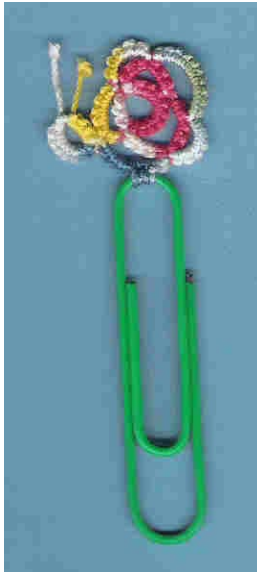


Literary Snail

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Note: I first made this little snail at the August 2006 meeting of the Palmetto Tatters Guild. He was just a “doodle,” as I was making him up as I tatted, but several Guild members requested the pattern...so I started counting.

Materials:

- ◆ a yard or so of thread (original used size 10; smaller thread will result in a smaller bird, and will require less thread) on a shuttle
- ◆ a plastic-coated paperclip

Skills:

- ◆ Rings, chains, split rings
- ◆ Lock joins
- ◆ Joining onto an object instead of a picot

Pull off enough to start a ring, and leave 6-8” of bare thread hanging; you’ll need it to finger tat some chains, and for the split ring to come. All picots are extremely tiny, and I used a fine crochet hook to make a neat join. Snug up your chain sections before you do your lock join.

R 4-6-4 cl R. Wrap the shuttle thread in chain position and finger tat with the loose end of thread.

Ch 3-3 L+ 2-3-4 L+ 1-5 L+ (to base of beginning chain) 5 L+ 10 L+6 L+ 2 ++ (2 joins to paperclip) 4 L+.

SR 7 / 4 cl R.

With the shuttle, make a ring and do the first half of the stitch. Take the ring off your hand and carefully close it, moving it to about ¼” – 3/16” from the head before you pull it tight. Tighten and trim off shuttle thread close to the knot. Make knot with other thread the same way.