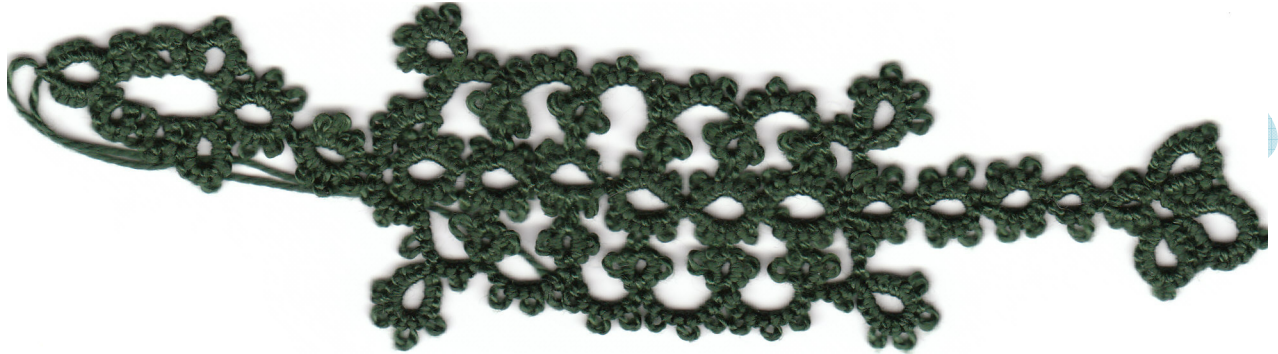


Navi-Gator

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modified from a pattern
by Anne Bruvold



With many thanks to Anne Bruvold for the idea that started this Navi-Gator. Please see the original pattern at: <http://www.nuperelle.net/drager/monstre/MinidragerEng.pdf>

Make as many Navi-gators you like and keep them or give them away. These Navi-Gators don't like being sold. If you sell the Navi-Gators you make, they'll return and make many short trips in your tatting stash. If somebody wants you to tat a Navi-Gator (or anything else—Navi-Gators will steer them wrong if they don't give you at least twice the thread it takes to make one)...

Navi-Gators can be any color you choose.

Now the changes I made to Anne Bruvold's awesome Flying Minor Norwegian Dragons.

Symbols Used

R = Ring

C = Chain

DS = Double Stitch

SR = Split ring, the two halves are separated by /

SSSR = Single shuttle split ring with second half separated by /

(<http://www.e.n.e.btinternet.co.uk/SSSR.pdf> is a good tutorial)

Numbers = the number of double stitches (ds)

P or - = Picot (i.e. 3-3 = 3 ds, picot, 3 ds)

+ = Join (i.e. 3+3 = 3 ds, join to picot, 3 ds)

~ = is an alligator join (as in: 3~3). You do the alligator join in this manner: 3 ds, bring one thread in front of and the other to the back of crossing thread, continue with 3 ds on the other side of the crossing thread

The tail and back

First decision, after color of Navi-gator...Chose the tail style—club or plain gator tail

Start by using one shuttle.

The club -gator tail

Make a clover

R: 7-3-4.

R: 4+5-5-4. Join to the last p at the previous R

R: 4+3-7. Join to the last p at the previous R.

For a plain -gator tail

Instead of a clover just teardrop shaped ring.

R: 4-5—5-4. Make the center picot about twice the size of the side picots so it gives a nice point to the tail.

The tail and the back

SSSR: 2-2/2-2. 2 times

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SSSR: 2-2-2-2/2-2-2-2. 7 times

The body

The body is made of chains and rings that goes around the SSSRs with 3 p on each side of the rings

You need the second shuttle or ball thread for the chains.

First half

C: 2-2-2+. Join to the middle p on the last SSSR

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R: 4ds (4 p sep by 1 ds) 4 ds) (foot see changes below for other kinds of feet)

C: 2-2-2-2

*R: 2-2+2-2. down join to the middle p on the next SSSR

C: 2-2-2-2.* Repeat 4 times until 1 SSSR with 3p is left.

C: 2-2

R: 4ds (4 p sep by 1 ds) 4 ds)

C: 2-2~. Bring one thread in front of and the other thread to the back of the thread between the last 3 p SSSR and first 2 p SSSR

Make the second half of the body to correspond to the first half.

The neck and head

Carry on using one shuttle, continuing using split rings for the neck:.

SR: 2-2-2-2/2-2-2-2. once or twice as you desire...picture shows 2 Continue with only 1 shuttle...DO not cut second shuttle off as head is made in 2 halves.

R: 2+2-2-2 Join the ring to the neck ring

R: 2+3-2. Join to the last p on the previous R

R: 2+3-2. Join to the last p on the previous R

Using other shuttle make second half of head to correspond to first half

S R: 2+6/6+2. Join to the last p on the previous R on each side.

Tie 2 threads together and work ends in.

(Ends in picture are not yet worked in...{grin sheepishly})

Changes I would make as I think the legs look a little stubby ...make floating rings for feet off the (foot) rings as listed above. . Leg rings 5 ds then floating ring with 3 ds before the toes (picots) as for the leg in pattern then second half of leg ring (5 ds) using wrapping method..

To use in navigation sit Navi-Gator on map to show where you are going or place him on the dashboard so he can see the road... Navi-gators must be male as they never ask for directions...

The Navi-gator was made for my daughter Beth. Changes Beth suggests: use only 1 ring for neck, omit clover aka "club" on tail, make legs a bit longer as in the changes above.

If you need help let me know. Cynthia Stevenson tatingaway@gmail.com or brasthatfit@yahoo.com

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This is an idea originally shown by Matthew Takeda.

Tat the split ring to the mid point normally.

Pull out a loop of thread from the shuttle. This loop you will hold and work with just as if it were a shuttle.

Tat normally the remaining ds using the loop/shuttle.

Close the ring using the part of the loop thread which makes it tighten up.

Now spread the loop open and pull it physically over the ring and the shuttle to the far side of the ring you have just made.

Release the loop.

Take hold of the shuttle and pull straight up to tighten the loop which will disappear as it tightens up at the base of the ring.

