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This was the pattern offered for the 2023 Tat It And See.

Abbreviations

R	ring	SR	split ring	Cl	close	vsp	very small picot
RW	reverse work	DNRW	do not reverse work	SS	switch shuttles	CWj	Catherine wheel join
Victorian Seta	2 first half ds	Victorian setb	2 second half ds- or p	picot		Lj	lock join
shuttle 1		shuttle 2		S	start		

Note – for those who prefer front side/back side tatting the text in *italics* and *red* indicates where the worker needs to use the second half of the ds first.

Skills required

Split rings, Victorian sets (seta, setb), Catherine Wheel join (can be replaced with a lock join),

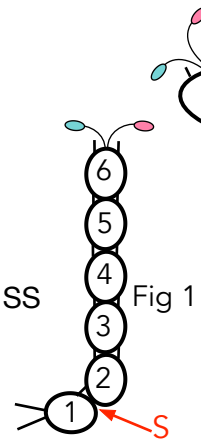
Foot and left leg

Picots (-) in R1 measure 1/4”

R1: 7 - 2 - 2 vsp 2 Cl
SR2: 2 + (vsp R1) 3 vsp 1 / 5 vsp 1 Cl
SR3: 1 + (SR2) 4 vsp 1 / 1 + (SR2) 4 vsp 1 Cl
SR4: 1 + (SR3) 4 vsp 1 / 1 + (SR3) 4 vsp 1 Cl
SR5: 1 + (SR4) 4 vsp 1 / 1 + (SR4) 4 vsp 1 Cl
SR6: 1 + (SR5) 4 vsp 1 / 1 + (SR5) 4 vsp 1 Cl

Body - left

SR7: 1 + (SR6) 2 / 1 + (SR6) 2 vsp 3 vsp 3 Cl DNRW SS
Ch: 6 RW
R8: 4 + (last vsp SR7) 3 vsp 3 vsp 5 Cl RW
Ch: 8 RW
R9: 5 + (last vsp R8) 3 vsp 3 vsp 6 Cl RW
Ch: 8 vsp 2 RW
R10: 6 + (last vsp R9) 3 vsp 4 vsp 3 Cl DNRW SS



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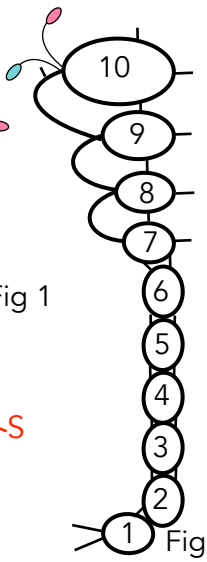

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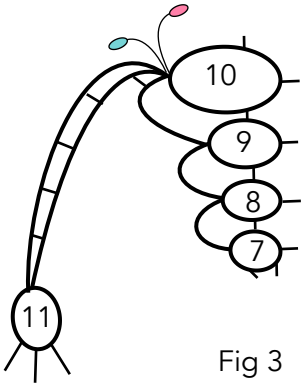


Fig 3

Arm- left - this Ch is made with Sh1

Ch: vsp 1 Lj (vsp last Ch) 4 vsp 5 vsp 5 vsp 5 vsp 5 RW

You are using shuttle 1 for the working shuttle on R11. Picots (-) in R11 measure 1/4”

R11: 6 - 2 - 2 - 6 Cl SS DNRW
Ch: 5 CWj (vsp last Ch) 5 CWj (vsp last Ch) 5 CWj (vsp last Ch) 5 CWj (vsp last Ch)
5 Lj (vsp base R10)

Shoulders and right arm

Ch: 4 Lj (vsp R10) 2 vsp 2 vsp 2 seta vsp setb 4 RW

For R12 you are using Sh2

R12: 4 + (vsp between seta & setb) 3 + (R10) 3 vsp 6 Cl DNRW SS

Picots (-) in R13 measure 1/4”

Ch: vsp 5 vsp 5 vsp 5 vsp 5 vsp 5 RW
R13: 6 - 2 - 2 - 6 Cl DNRW SS
Ch: 5 CWj (vsp last Ch) 5 CWj (vsp last Ch) 5 CWj (vsp last Ch)
5 CWj (vsp last Ch) 5 Lj (vsp base R12) 8 RW

