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I have changed the start of this butterfly to use modern techniques that the original designer probably didn't know about. I've replaced the rows of chains (which were originally sewn into a tube to form a 3D body) with a tube of rings and split rings. This was taken from my original idea which I used here. The second version of the body (which can be found here) is flat and also with split rings.

Abbreviations

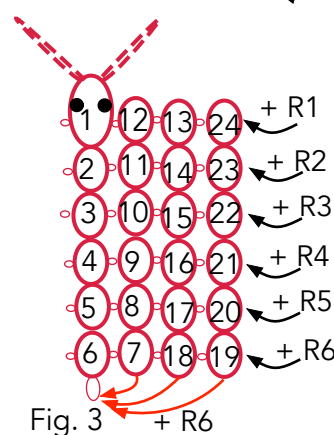
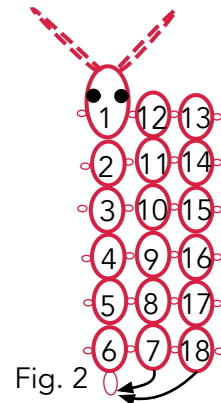
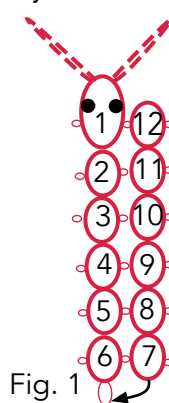
R	ring	SR	split ring	vsp	very small picot
Cl	close	MB	move bead along core thread	+	join
RW	reverse work				

Materials required - Size 20 thread, two size 10/11 beads and two shuttles. For the first part you need 3 yards on 1 with 2 beads & 2 yards on Sh2 wound CTM.

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.

3D Body

- R1: 2 vsp 2 MB 1 Lp (1½”) 1 twist Lp approximately 16 times allowing the Lp to twist back on itself before joining back to the ring 2 Lp (1½”) 1 twist and join as before 1 MB 2 vsp 2 Cl
- SR2: 2 vsp 2 / 2 vsp 2 Cl
- SR3: 2 vsp 2 / 2 vsp 2 Cl
- SR4: 2 vsp 2 / 2 vsp 2 Cl
- SR5: 2 vsp 2 / 2 vsp 2 Cl
- SR6: 2 / 2 vsp 2 - 2 Cl
- SR7: 2 / 2 + (SR6) 2 vsp 2 Cl
- SR8: 2 + (SR5) 2 / 2 vsp 2 Cl
- SR9: 2 + (SR4) 2 / 2 vsp 2 Cl
- SR10: 2 + (SR3) 2 / 2 vsp 2 Cl
- SR11: 2 + (SR2) 2 / 2 vsp 2 Cl
- SR12: 2 + (SR1) 2 / 2 Cl
- SR13: 2 vsp 2 / 2 Cl
- SR14: 2 vsp 2 / 2 + (SR11) 2 Cl
- SR15: 2 vsp 2 / 2 + (SR10) 2 Cl
- SR16: 2 vsp 2 / 2 + (SR9) 2 Cl
- SR17: 2 vsp 2 / 2 + (SR8) 2 Cl
- SR18: 2 / 2 + (SR7) 2 + (SR6) 2 Cl
- SR19: 2 / 2 + (SR6) 2 + (vsp SR6) 2 Cl
- SR20: 2 + (SR17) 2 / 2 + (SR5) 2 Cl
- SR21: 2 + (SR16) 2 / 2 + (SR4) 2 Cl
- SR22: 2 + (SR15) 2 / 2 + (SR3) 2 Cl
- SR23: 2 + (SR14) 2 / 2 + (SR2) 2 Cl
- R24: 2 + (SR13) 2 + (R1) 2 Cl SS and continue with



Top Wing - left

Ch: 10 RW

R25: 3 - 3 - 3 - 3 CI RW

Ch: 8 RW

R26: 3 - 3 - 3 - 3 - 3 - 3 CI RW

Ch: 3 - 3 - 3 - 3 - 3 - 3 - 3 Lj (3rd p R26) 4 - 4 Lj (2nd p R25) 10 Lj (join between SR23 & SR2 body) continue to

Lower Wing

Ch: 10 RW

R27: 3 - 3 - 3 - 3 CI RW

Ch: 4 + (Ch between R25 & R26 top wing) 4 - 3 - 3 - 3 - 3 - 3 Lj (2nd p R27) 10 T & C (join between SR22 & SR3 body).

Top Wing - right

1 shuttle with 1¼ yards & ball thread

With head at the top join to vsp between SR12 & SR11

Ch: 10 RW

R1: 3 - 3 - 3 - 3 CI RW

Ch: 8 RW

R2: 3 - 3 - 3 - 3 - 3 - 3 CI RW

Ch: 3 - 3 - 3 - 3 - 3 - 3 - 3 Lj (3rd p R2) 4 - 4 Lj (2nd p R1) 10 Lj (join between SR23 & SR2 body) continue to

Lower Wing

Ch: 10 RW

R3: 3 - 3 - 3 - 3 CI RW

Ch: 4 + (Ch between R1 & R2 top wing) 4 - 3 - 3 - 3 - 3 - 3 Lj (2nd p R3) 10 T & C (join between SR22 & SR3 body).

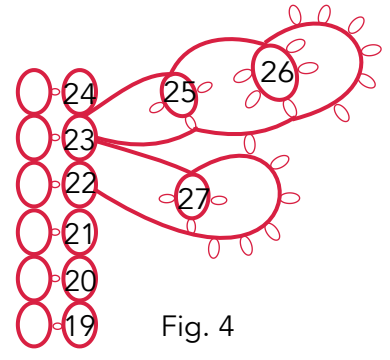


Fig. 4

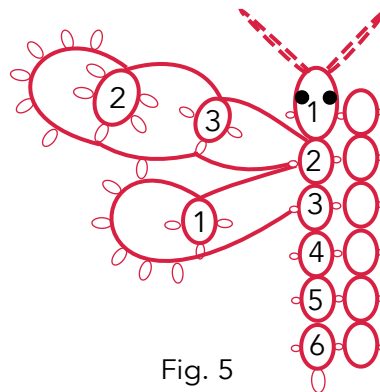


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