

Bird

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The body and head of the bird is worked first then the second wing is joined on in such a way that it appears to be behind the body. The front wing is worked last and tied to the body. When you block the bird arrange the front wing so that it is slightly raised from the rest of the bird as in the picture. On ring 'F' a picot is made in the middle of a double stitch in order that it will sit on top of ring 'G'. The front wing will be tied to this picot when assembling the bird.



Requirements:

Size 20 thread, the usual tatting equipment and one size 9 or 11 black beads for the eyes

Abbreviations:

R = ring p = picot, Lp = large picot cl = close ring, RW = reverse work, + = join,
sj = shuttle join, shown as ▼ in the diagrams
d = first half of a double stitch s = second half of a double stitch

Body and head

Row 1

Wind about $\frac{3}{4}$ metre onto your shuttle. Do not cut.

R.A 3, p, 3, p, 3, p, 3, cl

R.B 3, p, 3, p, 3, p, 3, cl

R.C 3, + to ring 'B', 3, p, 3, p, 3, cl, RW

CH. 2, + to the first picot on ring 'A', 2, RW

R.D 3, + to ring 'C', 3, p, 3, p, 3, cl, RW

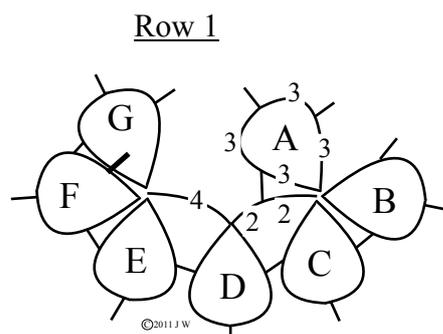
CH. 4, RW

R.E 3, + to ring 'D', 3, p, 3, p, 3, cl,

R.F 3, + to ring 'E', 3, p, 3, p, d,s,d, p, s,d,s, cl

R.G 3, + to the second picot on ring 'F', 3, p, 3, p, 3, cl

Note that the last picot on ring 'F' should come to the front (see the photo) for the front wing to be tied to later



Body and head



Row 2

String one of the beads and wind about $\frac{1}{2}$ metre on your shuttle leaving the bead on the ball thread.

Do not cut.

Work clockwise. Join to the picot on ring 'F'

CH. 3, B, 3, sj to the nearest picot on ring 'G',

3, sj to free picot on ring 'G'

3, sj to nearest picot on ring 'A'

3, sj to free picot on ring 'A'

3, sj to nearest picot on ring 'B'

3, sj to free picot on ring 'B'

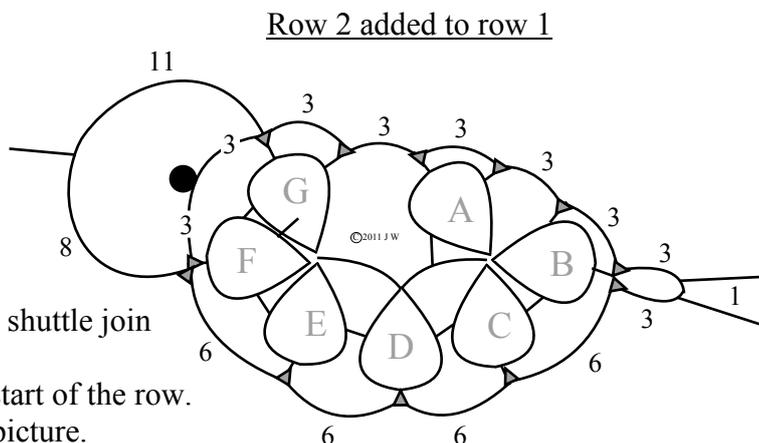
(Tail) CH. 3, Lp, 1, Lp, 3, sj to same picot as last shuttle join

(6, sj to free picot on next ring) x 3 times

6, sj to the same picot on ring 'F' as at the start of the row.

(Head) CH. 8, Lp, 11. Tension to curve as in the picture.

