

Angel Paper Clip @ Ellen Lai, Dec 2009

Material: Size 20 thread in CTM,
1 large paper clip

I love using Altin Basak Simli size 50 thread to tat the angels (the 3 samples on the right are tatted with this thread). As such, I avoid using rings in the pattern.

Keep all picots small.

Starting with the head,

Ring: 1 - 12 - 1, RW

Chain: 1 + 24 + 1, join to base of previous ring.

Tie to paper clip by pulling up ball thread and passing shuttle through the loop.

Tighten up and make sure it does not flip around the clip, make second half ds.

Tie to paper clip one more time.

Continue to the body,

Chain: 1 - 1, [(1st half ds x 2), picot, (2nd half ds x 2) - this creates a 2nd picot on the opposite side of the 1st picot for joining the 2 sides of the body together to create a slim body; omit this if you want a rounded body], 15, lock stitch, 5 - 3 + 5 - 3 + 5, lock stitch, 15, [(2nd half ds x 2), + (1st half ds x 2)], join to the base of head.

Finally the wings,

Chain: 18 - 3 + 8

Join to picot on the body, bring thread to opposite side of body and tat the next wing.

Chain: 8 - 3 + 18

Cut & tie. Sew in ends. Shape & block, starch if desired.

Variations: Use Catherine Wheel joins and coiled chain for the head, add 2 picots on the skirt for legs, add decorative picots to the wings

