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Mermaid measures roughly 2½" high when worked in a number 20 thread.

Abbreviations

R	ring	Ch	chain	vsp	very small picot		Cl	close
SS	switch shuttles	RW	reverse work	T & C	tie and cut		SR	split ring
MB	move bead from shuttle			Lj	lock join			
SLT	shoe lace trick	+	join	DNRW		do not reverse work		

LCh   lock chain -first half flipped, second half wrapped
Lp   long picot measuring roughly 1½" in height

Materials required - Size 20 thread, 2 size 11 or 10 seed beads, 2 shuttles. Wind shuttles CTM with 2 seed beads and 2½ yards on Sh1 and 1½ yards on Sh2. Beads should be on Sh1.

Body – using Sh1

R1:   4 vsp 1 vsp 2 vsp 3 Cl
R2:   4 vsp 2 vsp 4 Cl
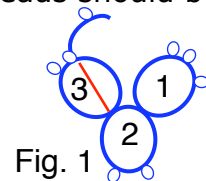SR3: 5 vsp 1 / 4 Cl SS
Ch: vsp 2 vsp 1 SS

Fig. 1

Head

On this ring Lp's could be replaced with vsp's so that different coloured hair can be added.
R4:   1 + (vsp Ch) 4 MB 2 Lp 1 Lp 1 Lp 1 Lp 1 Lp 1 Lp 1 Lp 1 Lp 2 (8 Lp's) MB 4 vsp 1 Cl SS
Ch: 1 + (vsp R4) 2 Lj (first vsp R1) continue

Left Arm

LCh: 7 SS
R5:   1 – 1 – 1 – 1 – 1 – 1 Cl RW
LCh: 7 + (next vsp R1) 2 + (next vsp R1) SLT RW continue
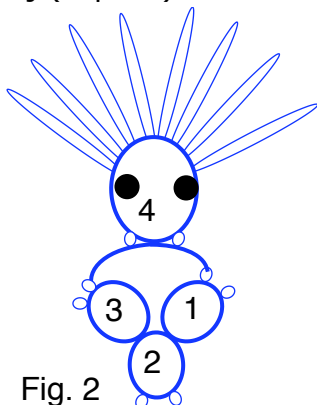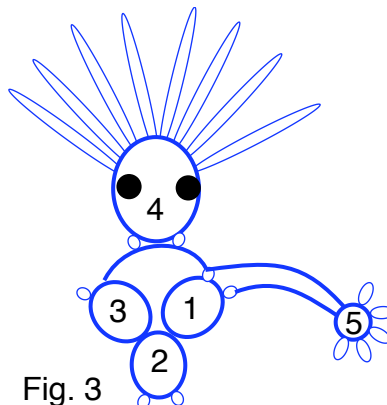Ch: 3 Lj (vsp R2) continue

Fig. 2

Fig. 3
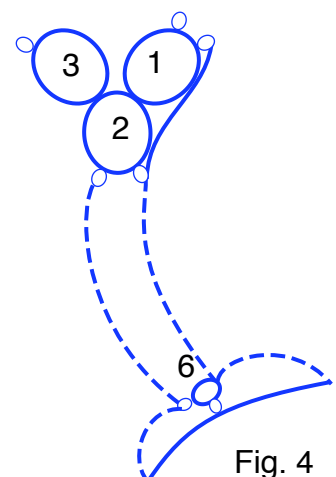
Fig. 4

Tail

LCh: 10 RW
R6:   2 vsp 1 vsp 1 Cl RW
LCh: 6 RW SLT
Ch: 6 + (vsp R6) 6 SLT RW
LCh: 6 Lj (vsp R6) 12 Lj (vsp R2)

Right arm
Ch: 7 + (vsp SR3) continue
LCh: 7 SS
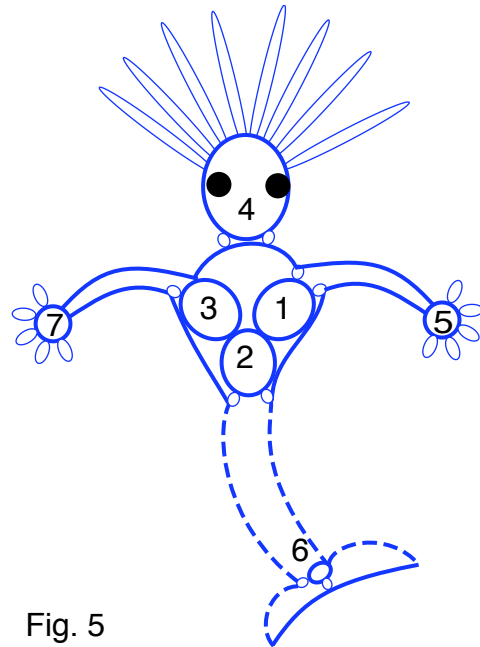R7:   1 – 1 – 1 – 1 – 1 – 1 Cl SS
LCh: 7 T & C to vsp first Ch.

Fig. 5

Cut the long picots to length required.

If using vsp's on the head then cut lengths of thread around 6' long. Hold your mermaid with the 'wrong' side facing (if you have a wrong side) and take a folded 6" thread. Pull the loop through a vsp on the head. Take the two ends through the loop and gently tighten. Repeat for all vsps. See fig 6 and 7 below.
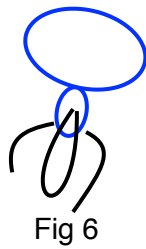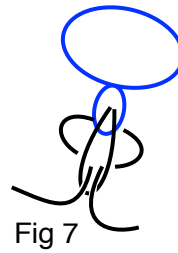
Fig 6

Fig 7