Cut and tie to the small space above the first shuttle join to ring 'G'



Back wing

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

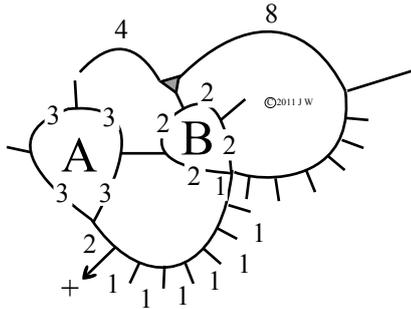
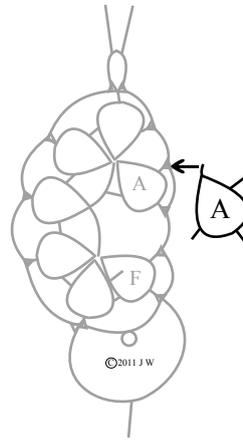
R.A 3, p, 3, p, 3, p, 3, cl, RW

CH. 2, hold the 'head and body' so that the head faces down and the tail picots are at the top, as in the diagram, and join to the small space above the second shuttle join of row 2 of the 'body' then continue:

1, (p, 1) x 6, RW

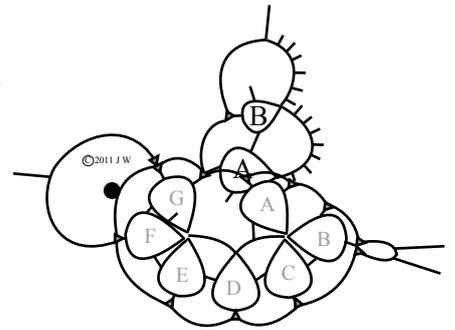
R.B 2, + to ring 'A', 2, p, 2, p, 2, cl, RW

CH. 1, (p, 1) x 6, Lp, 8, sj to ring 'B' (as in the picture, and diagram below), 4.



Cut and tie to the picot on ring 'A' and the shuttle join on ring 'G' of the body.

Note that ring 'A' of the wing should be 'behind' the body of the bird.



Front wing

You will need ends at the beginning and the end to tie this wing in place.

Wind about $\frac{3}{4}$ metre on your shuttle and cut from the ball

CH. 1, (p, 1,) x 3, RW

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

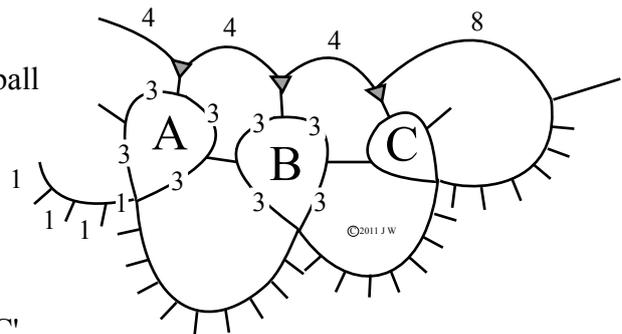
CH. 1, (p, 1) x 9, RW

R.B 3, + to ring 'A', 3, p, 3, p, 3, cl, RW

CH. 1, (p, 1) x 7, RW

R.C 2, + to ring 'B', 2, p, 2, p, 2, cl, RW

CH. 1, (p, 1) x 6, Lp, 8, miss the 1st picot on ring 'C' and sj to the next picot, chain 4, sj to the free picot on ring 'B', chain 4, sj to the 1st free picot on ring 'A', chain 4. Cut the threads.



With the wing positioned as in the picture below, tie the threads from the top of the wing to the free picot on ring 'F' of the 'body' and the threads from the start of the wing to the picot between rings 'D' and 'E' of the 'body'. Secure all the ends then fold the front wing back on top of the 'body'.

Cut across the picot on the head for the cut ends to form the beak.



To tat a bird that faces the other way tat the body and head the same. For the 'back wing' bring the ring 'A' to the front of the 'body'. For the 'front wing' work as above then, to attach the wing to the 'body', ease the free picot on ring 'F' of the 'body' through to the other side and tie the ends as above.

