

Last month my youngest son got married, which required a road trip across Wyoming. A week later, I found myself on another unexpected trip across Wyoming. This time, we rode with my other son and his wife (the ones who got married last year). Since Bruce gets car sick in the back seat, I sat in the back with my daughter-in-law.

I learned a lot about her on that trip. One thing I learned is that she has a very creative mind. I told her I often had trouble coming up with ideas for my monthly pattern, and she started listing off all sorts of ideas! I

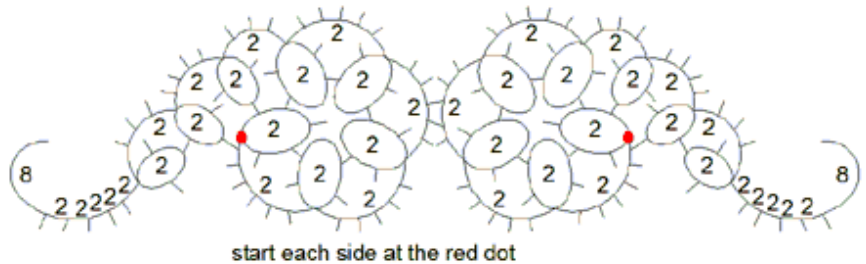
think I got them all written down. One of her ideas was a moustache. I never would have thought of such a thing, but the longer I thought about it, the more fun it sounded. So here it is...this month's pattern is a tatted moustache!

This is a beginner pattern. It is about 3 inches (8 cm) wide when done with size 10 thread. I used Lizbeth Linen Medium Color 693 in size 10.

You will need:

Thread in your choice of color and size.
1 tating shuttle or 1 tating needle
Small crochet hook

ds double stitch
p picot
j join
sl shoelace trick



How to do the shoelace trick (sl)
<http://www.be-stitched.com/shoelace.php>

Instructions:

R: (2ds p) 5 times, 2ds, close, turn
*Ch: (2ds p) 5 times, 2ds, turn
R: 2ds p 2ds j to 4th p of previous R, (2ds p) 3 times, 2ds, close, turn*
Repeat between * until four rings are completed.
Ch: (2ds p) 5 times, 2ds, turn
R: 2ds p 2ds j to 4th p of previous R, 2ds p 2ds j to 2nd p of first R, 2ds p 2ds, close, turn
Ch: (2ds p) 3 times, 2ds, turn
R: 2ds p 2ds j to next free p of first R, 2ds p 2ds, close, turn
Ch: (2ds p) 4 times, 2ds, turn
R: 2ds p 2ds j to first p on first Ch, 2ds p 2ds, close, turn
Ch: (2ds p) 3 times, 2ds, turn
R: 2ds p 2ds j to last p of previous R, 2ds p 2ds, close, sl, do not turn
Ch: (2ds p) 5 times, 8ds
Cut and tie.

Repeat for the other side except for the third chain. Do this instead:

Ch: 2ds p 2ds j to corresponding p of third Ch of first half of the moustache, 2ds j to next available p, (2ds p) 2 times, 2ds, turn
Continue the rest of this second half in the same manner as the first half.