

## Jolly Sun Paper Clip © Ellen Lai, Sep 2009

**Material:** Size 20 thread (small amount wind on 1 shuttle in CTM), 1 large paper clip, 1 pair of plastic eyes (5 mm diameter).

**Notes:** The face of the sun is tatted using **Catherine Wheel joins** to create the perfect joins for coiled chain. If one can't manage this Catherine Wheel join, go ahead to join the coiled chain with **normal shuttle join**.

In order to create the bends, the concave and convex curves of the sun rays, decide which direction each chain will face and turn your work accordingly when tating the respective chain, and use lock stitch at the turn to create the point.

For the lock stitch, I only tat the 1st half of a ds unflipped.

All the picots are very small and meant for joining only.

Tat the face of the sun first, starting at the center of the face.

Begin with a loop of thread pinched with your left hand and to the left side of your left hand (you will need to pass the shuttle through this loop later).

Chain: 2 - 3 (the picot is for the Catherine Wheel join later)

Bring the shuttle up through the loop and pull the shuttle thread such that the chain will form into a ring. Leave a small space for the Catherine Wheel join later.

Continue chain, always in a clockwise direction and working the Catherine Wheel join between double stitches wherever you think necessary to maintain a nice firm coil. Work about 4 rounds, and on the 5<sup>th</sup> round, put in a small picot on every 3, 4 or 5 ds, and remember to tie to the large paper clip.

[ To tie to the paper clip, pull up ball thread and pass 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 by repeating [ ].

Continue with one final round, tating concave and convex chains (average chain is about 8 ds, lock stitch, 8 ds) and shuttle-join to the picots on the previous round to create the sun rays. Play around with the stitch count to make some chains longer and some shorter, and the direction the chains are facing.

Join to the beginning of the final round. Cut & tie, sew in the ends.

Block it first, and glue the eyes on.

Sample on the left is tatted with size 20 thread & 5mm eyes, while the right one is tatted with size 10 thread and 7mm eyes.