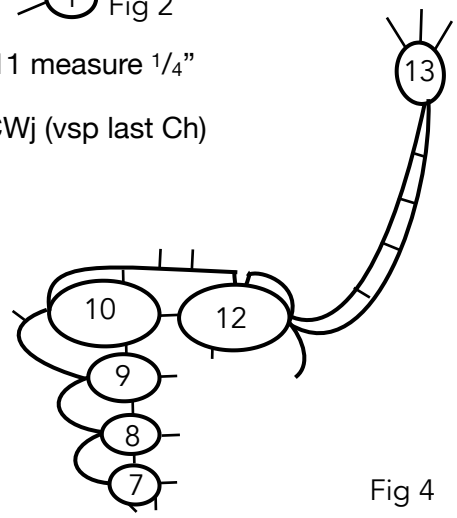


Fig 4

Body and right leg

R14: 6 + (last vsp R12) 3 + (R9) 3 vsp 5 Cl RW
Ch: 8 RW
R15: 5 + (R14) 3 + (R8) 3 vsp 4 Cl RW
Ch: 6 RW
SR16: 3 + (R15) 3 + (R7) 2 / 3 vsp 1 Cl RW SS
SR17: 5 vsp 1 / 1 + (SR16) 4 vsp 1 Cl
SR18: 1 + (SR17) 4 vsp 1 / 1 + (vsp SR17) 4 vsp 1 Cl
SR19: 1 + (SR18) 4 vsp 1 / 1 + (vsp SR18) 4 vsp 1 Cl
SR20: 1 + (SR19) 4 vsp 1 / 1 + (vsp SR19) 4 vsp 1 Cl
SR21: 1 + (SR20) 3 vsp 2 / 1 + (vsp SR20) 5 Cl
R22: 2 + (SR21) 2 - 2 - 7 Cl T & C

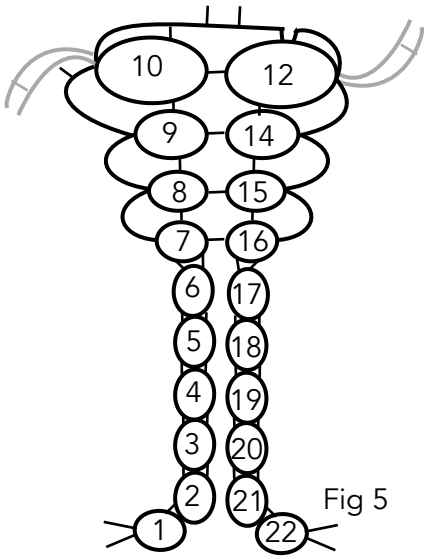
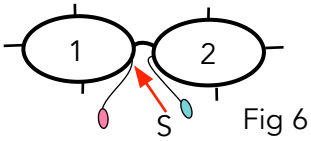


Fig 5

Face

R1: 5 vsp 5 vsp 5 vsp 5 Cl leave 1/8" bare thread space
R2: 5 vsp 5 vsp 5 vsp 5 Cl RW leave 1/8" bare thread on the Ch shuttle and work over R2 with
Ch: 7 Lj (vsp R2) vsp 7 Lj (next vsp R2) vsp 7 Lj (next vsp R2) 4 vsp 3 Lj (using closest thread to 1/8" space) and continue the Ch round R1 with 3 + (last vsp on Ch) 4 Lj (vsp R1) 7 Lj (vsp R1) vsp 7 Lj (vsp R1) vsp 7 Lj (closest thread of 1/4" space) RW SS
Ch: (working back over R1) 9 CWj (vsp last Ch) 10 CWj (next vsp last Ch) 9 Lp (1") 1 twist Lp 8 times then join back to work 8 Lp (1") 1 twist Lp 8 times then join back to work 9 CWj (next vsp R2) 10 CWj (next vsp last Ch) 9 Lj (8" space) SS DNRW
SR3: 6 / 6 Cl
R4: 6 + (vsp Ch between R10 & R12) 2 + (next vsp on same Ch) 6 Cl T&C



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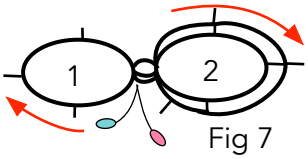

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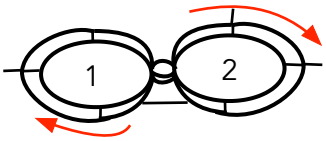

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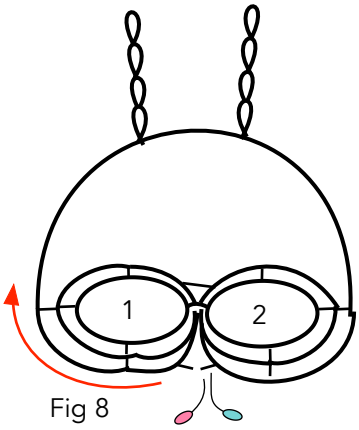

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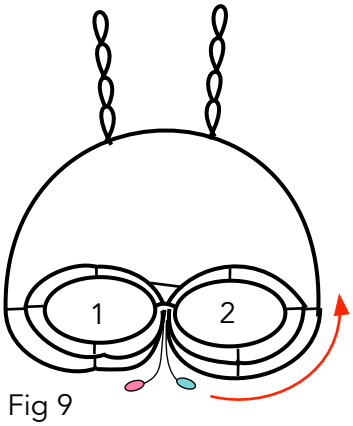

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