



# Playing with Picots



## Part 1



**Updated from a workshop by Jennifer Williams**

### **General Abbreviations**

R. = ring, cl = close ring, RW = reverse work, CH. = Chain, sj = shuttle join,  
vsp = very small picot ( just large enough for your crochet hook to go through)  
p = picot (using a paper clip as a picot gauge unless otherwise stated in the pattern,

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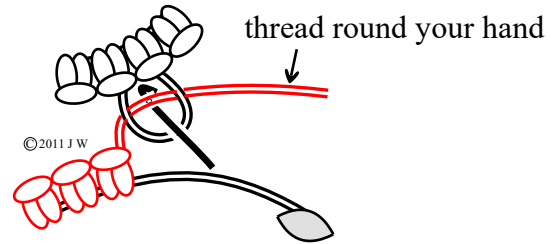
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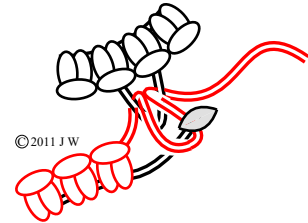
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## Basic Picot Join

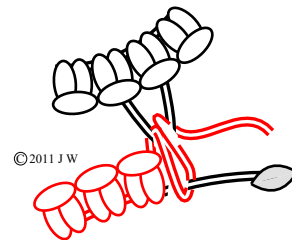
- 1) Insert your crochet hook into the picot, to which the join is to be made, and catch the thread that is round your hand.



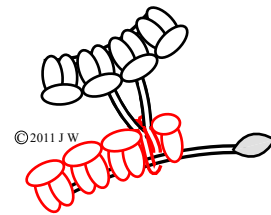
- 2) Pull a loop up through the picot and then pass your shuttle through the loop.



- 3) Pull the thread from round your hand to make the loop smaller.



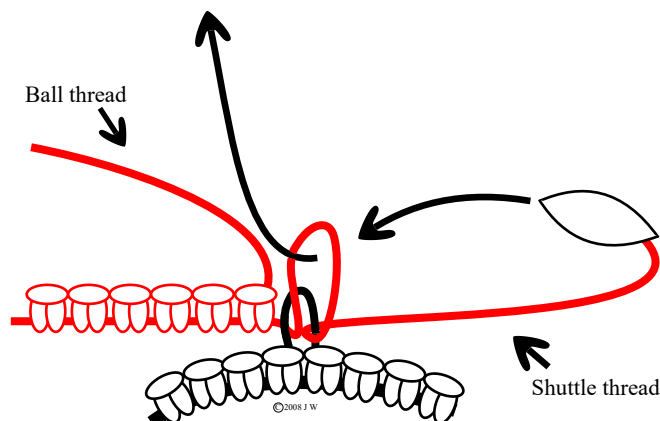
- 4) Adjust the threads so that the picot is brought up to the last stitch. Take care that the core thread (shuttle thread) is not taken back through the picot.  
either count this join as the first half of the next double stitch (as in the diagram opposite)  
or don't count the join and work a complete stitch



## Shuttle Join

Also known as a 'lock join' and showed by the symbol ↓

- 1) Tension the chain to the length required.
- 2) Use a crochet hook to pull a loop in the shuttle thread through the picot to which the join is to be made.
- 3) Check that the chain is the correct length then pass the shuttle through the loop.
- 4) Pull the shuttle to tighten the join then continue, following the pattern.

