

Yellow Butterfly


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This butterfly measures approximately 3 inches (75 mm) x 2 inches (50 mm) when worked in a size 20 thread. The 'head' and 'body' is a split ring braid (see the technique tutorial at the end of the pattern) which is solid enough for the brooch pin not to show through.

Requirements:

Size 20 thread, two shuttles and the usual tatting equipment.

Abbreviations:

CTM = continuous thread method 
 SR = split ring, vsp = very small picot, cl = close ring, R = ring,
 RW = reverse work, p = picot, CH. = chain, mp = medium picot,
 Lp = long picot, + = join, DNRW = do not reverse work
 SCMR = self closing mock ring



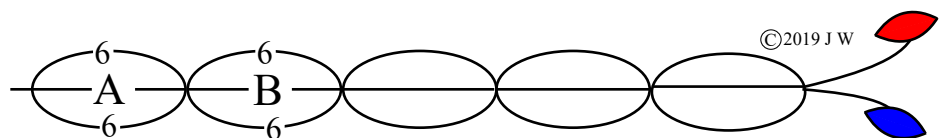
Head and body

Wind 2 shuttles CTM with approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ metre on each shuttle.

SR.A 6 / vsp, 6, cl

*SR.B 6 / 6, cl

Repeat SR. 'B' three times more



Cut, leaving ends approximately 4 inches long.

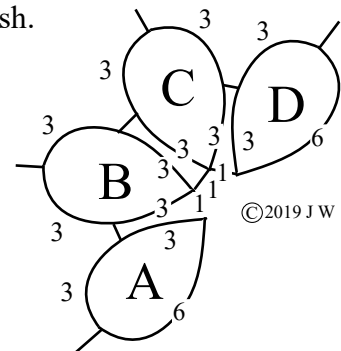
Wind 2 shuttles CTM again with approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ metre on each shuttle.

Attach the thread to the very small picot on ring 'A'

Work 4 split rings as for split ring 'B' then cut leaving 4 inch ends as before.

Braid the rings as shown on the technique tutorial at the end of the pattern.

Knot the ends on the 'head' to make the antennae. The other two ends can be used to attach the finished butterfly to the brooch pin, or finished off by sewing in or secure by cutting them and using a dab of clear nail varnish.



The right hand wing.

Wind about 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ metres on your shuttle. Do not cut.

1st row

R.A 6, p, 3, p, 3, cl, RW

CH. 1, RW

R.B 3, + to previous ring, 3, p, 3, p, 3, cl, RW

CH. 1, RW

R.C 3, + to previous ring, 3, p, 3, p, 3, cl, RW

CH. 1, RW

R.D 3, + to previous ring, 3, p, 6, cl, do not cut, RW

2nd row

CH. 14, RW

R.E 6, + to ring D, 6, cl, RW

CH. 8, DNRW

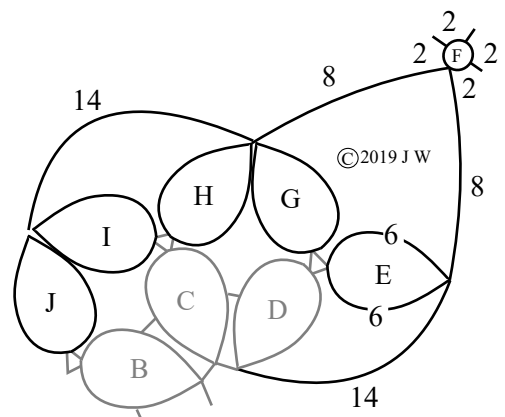
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CH. 8, RW

R.G 6, + to ring D, 6, cl,

R.H 6, + to ring C, 6, cl, RW

CH. 14, RW



- R.I 6, + to ring C, 6, cl,
 R.J 6, + to ring B, 6, cl, RW
 CH. 5, make a picot that is the same height as the width of the split ring braid, 5, RW
 R.K 6, + to ring B, 6, cl, RW
 CH. 5, make a picot that is the same height as the width of the split ring braid, 5, RW
 R.L 6, + to ring A, 6, cl, RW
 CH. 6, mp, 1, Lp, 1, mp, 6, RW
 R.M 6, + to ring A, 6, cl, RW
 CH. 14
 Cut and tie to the base of ring 'A'. Secure the ends.

