Ch: 2 + (chain on corner) 2 RW
 SR7: 6 vsp 2 / 4 – 4 Cl
 R8: 2 + (vsp SR7) 6 + (R5) 6 vsp 2 Cl
 SR9: 2 + (R8) 6 / 4 – 4 Cl SS

Continue from ^ on side joining to picots on first side.

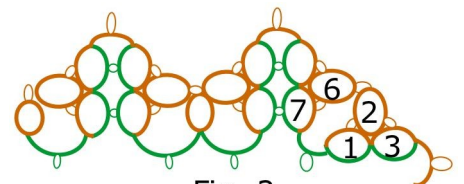


Fig. 2

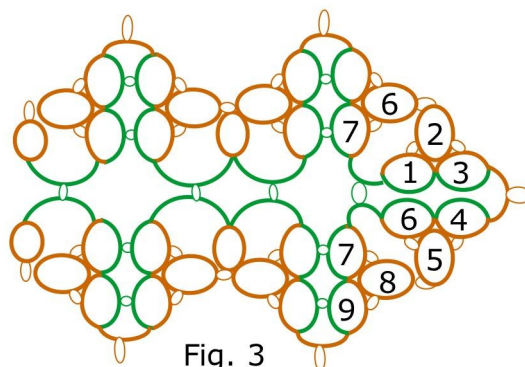


Fig. 3