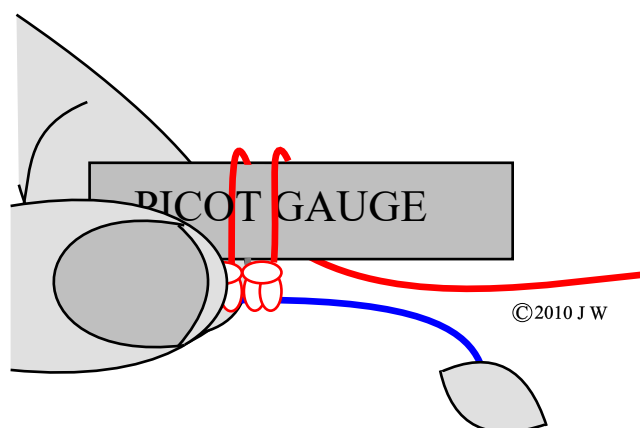
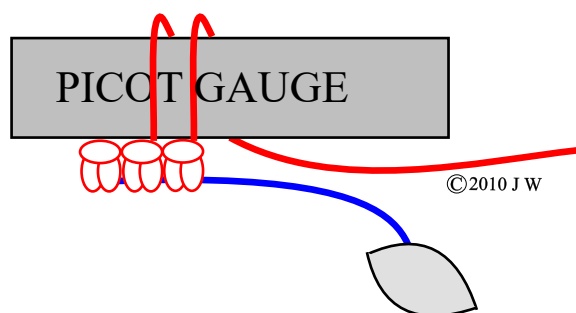


## How to use a Picot Gauge

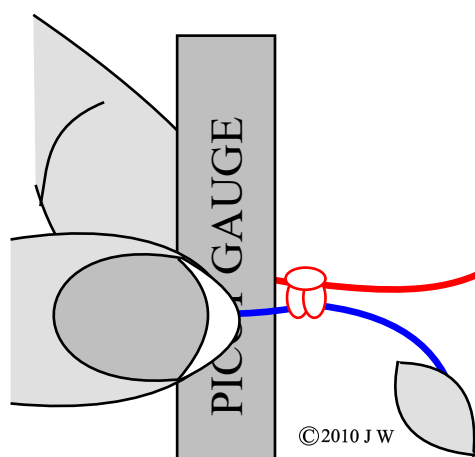
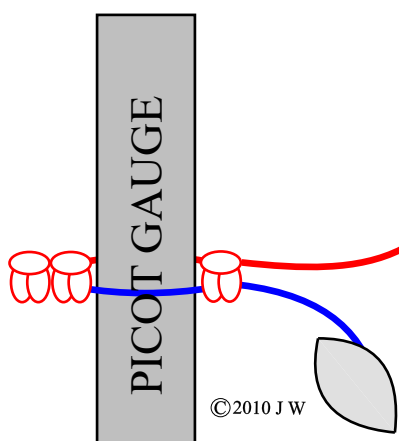
There are different types of picot gauges available to purchase or you can make your own from card or plastic. Lollipop sticks, coffee stirrers, opened paper clips and cocktail sticks are also suitable for use picot gauges.

A picot gauge can be used in two ways:

a) parallel to the core (shuttle) thread



b) at right angles to the core thread



NB. Using method b) will give you a picot that is half the size of one using method a)

## Project 1

### Butterfly with 'stacked' picots

#### Requirements:

The sample was worked in size 20 thread, a paper clip picot gauge and the usual tatting equipment.

Wind about 1 metres on your shuttle. Do not cut.

R.A 6, (p, 1) x 11, p, 3, vsp, 3, cl

R.B 3, + to vsp on ring 'A', 3, (p, 1) x 4, p, 6, cl

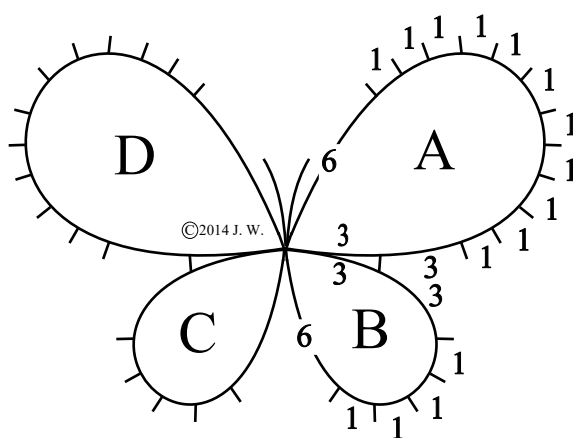
R.C 6, (p, 1) x 4, p, 3, vsp, 3, cl to match ring 'B'

R.D 3, + to vsp on ring 'C', 3, (p, 1) x 11, p, 6, cl to match ring 'A'.

