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Abbreviations

R	ring	Ch	chain
SR	split ring	Cl	close
RW	reverse work	B	move bead into place
LBP	long beaded picot	+ B	A dd bead to picot before joining
SS	Switch shuttles	Lock chain	First half of ds made as usual, second half not 'turned' as in the second side of a split ring.
vsp	Very small picot		

Materials required. 2 shuttles, number 20 thread, number 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.

Add 2 beads to each shuttle. Another 22 beads will be added to picots.

Starting with Sh1

Body

R1: 8 vsp 4 – 4 Cl RW

Ch: 4 LBP (7 Beads) 4 RW

SR2: 4 / 3 + (LBP last Ch) 3 Cl RW

Ch: 4 LBP (3 B's) 4 RW B @ back of hand before starting next R

R3: 4 + B (R1) 4 vsp 4 B 4 Cl RW

Ch: 4 + LBP (last Ch) 4 RW

SR4: 4 / 3 B 3 Cl RW

Ch: 8 vsp 2 RW

R5: 2 vsp 2 Cl RW

Ch: 2 + (vsp last Ch) 8 RW

SR6: 4 / 3 B 3 Cl RW

Ch: 4 LBP (3 B's) 4 RW B @ back of hand before starting next R

R7: 4 B 4 vsp 4 – 4 Cl RW

Ch: 4 + (LBP last Ch) 4 RW

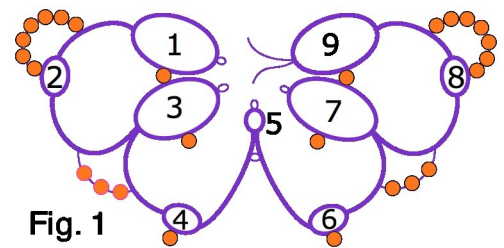
SR8: 4 / 3 LBP (7 B's) 3 Cl RW

Ch: 4 + (LBP SR8) 4 RW

SR9: 4 + B (R7) 4 / 8 Cl DNRW but turn work upside down – see fig. 2

SR10: 4 + (vsp R7) 6 + (vsp R5) 6 + (R3) 4 + (R1) 5 vsp 1 / 5 vsp 1 Cl

SR11: 1 + (vsp SR10) 5 / 1 + (vsp SR10) 5 Cl and tie an overhand knot. Cut leaving ends to form antennae.



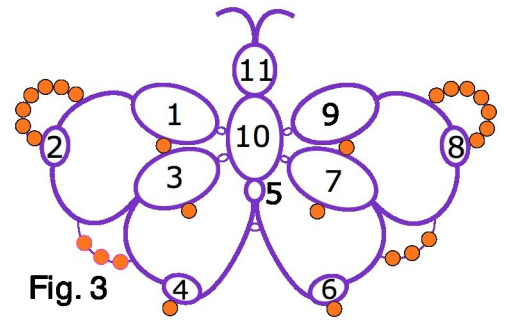
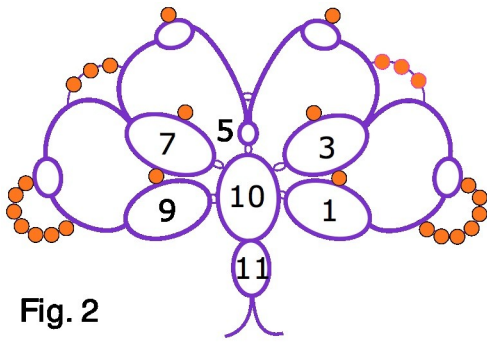


Fig. 2

Fig. 3

Tail – 2 shuttles with 2 beads on each.

Join both shuttles to vsp at base of body (between chains which lie after SR4 & before SR6). You do not need to tie – just push both ends through the vsp from **OPPOSITE** directions and tat over tails. Make a lock chain to measure roughly 4".

Alternatively you could work an [Easy Pearl Tatted chain](#) (see link) instead finishing off as follows:-

Using Sh1 first:-

Move 1 bead to back of hand before starting.

R1: 2 – 2 B 2 – 2 Cl bead at back of hand before starting next R

R2: 2 + B (p on R1) 2 B 2 – 2 Cl SS RW. Bead at back of hand

R3: 2 + B (1st p on R1) 2 B 2 – 2 Cl. Bead at back of hand.

R4: 2 + B (p on R3) 2 B 2 – 2 Cl RW SS

SR5: 2 + B (p on R2) 2 / 2 + B (p on R4) 2 Cl & cut threads

Add a few more beads to tail and tie a knot. See fig. 4.

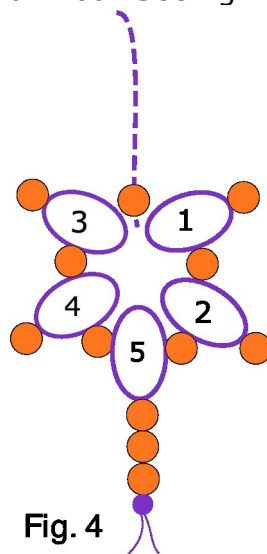


Fig. 4

Alternative Tail

Just before finishing the chain make ds as follows

1 picot, ds on first side

1 picot, ds on second side

Make butterfly as follows – using Sh on first side and make rings as follows

R1: 1 + (p on Lch) 4 – 1 – 1 – 4 – 2 Cl

R2: 2 + (last p R1) 8 – 1 – 1 – 10 Cl RW SS

R3: 1 + (p on Lch) 4 – 1 – 1 – 4 – 2 Cl

R4: 2 + (last p R3) 8 – 1 – 1 – 10 Cl SS

SR5: 5 / 5 Cl Tie an overhand knot with both ends and cut leaving feelers.

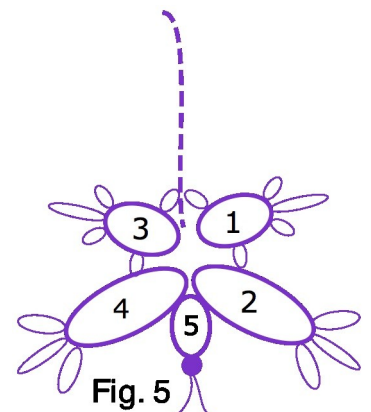


Fig. 5