



Little Beaded Dragonfly
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Materials Needed:

- 2 shuttles
- 2 yards size 20 thread
- 2 filament loops or excess thread for magic thread trick
- 4 glass spear beads for wings, 5/8" long, about 16 mm
- 2 teardrop beads for eyes, 3 to 4 mm.

Abbreviations:

- R Ring
- C Chain
- SCMR Self-closing mock ring
- SS Switch shuttles

I used 4 mm miracle beads in the upper left dragonfly. I felt they were a little too big, so I switched to slightly smaller teardrop beads. The 4 mm beads may work fine for size 10 thread. The models were tatted using size 20 thread and are about 1 1/4 inches long and 1 1/2 inches wide.

Wind about 1/3 yard onto shuttle 1. Thread beads in the following order: 2 wing beads, 2 eye beads, 2 wing beads. Wind the rest of the thread onto shuttle 2, leaving enough working thread between the two shuttles.

With shuttle 1 as the working shuttle and shuttle 2 acting as the ball, slide all beads toward shuttle 2.

With Shuttle 1, SCMR [C 3, slide wing bead into place as if it were a picot, C 2, wing bead, C4. SS. With Shuttle 2, make loop for ring making sure both eye beads are within the loop. R 2, slide eye bead into place as if it were a picot, 4, eye bead, 2. Close ring. SS. With shuttle 1 continue with C 4, wing bead, C 2, wing bead, C 3.] Close SCMR.

For tail, reverse work and reverse the order of the 2 halves of the double stitch. Place both filament loops with the tail ends pointing toward the dragonfly body and the loop ends pointing away from the dragonfly body. Make sure the filament loops are not intertwined. Tat 12 ds over the filament loops. Cut threads and tie a knot. Place end through first filament loop and pull filament loop through tail. Place second end through second filament loop and pull filament loop through tail. Cut excess thread.

Notes:

Filament loops are nothing more than fishing line tied into a loop.

A loop of fine thread will also work.

Filament loop instructions:

<http://www.geocities.com/ds9designs>

SCMR instructions:

<http://www.geocities.com/gr8shuttles>

