Nathan's Shark – 2011 © Jane Eborall

Nathan's shark was requested by one of my grandchildren. The mouth is made using a variation of the CTJ (continuous thread join) which is simple and is explained below. I'm calling this the Double Continous Thread Join (DCTJ). The only other technique involved is split rings.

Abbreviations

R	ring	Ch	chain
+ B	Add bead to picot before joining	vsp	Very small picot
- or p	picot	SR	Split ring
+	join	Cl	close
RW	Reverse work	DNRW	Do not reverse work
SS	Switch shuttles	SLT	Shoe lace trick (tie knot)
T & C	Tie and cut	smp	Small picot

Starting at top from tail fin to head – see fig. 1

R1:   3 vsp 3 Cl
SR2:   2 – 2 / 4 Cl
SR3:   2 – 2 / 4 Cl
SR4:   2 – 2 / 4 Cl RW
Ch: 6 RW

R5:   6 – 3 – 3 Cl RW
Ch: 8 RW
R6:   4 + (R5) 4 – 4 – 4 Cl DNRW SS

Top fin

Ch: 8 SLT & turn work sideways at the same time.
Ch: 12 RW

Continue to top of head

R7:   4 + (R6) 4 – 4 – 4 Cl RW
Ch: 8 RW
R8:   4 + (R7) 4 – 4 – 4 Cl RW
Ch: 8 RW
R9:   4 + (R8) 4 – 4 – 4 Cl RW
Ch: 8 RW
R10:   4 + B (R9) 4 – 4 – 4 Cl RW
Ch: 8 RW
SR11: 3 + (R10) 3 / 12 Cl
SR12: 6 / 8 Cl
SR13: 4 + (R10) 4 / 6 Cl RW
Figures 2 & 3 show in detail how the mouth is worked.

Mouth – last two picots should grade down to very small ones

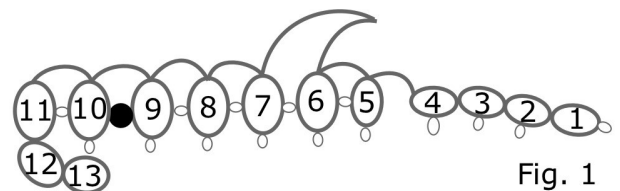*Ch: – 1 – 1 – 1 – 1 smp 1 vsp 1* (6 picots - teeth) Lj (R9) SLT & turn work sideways at the same time.

Ch: 1
Take both threads and Lj BOTH to the first picot of the mouth leaving the threads loose enough to lie behind the picots.   Again SLT & turn work sideways at the same time.
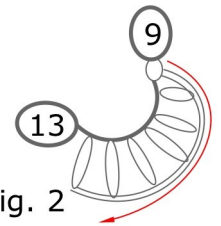

Fig. 2

Ch: *1 Lj* (next tooth picot - covering the two 'loose' threads at the same time) *1 Lj* - continue to end of teeth then *6 further ds and RW*

Lower body
R14: 6 + (R8) 3 – 3 Cl RW
Lower fin
Ch: 12 SLT & turn work sideways at the same time.
Ch: 6 DNRW SS

Fig. 3

R15: 3 + (R14) 3 + (R7) 2 – 2 Cl RW
Ch: 6 RW
R16: 2 + (R15) 2 + (R6) 2 – 2 Cl RW
Ch: 6 RW
R17: 2 + (R16) 2 + (R5) 2 – 2 Cl RW
Ch: 6 RW
SR18: 2 + (R17) 2 + (SR4) 1 / 5 Cl
SR19: 2 + (SR3) 2 / 4 Cl
SR20: 2 + (SR2) 2 / 4 Cl
SR21: 3 / 3 Cl
SR22: 3 / 3 Cl

Fig. 4

Tail fin
R23: 3 – 3 vsp 2 vsp 2 Cl RW
Ch: 4 Lj (last vsp R23) 10 SLT & turn work sideways at the same time
Ch: 8 + (2nd vsp R23) 3 SS DNRW
RoCh24:   2 + (R23) 2 + (vsp R1) 3 vsp 3 Cl SS DNRW
Ch: 8 SLT & turn work sideways at the same time.
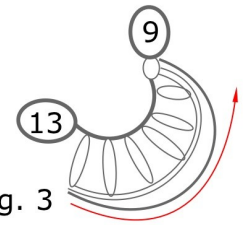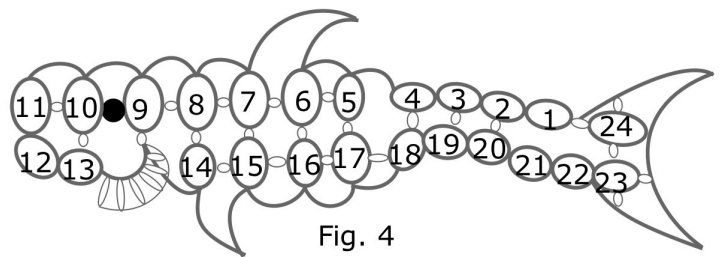*Ch: 10 Lj (vsp R24) 4* T & C vsp R1