Cut leaving 3 inch (8 cm) ends.

Fold ring 'A' on top of ring 'D' and ring 'B' on top of ring 'C'.

Tie an overhand knot in both ends together - for the 'head' of the butterfly.



## Project 2

### Butterfly with graded picots

#### Requirements:

The sample was worked in size 20 thread.

You will need three picot gauges for the sp = small picot, mp = medium picot and Lp = large picot.

The vsp should be just big enough to get your hook through.

Wind about 1½ metres on your shuttle

R.A 10, sp, 2, mp, 2, Lp, 2, mp, 2, sp, 7, vsp, 3, cl

R.B 3, + to last picot on ring 'A', 5, sp, 2, mp, 2, sp, 8, cl

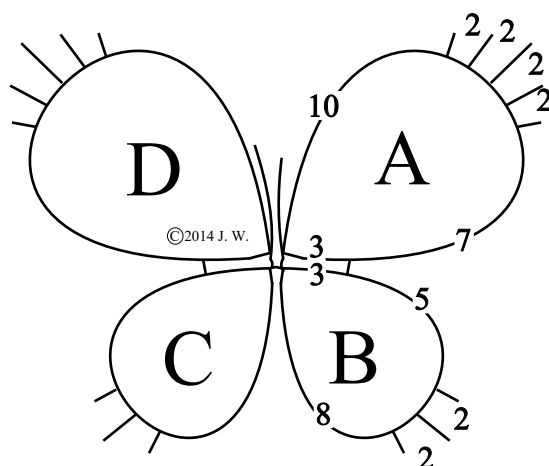
R.C 8, sp, 2, mp, 2, sp, 5, vsp, 3, cl

R.D 3, + to last picot on ring 'C', 7, sp, 2, mp, 2, Lp, 2, mp, 2, sp, 10, cl

Cut leaving 3 inch (8 cm) ends.

Fold ring 'A' on top of ring 'D' and ring 'B' on top of ring 'C'.

Tie an overhand knot in both ends together - for the 'head' of the butterfly.





## Project 3

### Flower with double picots

#### Requirements:

The sample was worked in size 20 thread, you will need a 1 cm and a paperclip picot gauges and the usual tatting equipment.

For the Lp (long picot) in this pattern use a 1 cm picot gauge and for the 'p' picots use a paper clip.

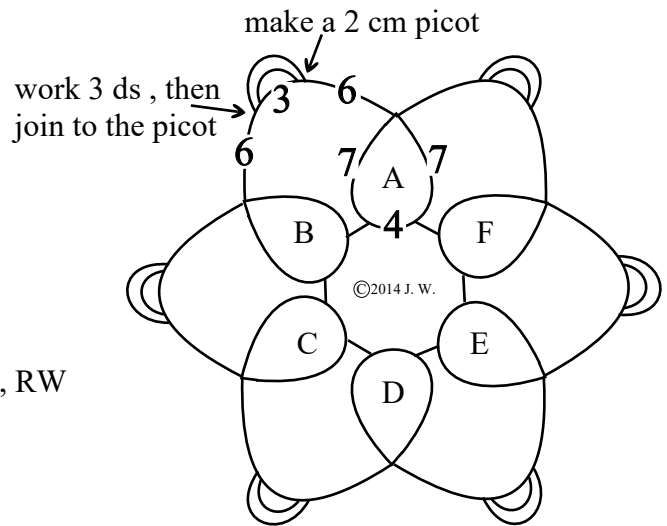
Wind about 2 metres on your shuttle. Do not cut.

R.A      7, p, 4, p, 7, cl, RW  
 CH.      6, Lp, 3, + to the LP just made, 6, RW  
 \*R.B      7, + to the previous ring, 4, p, 7, cl, RW  
 CH.      6, Lp, 3, + to the LP just made, 6, RW

Repeat from \* three more times then

R.F.      7, + to the previous ring, 4, + to ring 'A', 7, cl, RW  
 CH.      6, Lp, 3, + to the LP just made, 6

Cut and tie to the base of ring 'A'.  
 Secure the ends.



