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## Abbreviations

| Wsh1 | Working shuttle 1 | Wsh2 | Working shuttle 2 | SR |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| vsp | Very small picot | Vlp | Very Long Picot | btwn |
| + | join | B | bead moved into place | Lj |

Worked in a number 20 thread the lobster measures $31 / 2$ " across the width of the claws by 4 " from top to bottom!

## Please note - alternative feelers.

The Vlp's on the chains after Rings 46 and 47 can be missed out. When the lobster is complete the feelers can then be made by making chains starting above each bead. The chain should be worked with alternate 'normal' doubles and non wrapped doubles (as in the second side of a SR). Work for length required.
Also note that block tatting can be worked like this.
Starting at base of lobster using Wsh1-2 beads on Wsh1
R1: 3 vsp 3-3-3
Ch: vsp 6
R2: $3+(R 1) 3$ vsp $3-3$
Ch: vsp 6
R3: 3 + (last p R2) 3-3 vsp 3
Ch: vsp 6 Lj (vsp R3) 16
SR4: $3+\left(2^{\text {nd }} p\right.$ R3) $3 / 8$
Ch: $4+(v s p$ R2) 4
SR5: $3+\left(2^{\text {nd }} p\right.$ R1) $3 / 8$
Ch: $16+(v s p R 1) 6+($ base R1) Change to Wsh2
SR6: 4 / 4 Change to Wsh1
Ch: vsp 4
R7: $4+$ (vsp base R2) 4
Ch: vsp 4
R8: $4+(v s p$ base R3) 4 Change to Wsh2


Continue with block tatting as follows reversing work and changing Wsh at the end of each row
Ch: 1 vsp $4+$ (vsp base next $R$ previous row) vsp $4+$ (vsp base next $R$ previous row)
Change to Wsh1
*Ch: 1 vsp $4+($ vsp on previous row) vsp $4+(v s p ~ o n ~ p r e v i o u s ~ r o w) ~ C h a n g e ~ W s h ~$ Repeat from * twice (4 rows altogether)
*Ch: 1 vsp $5+($ vsp on previous row) vsp $5+(v s p ~ o n ~ p r e v i o u s ~ r o w) ~ C h a n g e ~ W s h ~$ Repeat this row three times ( 8 rows)
*Ch: 1 vsp $6+($ vsp on previous row) vsp $6+(v s p ~ o n ~ p r e v i o u s ~ r o w) ~ C h a n g e ~ W s h ~$ Repeat this row once (10 rows)
*Ch: 1 vsp $7+($ vsp on previous row) vsp $7+($ vsp on previous row) Change Wsh Repeat this row once (12 rows)
Ch: 1 vsp $8+(\mathrm{vsp}$ on previous row) vsp $8+(\mathrm{vsp}$ on previous row) Change Wsh Ch: 1 vsp 4 vsp $4+$ (vsp on previous row) vsp 4 vsp $4+$ (vsp on previous row) Continue with same shuttle (Wsh2)

## Next row

SR9: 4 vsp 2 / 2
SR10: 2 vsp $2 / 2+($ vsp on Ch of last row) 2
SR11: 2 vsp $2 / 2+$ (next vsp on Ch of last row) 2
SR12: 2 vsp 2 / $2+$ (next vsp on Ch of last row) 2
SR13: $2 / 2+$ (next vsp on Ch of last row) 4

## Next row

SR14: $3 / 6$ vsp 3
SR15: 3 + (vsp SR12) $3 / 3$ vsp 3
SR16: 3 + (vsp SR11) $3 / 3$ vsp 3
SR17: 3 + (vsp SR10) $3 / 3$ vsp 3
SR18: 3 + (vsp SR9) $6 / 3$

## Next row

SR19: 6 vsp $4 / 3$
SR20: 4 vsp $4 / 3+(v s p$ SR17) 3
SR21: 4 vsp $4 / 3+(v s p$ SR16) 3
SR22: 4 vsp $4 / 3+(v s p$ SR15) 3
SR23: $4 / 3+(v s p$ SR14) 6
Next row
SR24: 4 / 3 vsp 3 vsp 4
SR25: 4 + (vsp SR22) 4 / 4 vsp 4
SR26: 4 + (vsp SR21) $4 / 4$ vsp 4
SR27: 4 + (vsp SR20) $4 / 4$ vsp 4
SR28: $4+(\mathrm{vsp}$ SR19) $3 / 4 \mathrm{vsp} 3$ Change to Wsh1 \& turn work upside down. Continue with
First Claw
Ch: 3
R29: $2+($ vsp SR28) $2-2-2$
Ch: 4
R30: $3+($ R29 ) $2-2-3$
Ch: 4
SR31: 3 + (R30) 2 vsp $2 / 8$
SR32: 3 vsp $3 / 8$
SR33: 3 vsp $3 / 8$
SR34: 3 vsp $3 / 10$
SR35: 3 vsp $3 / 12$
SR36: 4 vsp 4 / 12
SR37: 4 vsp 4 / 12
SR38: 4 / 8-2
Ch: 4 + (SR37) 2 + (SR36)
SR39: 4 + (SR35) $2 / 8-8$ vsp 2
SR40: 1 + (SR34) $3 / 2+(v s p$ SR39) 4
SR41: $2+(S R 33) 1+(S R 32) 2 / 6$
SR42: $2+($ SR31 $) 2 / 6$
Ch: 4 + (vsp R30) 4 + (vsp R29) 4
R43: 2 + (space btwn SR27 \& SR28) 2
Head
Ch: 2 + (vsp SR27) vsp 4 + (vsp SR26) vsp 4 + (vsp SR25)
SR44: 6/3-3 Change to Wsh2
Ch: 4
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R45: $3+(S R 44) 3+(v s p$ SR26) $3-3$
Ch: vsp 4
R46: $3+($ R45 ) $3+(S R 27) 6$ Change Wsh1
Ch: 6 B VIp (18" - the bead lies on the core thread directly below the Vlp - also see notes at the beginning) 2
R47: 6 + (vsp base R45) 6
Ch: 2 B VIp (18" - the bead lies on the core thread directly below the VIp) 6 + (vsp base R44) T \& C
Take one of the VIp's and cut it so that the end nearest to the claw is approximately $9^{\prime \prime}$ long.
Hold this shorter part in the fingers (or tie to a shuttle) and make a chain of 40ds. Tie knots and cut

## Second Claw

Holding the lobster upside down join both shuttle threads to SR24 and work as first claw until R43
Next R: $2+($ space btwn SR24 \& SR25) 2
Ch: $2+(v s p S R 25) T \& C$
If you should need help with this pattern, please email me

