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This little guy was a collaboration. I came up with about 80% of it myself, but my husband and daughter came up with the rest. He sure would have been a sad little bird without their help!

He goes together quickly, and he's a lot of fun. This is a good practice piece for a beginner who is ready to try beads and "stacking" chains.

This is an experienced beginner pattern and requires one shuttle.

I used Lizbeth size 20 thread in White (601) and Linen Medium (693). I used some Flora thread I had on hand for the beak, but Lizbeth Harvest Orange Medium (694) will work just as well.

You will need:

Size 20 tatting thread 1 tatting shuttle Two 4mm beads ds double stitch p picot j join sl shoelace trick lj lock join

Read this article to learn how to do a lock join: http://www.be-stitched.com/lockjoin.asp

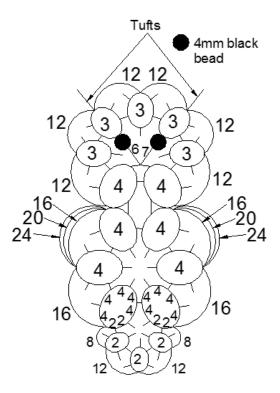
Read this article to learn how to do the shoelace trick: http://www.be-stitched.com/shoelace.asp

Instructions:

Head and Body

Use white in the shuttle and brown for the ball thread. Add two 4mm beads to the shuttle thread.

R: 3ds p 3ds p 3ds slide bead against work, 3ds p 3ds p 3ds close, turn Ch: 12ds, turn R: 3ds p 3ds j to p after the bead on previous R (3ds p) 3 times, 3ds, close, turn Ch: 12ds turn R: 3ds p 3ds j to 4th p of previous R, 3ds slide bead against work, 3ds p 3ds p 3ds close, turn Ch: 12ds turn R: 4ds p 4ds j to p after the bead on previous R (4ds p) 3 times, 4ds, close, do not turn Starting body now... R: 4ds j to last p of previous R (4ds p) 4 times, 4ds, close, turn Ch: 16ds turn



R: 4ds p 4ds j to 4th p of previous R (4ds p) 3 times, 4ds, close, SL (do not turn) Ch: 20ds, align with previous Ch and li to base of ring, SL (do not turn) Ch: 24ds, align with previous Ch and li to base of ring, do not turn Ch: 16ds turn R: 4ds p 4ds i to 4th p of previous R (4ds p) 3 times, 2ds p 2ds, close, turn Ch: 8ds turn R: 2ds p 2ds j to last p of previous R (2ds p) 3 times, 2ds, close, turn Ch: 12ds turn R: 2ds p 2ds j to 4th p of previous R (2ds p) 3 times, 2ds, close, turn Ch: 12ds turn R: 2ds p 2ds j to 4th p of previous R (2ds p) 3 times, 2ds, close, turn Ch: 8ds turn R: 2ds i to 4th p of previous R 2ds p 4ds i to 4th p of previous large ring (4ds p) 3 times, 4ds, close, turn Ch: 16ds turn R: 4ds p 4ds j to 4th p of previous R (4ds p) 3 times, 4ds, close, turn Ch: 16ds turn R: 4ds p 4ds i to 4th p of previous R 4ds p 4ds i to 2nd p of first R in body, 4ds p 4ds, close, SL (do not turn) Ch: 20ds, align with previous Ch and li to base of ring, SL (do not turn) Ch: 24ds, align with previous Ch and Ij to base of ring, do not turn Ending body now... R: 4ds j to last p of previous R 4ds j to 4th p of last R in head (4ds p) 3 times, 4ds, close, turn Ch: 12ds turn R: 3ds p 3ds j to 4th p of previous R 3ds p 3ds j to 2nd p of first R, 3ds p 3ds, close, turn Ch: 12ds

Cut and tie.

Beak

Use this image as a reference.

Use the orange thread for the beak. Don't add thread to the shuttle just yet. Pass the thread through the center of the face. Using a fine crochet hook pull the thread from the back to the front in the space where the bead is for the left eye. Now attach it to the shuttle.

Ch: 6ds j to center p of both large rings at the bottom of the head, 7ds.

Cut. Fold the second half of the chain up toward the right eye, then tie at the bead.



Feather Tufts

Cut four 6" lengths of brown thread. Tie two of them at the base of each ring which has a bead in it. Trim to 1/2" (1cm) and fray.

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