The left hand wing.

Wind about 2½ metres on your shuttle. Do not cut.

1st row

- R.N 6, p, 3, p, 3, cl, RW
 CH. 1, RW
 R.O 3, + to previous ring, 3, p, 3, p, 3, cl, RW
 CH. 1, RW
 R.P 3, + to previous ring, 3, p, 3, p, 3, cl, RW
 CH. 1, RW
 R.Q 3, + to previous ring, 3, p, 6, cl, do not cut, RW

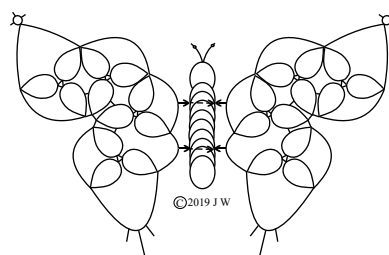
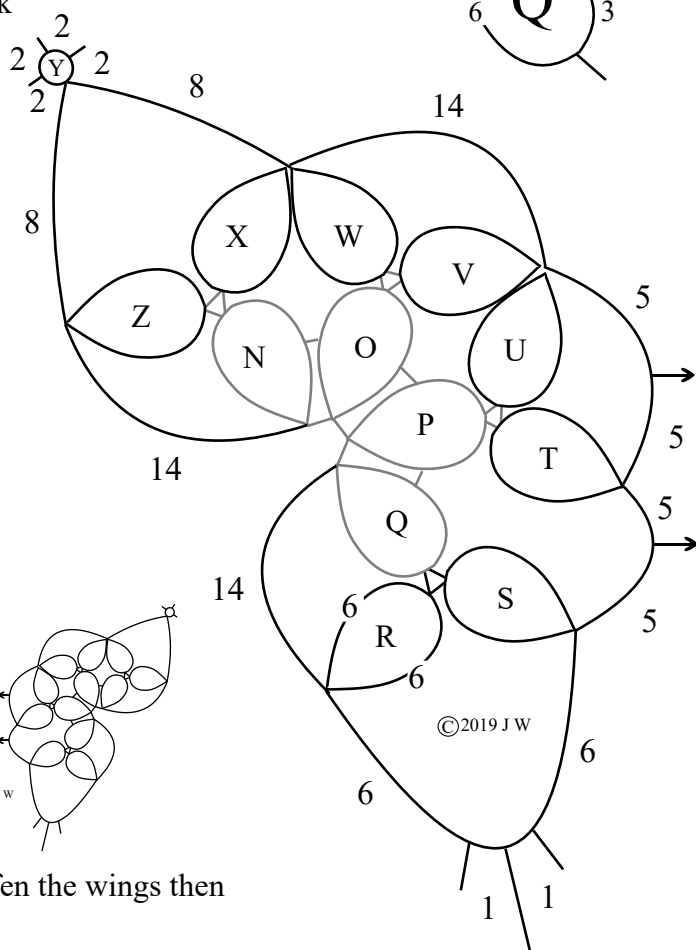
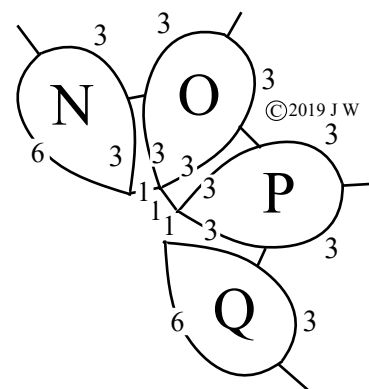
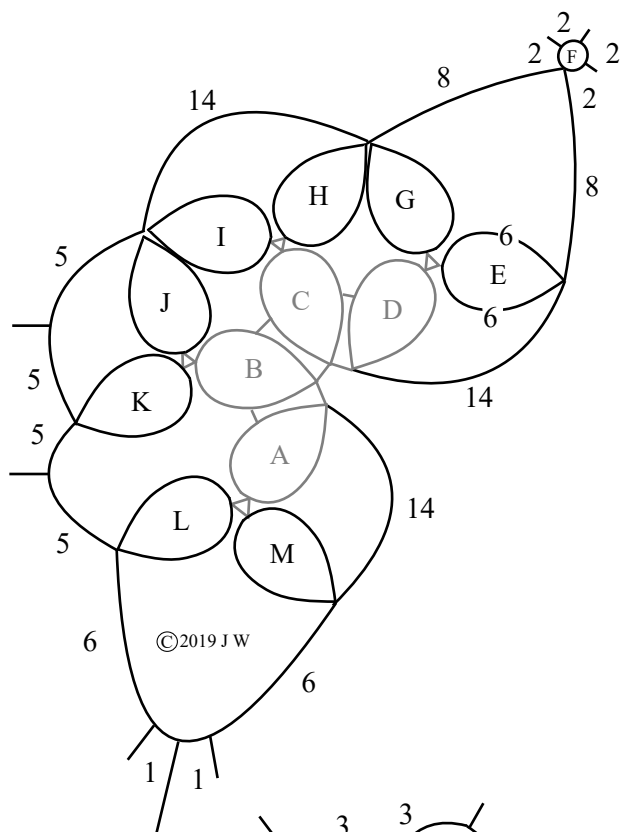
2nd row

