

Owl on a Paper Clip © Ellen Lai, Jul 2009

Material: Size 20 or 30 thread in CTM, wind onto 2 shuttles
 1 large paper clip
 Very small amount of felt and glue
 A pair of plastic eyes

The sample was tatted with Atin Basak size 50 thread, with 7 mm eyes.



Starting with the wing.

Start chain with a small paper clip in order to hold the chain.

Chain: 9 ds, small picot, 4 ds, lock stitch (ie. 1st half of the ds unflipped to form the tip of the wing), 18 ds

Remove paper clip and join to this space.

Moving on to the head, using pearl tating:

Add a double thread as the core thread for the following pearl tatted chain:

On the outside curve	On the inside curve	Remark
8 ds	6 ds, long picot approximately 5/8" in length horizontally, 2 ds	The long picot will form the brow for the owl.
Lock stitch, 9 ds, small picot, 2 ds, small picot, 1 ds	6 ds, join to the long picot, 5 ds, join to the start of the pearl tating.	The lock stitch will form the sharp point of the ear. This completes half the head.
1 ds, join to last picot of the pearl tatted chain of the head, 1 ds, small picot, 1 ds	3 ds	This is a short neck to bridge to the 2 nd half of the head.
1 ds, join to the last picot of the bridging neck chain, 2 ds, join to corresponding picot on the other half of the head, 9 ds.	5 ds, long picot approximately 5/8" in length horizontally, 6 ds.	Start of 2 nd half of the head The long picot will form the brow for the owl.

On the outside curve	On the inside curve	Remark
Lock stitch, 8ds	2 ds, join to long picot, 6 ds, join to the end of the bridging neck chain.	The lock stitch will form the sharp point of the ear. This completes the 2 nd half of the head.

Don't cut off the core thread. I continue the normal chain for the body using 3 threads as the core thread (2 are the core thread used for the pearl tatting and 1 of the shuttle thread).

Chain: 18 ds

[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.

Repeat tie one more time.]

Chain: 3 ds

Repeat [].

Chain: 8 ds

Cut & tie to picot on the wing. You can sew or glue the threads ends to the back. Block the owl first if necessary.

Now glue the owl onto the felt, leave to dry and cut it out.

Cut a small triangle for the beak, and 2 layers as feathers for the body and glue on.

Glue on the eyes.

