

Paper Clip for Fathers' Day © Ellen Lai, May 2009

Abbreviations

-	picot
+	join
ds	double stitch
CTM	continuous thread method
RW	reverse work
SLT	shoe lace trick



Material:

1 large paper clip

1 small paper clip

For the word "Dad": Size 20 or 30 thread wind on 1 shuttle in CTM.

For the crown: Gold metallic thread wind on 1 or 2 shuttles.

3 beads for the crown or simply tat Josephine Ring in place of bead.

Special technique used: Split chain

Alphabet D

Start chain with a small paper clip to leave a small space for joining later.

Chain A: 2 – 6 – 1, (either 1st half or 2nd half of the ds) x 10, join to last picot, 3

Tie to big 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.

Continue chain.

Chain B: 12, remove small paper clip and join chain to this small space, 1 – 2, join to 1st picot of Chain A, 9

Alphabet a

SLT

Chain: 7, RW

Ring: 7, tie to large paper clip, 6.

SLT

Chain 3, tie to large paper clip.

Alphabet d

Chain: 12, leave a length of thread for (space for about 8 ds) and tie to previous tie on paper clip.

Split chain: 3, tie to large paper clip by pulling up shuttle thread and passing shuttle through the loop, continue split chain with another 5 ds.

Cut ball thread and use this as the core thread, and the original shuttle thread as the ball thread.

Incorporate the magic thread here to hide one of the ends. You may want to finger tat to finish this chain.

Chain: 7

Either continue with the crown or;
Tie and cut if not continuing with the crown. Sew in 2nd thread end. Block and starch to shape word.

Crown

Method 1: Use the metallic thread on 2 shuttles in CTM.

In this case, you'll have to tie the metallic thread to the end of the "d" and hide the thread end from the "d" as you tat the 1st chain.

If using beads; leave the 3 beads on the shuttle thread.

Method 2: Use the core thread from the "d" to continue as the core thread for the crown and use the metallic thread as the ball thread.

In this case, you may want to do all subsequent joins with the ball thread only so that the coloured thread will not be noticeable.

Leave the 3 beads on the metallic ball thread.

Chain: 1 – 9 – 10, join to remaining picot on alphabet "D", turn work, SLT.

Chain: leave a small picot, 6 – 6, join to last picot on previous chain, 6 – 4 – 6, join to same picot on previous chain, 6 – 6, join to the other picot on previous chain.

Chain: 9, bead, 6 + 6 + 6, bead, 6 + 6 + 6, bead, 9.

Tie to beginning and cut.