- CH. 14, RW
 R.R 6, + to ring Q, 6, cl, RW
 CH. 6, mp, 1, Lp, 1, mp, 6, RW
 R.S 6, + to ring Q, 6, cl, RW
 CH. 5, pull the picot from the chain between rings L and K (on the first wing) through the split ring braid at the 3rd SR from the 'tail', and work a join, 5, RW

- R.T 6, + to ring P, 6, cl, RW
 CH. 5, pull the picot from the chain between rings K and J (on the first wing) through the split ring braid at the 4th SR above the other join, and make a join, 5, RW

- R.U 6, + to ring P, 6, cl
 R.V 6, + to ring O, 6, cl, RW
 CH. 14, RW
 R.W 6, + to ring O, 6, cl
 R.X 6, + to ring N, 6, cl, RW
 CH. 8, DNRW
 SCMR.Y 2, p, 2, p, 2, p, 2, close SCMR, DNRW
 CH. 8, RW
 R.Z 6, + to ring N, 6, cl
 CH. 14

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



If you want to make your butterfly into a brooch, stiffen the wings then sew or glue the 'body' to a brooch pin.

Split Ring Braid for the head and body of the butterfly

Side 1

Wind 2 shuttles CTM with about 3/4 metre on each shuttle.

1st SR 6 / vsp, 6, cl

*SR 6 / 6, cl

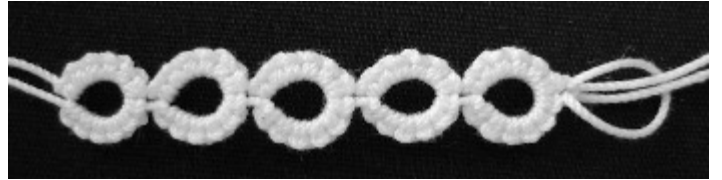
Repeat from * 3 times more Cut, leaving ends about 4 inches long



Side 2

Wind 2 shuttles CTM with about 3/4 metre on each shuttle.

Attach the thread to the vsp on the 1st SR of side 1.



Work 4 split rings 6 / 6, cl
Cut, leaving ends about 4 inches long.



Fold the strip of rings, at the join between the two sides, with the 4 rings on top of the 5 rings.



Gently pull the rings that are underneath up through the 1st of the rings on the top.

Now the rings that were underneath are on the top.



Gently pull the rings that are now underneath through the next ring on the top.



Continue pulling the rings that are underneath to the top through the next ring.

As you worked 5 rings for one side and only 4 rings for the second side you should have the last ring left.



The last ring is the 'head' of the butterfly so tie knots in the threads to resemble the antennae.

Cut and secure the ends from the other ring or they can be left and used to attach the finished butterfly to a brooch pin.

