

Purple Hairstreak Butterfly

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Requirements:

Size 20 threads, 60 white size 9 or 11 beads, 2 blue 4 mm beads, 4 blue size 9 or 11 beads the same colour as the 4 mm ones, 2 shuttles, a fine size •4 crochet hook and the usual tatting equipment.

Abbreviations

R. = ring, SR. = split ring, p = picot, vsp = very small picot, cl = close ring, B = bead, RW = reverse work, CH. = Chain, + = join, sj = shuttle join, Tension means to push the stitches close together so that the chain has a gentle curve as in the picture and diagrams.

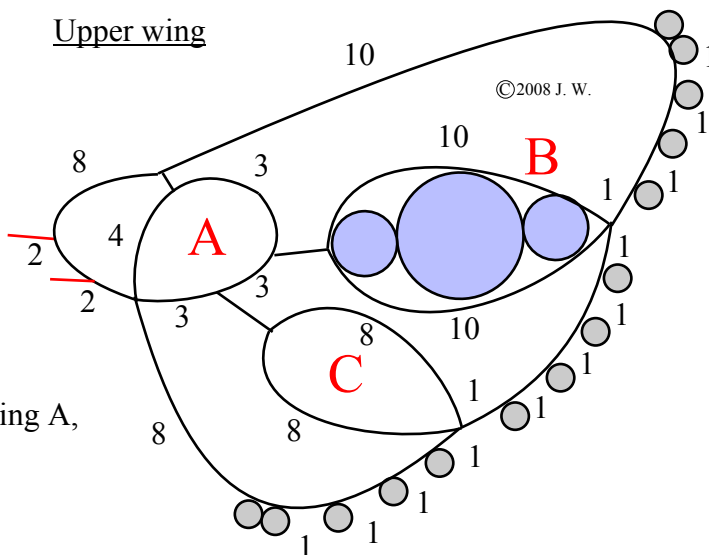


Upper and lower wings - first side

String 30 white beads then wind about 1 ½ metres on your shuttle leaving all the beads on the ball thread.

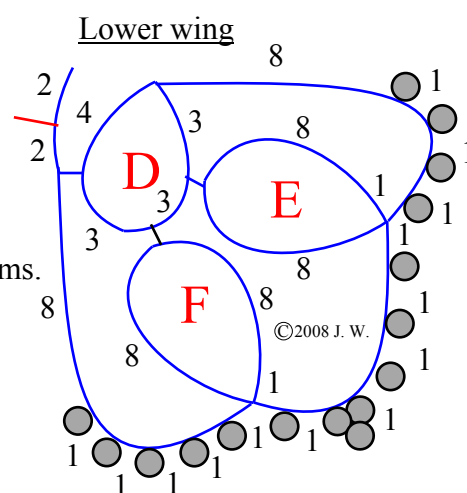
Upper wing

- R.A 3, p, 3, p, 3, vsp, 4, cl, RW
 CH. 2, p, 2, p, 8, tension sj to vsp on ring A, 10, 2B, 1, (B, 1) x 3, tension, RW
 R.B Add 1 small, a 4mm and 1 small blue beads to the centre of the ring (see technique tutorials at the end of the pattern)
 10, + to the next picot on ring A, 10, cl, RW
 CH. 1, (B, 1) x 4, tension, RW
 R.C 8, + to the free picot on ring A, 8, cl, RW
 CH. 1, (B, 1) x 3, 2B, 8, tension, sj to the base of ring A, Turn work over, Do not cut



Lower Wing

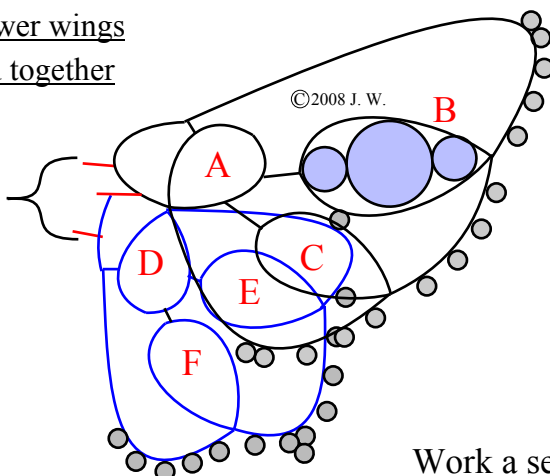
- R.D 4, vsp, 3, p, 3, p, 3, cl, RW
 CH. 8, (B, 1) x 4, tension, R
 NB at this point the tatting may appear to be 'over full'
 R.E 8, + to ring D, 8, cl, RW
 CH. 1, (B, 1) x 3, 3B, 1, B, 1, tension, RW
 R.F 8, + to ring D, 8, cl, RW
 CH. 1, (B, 1) x 4, B, 8, tension, sj to vsp on ring D, 2, p, 2



Cut and tie to the 1st picot on the 1st chain of the upper wing- see diagrams.

