

## Dragonfly in Inverted Tatting

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Note on inverted tatting: In inverted tatting, joins are made using the second or ball thread. You can use a ball, but it's easier to use a second shuttle.

### Materials

2 small beads for eyes, close to the bobbin of shuttle 2; two shuttles wound continuous thread method with size 20 thread, approx 60cm on shuttle 1 and 300cm on shuttle 2

### Abbreviations

1 number of double stitches      + normal join                  itj inverted tatting join, using shuttle 2  
vsp very small picot                                  sp small picot                  p picot

### First wing

Note, all wings are made in the same way. Picots are graduated in size to shape the wing. The inverted tatting joins should be made with a small space of thread, the same size as the picot being joined to, so that the join is in the centre of the wing.

Begin the chain with a picot. I do this by making a lock stitch, an unflipped stitch followed by a flipped stitch. Then:

1, vsp, 3, sp, 3, p, 3, p, 3, p, 3, sp, 6, itj, 3 (5 times more, until all picots are joined)1, + (beginning picot)

### Second wing

Make this the same as the first wing, joining to the same picot at the end.

### Body

Note, make the picots as tiny as possible, and when joining, pull the join as close to the working chain as possible, leaving no space.

Chain: 2, vsp (repeat 7 times) 4, itj 2(repeat 7 times)+ (picot at beginning of work)

### Third wing

As before

### Fourth wing

As before

### Head

Chain: 2, vsp, 2, slide bead into position, 2, next bead, 2, itj, 2 +(original picot). Cut and hide ends.