

## **Bird on a Wire**

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*Note: I first made these little birds some time back – but this finalized version was first tatted at the August 2006 meeting of the Palmetto Tatters Guild.*

### **Materials:**

- ◆ a yard or so of thread (original used size 10; smaller thread will result in a smaller bird, and will require less thread) on a shuttle
- ◆ a plastic-coated paperclip

### **Skills:**

- ◆ Rings, split rings
- ◆ Sized picots
- ◆ Joining onto an object instead of a picot

Pull off enough to start a ring, and leave 5-6" of bare thread hanging; you'll need it for the split ring to come.

R 3----1---1- - 1- 4 ---- + (to the paperclip) --- + (to the paperclip)  
---- 4 – 1 - - 1 ---1----3 cl R. DNRW.

SR 7 / 5 cl R.

Trim off ends with the shuttle thread a tiny bit longer than the other; this makes the beak.

### **Notes**

- ◆ Because of the settings of the software, there may be some peculiar spacing between the dashes! Four dashes indicate a very long picot; three, a moderately long picot; two, a picot a bit smaller, and one, a smaller picot yet. This gives the impression of rapidly beating wings.
- ◆ The two joins form the bird's feet, clamped to the paperclip, while the three long picots hang down behind, like tailfeathers.
- ◆ Try some variations – perhaps with fewer wing picots, or with one long picot for one long tailfeather. Add some picots to the head for a crest!