

Split ring Butterfly

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Requirements:

size 20 thread, 2 shuttles and the usual tatting equipment.

Abbreviations:

SR = split ring, / = where to swap shuttles, cl = close ring
 p = picot, sp = small picot, vsp = very small picot
 R = ring

In order to make the stitches look the same on both pairs of wings the split rings on the right are worked in the opposite direction from the ones on the left.



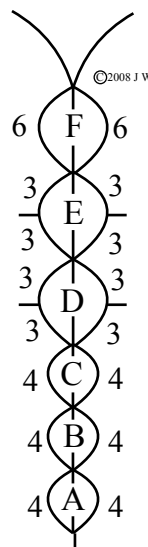
Shuttle 1 is used for the first half of all the split rings, for the three rings on the tips of the upper wings and the single rings on the tips of the lower wings.

Head, thorax and tail

Wind two shuttles CTM with about 1 metre on each.

- SR.A 4 / p, 4, cl
- SR.B 4 / 4, cl
- SR.C 4 / 4, cl
- SR.D 3, sp, 3 / 3, sp, 3, cl
- SR.E 3, sp, 3 / 3, sp, 3, cl
- SR.F 6 / 6, cl

Cut and knot ends to form the antennae.



Wings on the left of the head, thorax and tail

Wind two shuttles CTM with 2½ metres on shuttle 1, and 2 metres on shuttle 2

- SR.A 2, p, 1, p, 1, p, 2 / vsp, 6, cl
- Repeat SR 'A' 4 times more (rings 'A' to 'E')

Shuttle 1 only

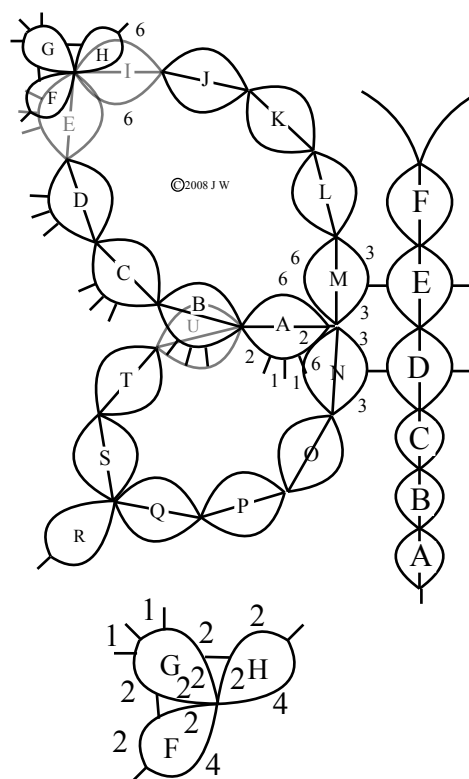
- R.F 4, p, 2, p, 2, cl
 - R.G 2, + to ring 'F', 2, p, 1, p, 1, p, 2, p, 2, cl
 - R.H 2, + to ring 'G', 2, p, 4, cl
- Rings 'F', 'G' and 'H' will overlap the split rings 'E' and 'I'

- SR.I 6 / 6, cl
- Repeat SR 'I' 3 times more
- SR.M 3, + to ring 'E' of the thorax (see diagram), 3 '6, cl
- Join to the vsp on ring 'A' by pulling a loop from shuttle 2 thread through the vsp, passing shuttle 1 through the loop then adjusting both threads to bring ring 'A' into place.
- SR.N 3, + to ring 'D' of the thorax (see diagram), 3 '6, cl
 - SR.O 6 / 6, cl

Work ring 'O' twice more

Shuttle 1 only

- R.R 6, p, 6, cl
 - SR.S 6 / 6, cl
- Work split ring 'S' twice more
- Cut and then tie between SRs 'A' and 'B'
- Ring 'B' will overlap ring 'U'



Wings on the right of the head, thorax and tail

Wind two shuttles CTM with 2½ metres on shuttle 1, and 2 metres on shuttle 2

SR.A 6 / vsp, 6, cl

SR.B 6 / 6, cl

SR.C 6 / 6, cl

Shuttle 1 only

R.D 6, p, 6, cl

SR.E 6 / 6, cl

Work split ring 'E' twice more

SR.H 3, + to ring 'D' on the opposite side of the thorax from the pair of wings already attached, 3 / 6, cl

SR.I 3, + to ring 'E' on the opposite side of the thorax from the pair of wings already attached, 3 / 6, cl

SR.J 6 / 6, cl

Work SR 'J' 3 times more

Shuttle 1 only

R.N 4, p, 2, p, 2, cl

R.O 2, + to ring 'N', 2, p, 1, p, 1, p, 2, p, 2, cl

R.P 2, + to ring 'O', 2, p, 4, cl

Rings 'N', 'O' and 'P' will overlap the split rings 'M' and 'Q'

SR.Q 2, p, 1, p, 1, p, 2 / 6, cl

Repeat SR 'Q' three times more, join to the vsp on SR 'A'

SR.U 2, p, 1, p, 1, p, 2 / 6, cl

Cut and then tie between SRs 'H' and 'I' to match the wings on the left.