## Project 4

### Flower with downward/dropped picots

#### Requirements:

Size 20 thread a ¼ inch picot gauge (a cocktail stick) and the usual tatting equipment.

dp = downward (dropped) picot which is worked by making 2 second half stitches, p (using the cocktail stick picot gauge), then 2 first half stitches.

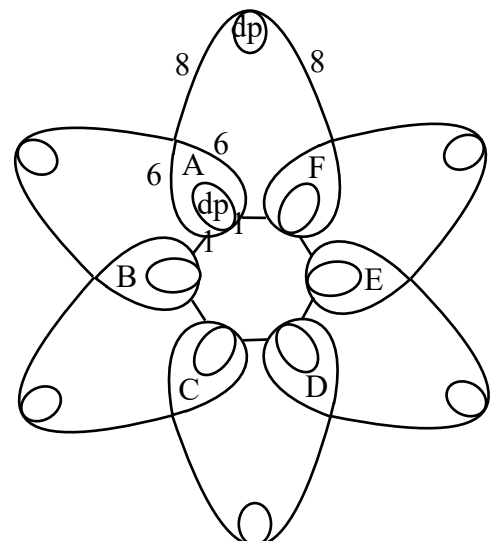
Wind about 2 metres on your shuttle. Do not cut.

R.A      6, p, 1, dp, 1, p, 6, cl, RW  
 CH.      8, dp, 8, RW  
 \*R.B      6, + to previous ring, 1, dp, 1, p, 6, cl, RW  
 CH.      8, dp, 8, RW

Repeat from \* three more times then

R.F      6, + to previous ring, 1, dp, 1, + to ring 'A', 6, cl, RW  
 CH.      8, dp, 8

Cut and tie to the base of ring 'A'.  
 Secure the ends.



## Project 5

### Butterfly with gathered picots

#### Requirements:

Size 20 thread, ¼ inch (6 mm) picot gauge and the usual tatting equipment.

The 'vsp' picots in this pattern should be just large enough to get your hook through.

The 'p' picots can be made using a paper clip or measured by eye.

The 'Lp' picots in this pattern are made using the ¼ inch picot gauge.



Wind about 2 ½ metres on your shuttle.

Do not cut.

