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Tatted Black Widow Spider



Shall we say, spiders are not my favorite creatures. But Halloween is the time for scary things, so I decided to create one. I chose a black widow spider because to me they're about the scariest spider that lives in this area.

I decided to find some information about the black widow spider to pass along. I figured they only lived in the western United States. I was wrong! Apparently, they live in most of the world! So I thought I'd pass along this article for those who are interested.

<http://www.spidy.goliathus.com/english/article-black-widow-spider.php>

This design is beginner level and uses one shuttle. I used size 20 Flora thread in Christmas red and black.

This tip may be useful when making this pattern:

You will need:

How to make a lock join

<http://www.be-stitched.com/lockjoin.asp>

Black and red threads

1 tating shuttle

ds double stitch

p picot

j join

lj lock join

lp long picot

Make each long picot about 2" (6 cm) or more long so that when it's closed it's at least 1" (3 cm) in length.

Instructions:

Hourglass--red thread

R: (2ds p) 2 times, 2ds, close

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Cut and tie.

Spider--black thread

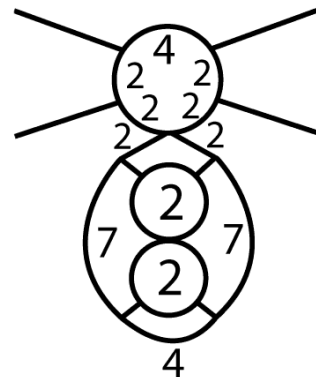
Wind about 2 ft of black thread on a shuttle but do not cut the thread away from the ball before starting to stitch.

R: (2ds lp) 2 times, 4ds lp 2ds lp 2ds, close, turn

Ch: 2ds lj to top right picot in hourglass, 7ds lj to bottom right picot in hourglass, 4ds lj to next p in hourglass, 7ds lj to last p in hourglass, 2ds

Cut and tie.

Cut all four of the lp open. Trim the threads so they are all about the same length.



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