



Ruth Perry's bug to share at Palmetto Tat days 2009

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Begin with one shuttle thread cut from the ball thread. Tat 3 unflipped stitches second half first, first half second (like the second half of a split ring: Split Ring Double Stitches).

To make a TCP (Twisted Cord Picot) twist the shuttle thread the same direction as the twist in the thread (S or Z twist). Measure the length you want the picot to be and hold at that spot with your fingernail, then fold the thread back on itself and hold it in the pinch close to the beginning of the picot. Tat the next SRDS, then let go of the picot. It will twist itself into twisted cord. To center this twisted cord picot twist it one way then the other after all the tatting is finished. It should now be even and centered.

Make 6 legs for a bug, or 8 for a spider. There is a picot for the butt, and the other side is a mirror image of the first. When you get back to the beginning of the ring, close this ring by pulling the tail, not the shuttle.

Finally, tie a square knot to center the thread ends, then tat whatever kind of head you want as a split ring (2 * 1 / 2 * 1), or even a Celtic knot (10 * 10 * 10).

(*) IS A BEAD, or just use a picot for the eyes as in the sample above. Weave the celtic knot by tying in an overhand knot, then tie the ends around the beginning of the head. Work in the ends, or tie them in a double overhand knot and leave them for antennae if you did a split ring.