#### Row 1

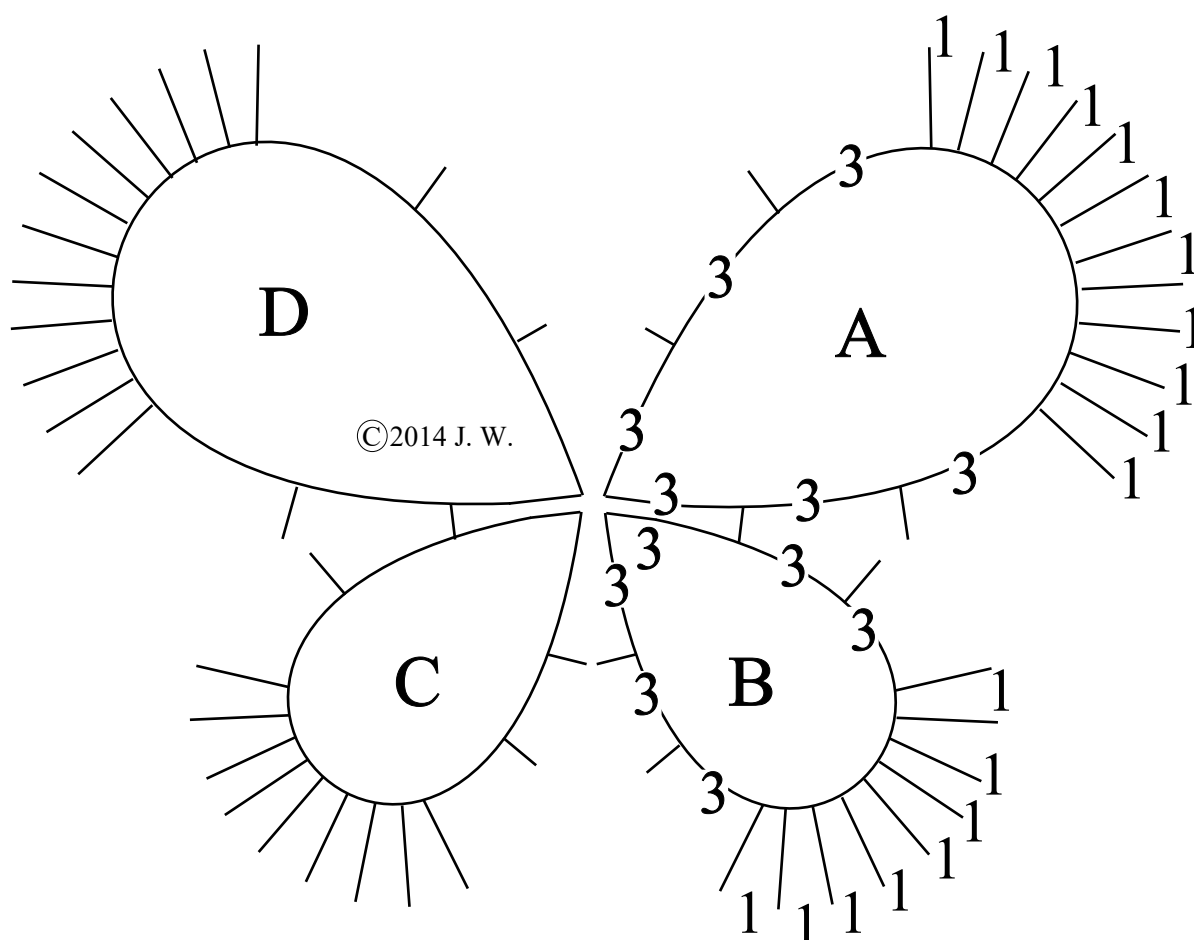
R.A 3, vsp, 3, p, 3, (Lp, 1) x 11, Lp, 3, p, 3, vsp, 3, cl

R.B 3, + to last vsp on ring 'A', 3, p, 3, (Lp, 1) x 8, Lp, 3, p, 3, cl

R.C 3, p, 3, p, 3, (Lp, 1) x 8, Lp, 3, p, 3, vsp, 3, cl

R.D 3, + to last vsp on ring 'C', 3, p, 3, (Lp, 1) x 11, Lp, 3, p, 3, vsp, 3

Do not cut.



## Row 2

Do not reverse work but continue working row 2 round the outside of ring 'A'

Start by working a SLT (shoe-lace-trick) to get the threads in the correct position to work the chain as this row is worked as a continuous chain.

3, sj to vsp on ring 'A', 2, sj to the next p,

6, insert a crochet hook into the first three long picots and pull a loop from the shuttle thread through the three long picots 'gathering' them together, then work a sj to hold them together,

4, 'gather' the next three long picots using a crochet hook as before, then work a sj to hold them together,

2, p, 1, p, 1, p, 2, 'gather' the next 3 long picots as before and work a sj to hold them in place,

4, 'gather' the next three long picots, as before, then work a sj to hold them together,

