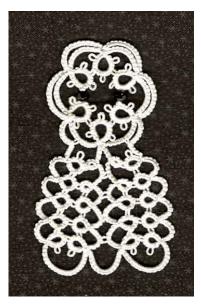


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Tatted ghost



Last weekend my husband and I drove across Wyoming on our way to visit our daughter and her new husband. On the way there, I tatted up this little ghost. That was a challenge! It seemed every time I picked up my shuttle, we hit a section of road that had sunk in places. It was like tatting on a roller coaster!

So in spite of poking myself with the shuttle umpteen times and a little frustration, I did manage to get this done. It would be quick and easy when sitting on a stationary surface. :)

This pattern is beginner to intermediate level (only because of the beads) and uses one shuttle. I used size 30 DMC Cebelia thread in white.

You will need:

Thread in your choice of color and size.

1 tatting shuttle

2 4mm black beads

ds double stitch R ring p picot

j join lj lock join bj join with a bead

Instructions:

Head

R: 3ds p 3ds long p (3ds p) 3 times, 3ds, close, turn

Ch: 6ds p 6ds, turn

R: 3ds p 3ds i to 4th p of previous ring, (3ds p) 3 times, 3ds, close, turn

Ch: 6ds p 6ds, turn

R: 3ds p 3ds j to 4th p of previous ring, 3ds p 3ds long p 3ds p 3ds, close, turn

Ch: 12ds turn

R: 3ds p 3ds bj to long p of previous ring, (3ds p) 3 times, 3ds, close, turn

Ch: 12ds turn

R: 3ds p 3ds j to 4th p of previous ring, (3ds p) 3 times, 3ds, close, turn

Ch: 12ds turn

R: 3ds p 3ds j to 4th p of previous ring, 3ds p 3ds bj to lp of first ring, 3ds p 3ds, close, turn

Ch: 12ds, lj to base of first ring, 8ds lj to p on first chain, 4ds, turn

Body (first half)

R: (3ds p) 3 times, 3ds, close, turn

*Ch: 8ds turn

R: 3ds j to last p of previous ring, (3ds p) 2 times, 3ds, close, turn*

Repeat between four more times for a total of five rings on the body

Ch: 20ds, turn

R: 3ds p 3ds j to center p of previous ring, 3ds p 3ds, close, turn

Ch: 4ds p 4ds, turn

R: 3ds j to last p of previous R, 3ds j to center p of next ring along body, 3ds p 3ds, close, turn

Ch: 4ds p 4ds, turn

R: 3ds j to last p of previous R, 3ds j to center p of next ring along body, 3ds p 3ds, close, turn

Ch: 3ds p 3ds, turn

R: 2ds j to last p of previous ring, 2ds j to center p of next ring along body, 4ds, close, turn

Ch: 3ds p 3ds, turn

R: 3ds j to center p of next ring along body, 3ds, close, turn

Ch: 4ds li to base of next ring on head, 4ds, turn

Body (second half)

R: 3ds p 3ds, close, turn

Ch: 3ds j to center p of adjacent chain, 3ds, turn

R: 4ds p 2ds p 2ds, close, turn

Ch: 3ds i to center p of next chain, 3ds, turn

*R: 3ds j to last p of previous ring, (3ds p) 2 times, 3ds,

close, turn

Ch: 4ds i to center p of next chain, 4ds, turn*

Repeat between * once more

R: 3ds j to last p of previous ring, (3ds p) 2 times, 3ds,

close, turn Ch: 20ds, turn

R: 3ds p 3ds j to center p of previous ring, 3ds p 3ds, close,

turn

**Ch: 8ds turn

R: 3ds j to last p of previous ring, 3ds j to center p of next

adjacent ring, 3ds p 3ds, close, turn**

Repeat between ** down the rest of the body

Finish the head

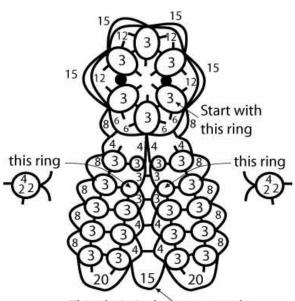
Ch: 4ds, lj to center p of next chain on head, 8ds lj to base of next ring on head ***Ch: 15ds lj to base of next ring on head***

Repeat between *** around. Cut and tie.

This final chain is not necessary, but I think it finishes the design better. You can leave it off if you'd like.

Unwind about 24 inches (60 cm) of thread from the shuttle. Thread through the first ring on the body after the 20ds chain. Use this tail of thread as the ball thread. 15ds, making sure the first ds is snug against the base of the ring. Cut and tie to corresponding ring on the other side of the body.

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This chain is done separately after the rest of the ghost is done.