Upper and lower wings when worked together

These picots will be joined to the thorax



Work a second pair of wings for the other side.

Body and head

The body (thorax and tail) are a chain, started using a paper clip as an anchor. It is worked in 'sets' with dropped picots on the first side to which you join when working back up the second side.

The wings are joined to the thorax as you work each side.

The Split ring head can be worked either by finger tatting or adding a second shuttle.

ds = double stitch,

LP = long picot (1cm/ lollypop stick)

s = the 2nd half of the stitch so sss = 3, 2nd half stitches.

dp = dropped picot

d = the 1st half of the stitch so ddd = 3, 1st half stitches.

pj = + = picot (ordinary) join

Wind about 12 inches/ 30cms on your shuttle and start with a paper clip as an anchor.

Thorax 1st side

CH. 1, + to free picot on the chain of the right hand upper wing, 1, sss, dp, ddd, + to the same picot to which the last chain of the wing was tied, 1, sss, dp, ddd, + to picot on the last chain of the lower wing, 1, do not cut!

Tail 1st side

CH (sss, dp, ddd, 1) X 3, LP, 1, + to LP, 1 Pull up the chain so that it isn't longer than the lower wing. (You may need to work the repeat only twice instead of three times.)

Tail 2nd side

CH (sss, + to dp using an ordinary picot join not a shuttle join, ddd, 1) X 3 leaving out the last double stitch until you have made the first join to the left hand lower wing.

Thorax 2nd side

+ to the picot on the last chain of the left hand lower wing, 1

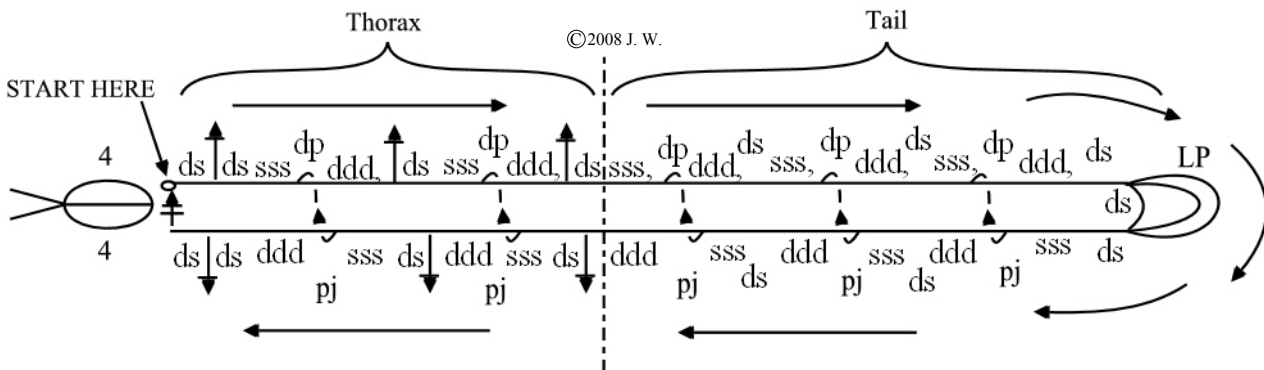
sss, + to next dp on 'thorax', ddd, + to picot of top wing (where chain is tied), 1

sss, + to dp as before, ddd, 1, + free picot on upper wing, 1,

Tension the 'body' and join to the small hole left when the paper clip is removed from the start of the chain.

Head

SR. 4 / 4, cl. Cut leaving short ends for the antennae.



NB. The head, thorax and tail can be worked in split rings

Wind 2 shuttles continuous thread method

Start at the tail.

(4 / 4) x 3, (2, +, 2 / 2, +, 2,) x 3, 4 / 4, cut and tie ends for the antennae.