6, sj to the next p on ring 'A' **and** the first free p on ring 'B' together,

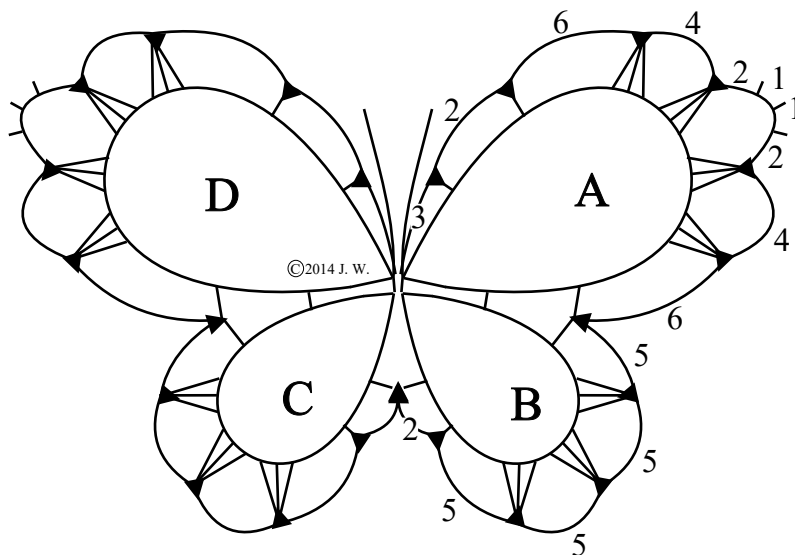
5, 'gather' the first three long picots on ring 'B', as before, and work a sj them to hold them in place,

5, 'gather' the next three long picots on ring 'B', as before, and work a sj them to hold them in place,

5, 'gather' the last three long picots on ring 'B', as before, and work a sj them to hold them in place,

5, sj to the next p on ring 'B'

2, sj into the last p on ring 'B' **and** the first p on ring 'C' together,



2, sj to next p on ring 'C'

5, 'gather' the first three long picots on ring 'C', as before, and work a sj them to hold them in place,

5, 'gather' the next three long picots on ring 'C', as before, and work a sj them to hold them in place,

5, 'gather' the last three long picots on ring 'C', as before, and work a sj them to hold them in place,

5, sj to the last p on ring 'C' **and** the first free picot on ring 'D' together,

6, 'gather' the first three long picots on ring 'D' and work a sj to hold them in place,

4, 'gather' the next three long picots on ring 'D' and work a sj to hold them in place,

2, p, 1, p, 1, p, 2, 'gather' the next three long picots on ring 'D' and work a sj to hold them in place,

4, 'gather' the next three long picots on ring 'D' and work a sj to hold them in place,

6, sj to the next free p on ring 'D', 2, sj to the vsp on ring 'D', 3

Cut and tie to the start of the second row.

Knot the ends together to make a 'head' for the butterfly.



## Project 6

### Butterfly with backward and forward picots - with beads

This technique can be used to make a simple small flower suitable to go on a greetings card.

#### Requirements:

Size 20 thread, 12 size 11 or 9 beads,  
Picot gauges - paper clip, cocktail stick, pencil or similar,  
and the usual tatting equipment.

#### Special abbreviations:

p = picot using a paperclip,  
mp = picot using a cocktail stick,  
Lp = large picot using a cocktail stick and paperclip together,  
Bp = very big picot using a pencil,  
d = first half stitch,  
s = second half stitch

