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Tatted Bee


It was a fun challenge to design this little guy's stripes and wings. After tossing a number of attempts, this was the final design.

I liked him so much I put him on the apron I made for my granddaughter. He was so cute with the rainbow colors and the green pockets! I wish I'd taken a photograph, but there just wasn't time.

This is an experienced beginner pattern and requires two shuttles. I used Lizbeth size 40 thread, and the bee is approximately 1 inch ( 3 cm ) from wingtip to wingtip.

You will need:

Thread in your choice of color and size. I used Lizbeth size 40 colors 604 (black) and 613 (golden yellow medium).
2 tatting shuttles
ds double stitch
p picot
j join
lj lock join
Read this article to learn how to do a lock join: http://www.be-stitched.com/lockjoin.asp

Instructions:
Wind about two feet ( 50 cm ) of black thread on a shuttle. On the other shuttle, wind approximately the same amount of the gold thread.


Black: R: 6ds p 6ds, close, turn
Gold: Ch: 1ds p 6ds lj to picot on ring, turn
Black: Ch: 1ds p 6ds lj to picot on previous chain, turn
Gold: Ch: 1ds p 6ds lj to picot on previous chain, turn
Black: Ch: 7ds lj to picot on previous chain, do not turn
Black: R: 20ds, close, do not turn
Black: Ch: 4ds lj to picot closest to ring, 9 ds lj to picot on other side of ring, 4 ds lj to picot at the base of the last black chain, do not turn
Black: R: 20ds, close, do not turn
Black: Ch: 5ds long p 5ds
Cut and tie. Clip the long picot to make antennae.
Since this is a really confusing visual pattern, I tried something different with it. Each row of the written pattern is indicated by a different color in the visual pattern. Start with the red ring.

