

I lose everything. I lose my scissors, my pens, my keys, and I lose email. I designed this key as a request from someone, and now I've lost her email!

It was fun researching skeleton keys. They come in such amazing variety. Some are very plain, and others are incredibly ornate, so it left me lots of freedom to design what I wanted for the bow (I looked up key terminology too).

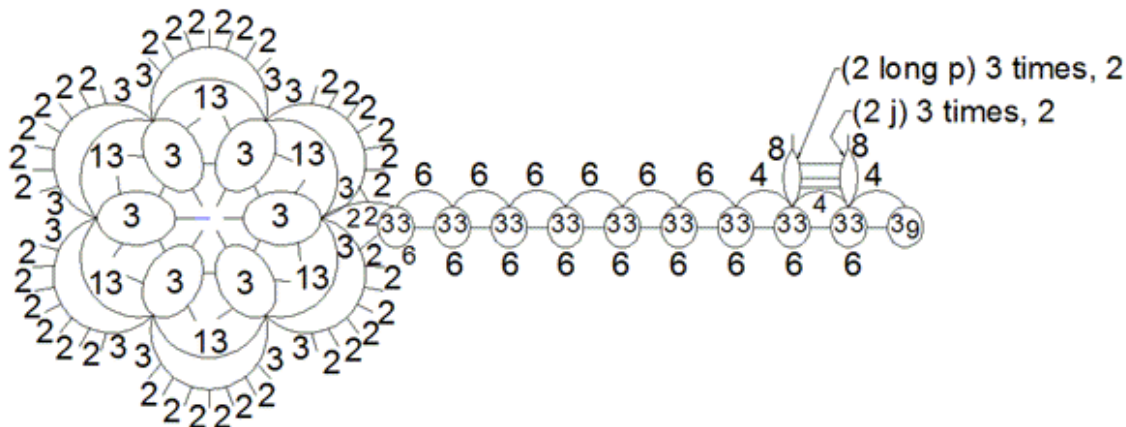
I'm not totally satisfied with the bit portion of this pattern. I think it would be better done with some block tating. I may try to update the pattern, or make a second one, this weekend. If you're not familiar with block tating, YouTube has some video tutorials for shuttle tating and needle tating.

This is a beginner pattern. It is about 3-1/2 inches long (9 cm) and 1-1/4 inches wide (3 cm) when done with size 40 thread. I used Lizbeth Gold Color 611.

You will need:

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

ds double stitch
p picot
j join
tp tiny picot



Instructions

Bow

R: (3ds p) 5 times 3ds, close, turn
*Ch: 13ds turn
R: 3ds p 3ds j to 4th p of previous R, (3ds p) 3 times, 3ds, close, turn*
Repeat between * until five R completed. Ch: 13ds 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: 13ds lj to base of first R
Ch: 3ds p (2ds p) 7 times, 3ds, lj to base of next R
Repeat between * around, locking to base of first R at the end. Do not cut.

Shank and bit

Ch: 2ds j to last p of previous Ch, 2ds, turn

R: 3ds j to first p of first Ch, 6ds p 3ds, close, turn

*Ch: 6ds turn

R: 3ds j to last p of previous R, 6ds p 3ds, close, turn*

Repeat between * until 7 rings of the shank are completed. You can do more or fewer than this, depending on the length you want the shank.

Ch: 4ds turn

R: 3ds j to last p of previous R, 6ds p 3ds, close, turn

Ch: 8ds tp (2ds long p--about the length of the width of a ring) 3 times, 2ds lj to base of last R, 4ds, turn

R: 3ds j to last p of previous R, 6ds p 3ds, close, turn

Ch: (2ds j to corresponding long p) 3 times, 2ds tp 8ds lj to base of last R, 4ds, turn

R: 3ds j to last p of previous R, 9ds close.

Cut and tie.

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