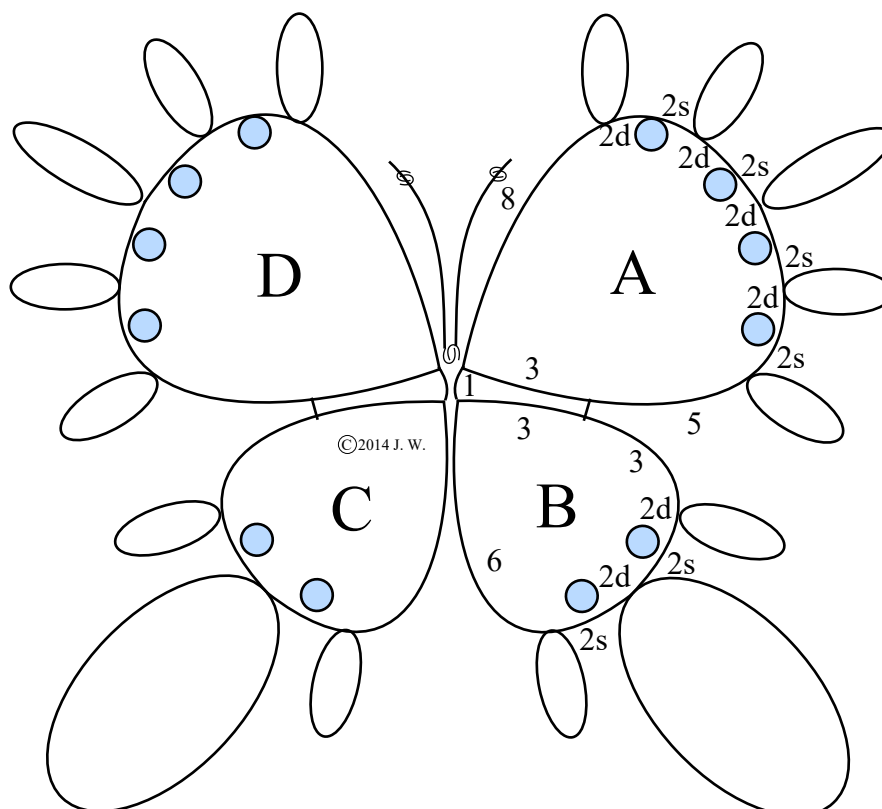


String 12 beads then wind about 1 metre on your shuttle. Do not cut.

- R.A Bring 4 beads into the ring round your hand  
8, mp, 2d, B, 2s, mp, 2d, B, 2s, Lp, 2d, B, 2s, mp, 2d, B, 2s, mp, 5, p, 3, cl, RW
- CH. 1, RW
- R.B Bring 2 beads into the ring round your hand  
3, + to ring 'A', 3, mp, 2d, B, 2s, Bp, 2d, B, 2s, mp, 6, cl
- R.C Bring 2 beads into the ring round your hand  
6, mp, 2d, B, 2s, Bp, 2s, B, 2s, mp, 3, p, 3, cl, RW
- CH. 1, RW
- R.D Bring 4 beads into the ring round your hand  
3, + to ring 'C', 5, mp, 2d, B, 2s, mp, 2d, B, 2s, Lp, 2d, B, 2s, mp, 2s, B, 2s, mp, 8, cl

Cut. Using a crochet hook pull the core (shuttle) thread through the small space at the base of ring 'A'.  
Fold ring 'A' on top of ring 'D' and ring 'B' on top of ring 'C' then tie an overhand knot in both ends together for the 'head'.

Tie an overhand knot in each of the ends separately for the antennae.



## Project 6

### Butterfly with backward and forward picots - without beads

This technique can be used to make a simple small flower suitable to go on a greetings card.

#### Requirements:

Size 20 thread, picot gauges - paper clip, cocktail stick and pencil (or similar) and the usual tatting equipment.



#### Special abbreviations:

p = picot using a paperclip,

mp = picot using a cocktail stick,

Lp = large picot using a cocktail stick and paperclip together,

Bp = very big picot using a pencil,

d = first half stitch,

s = second half stitch

Wind about 1 metre on your shuttle. Do not cut.

R.A 8, mp, 2d, p, 2s, mp, 2d, p, 2s, LP, 2d, p, 2s, mp, 2d, p, 2s, mp, 5, p, 3, cl, RW

CH. 1, RW

R.B 3, + to ring 'A', 3, mp, 2d, p, 2s, Bp, 2d, p, 2s, mp, 6, cl

R.C 6, mp, 2d, p, 2s, Bp, 2d, p, 2s, mp, 3, p, 3, cl, RW

CH. 1, RW

R.D 3, + to ring 'C', 5, mp, 2d, p, 2s, mp, 2d, p, 2s, Lp, 2d, p, 2s, mp, 2d, p, 2s, mp, 8, cl

Cut. Using a crochet hook pull the core (shuttle) thread through the small space at the base of ring 'A'. Fold ring 'A' on top of ring 'D' and ring 'B' on top of ring 'C' then tie an overhand knot in both ends together for the 'head'.

Tie an overhand knot in each of the ends separately for the antennae.

