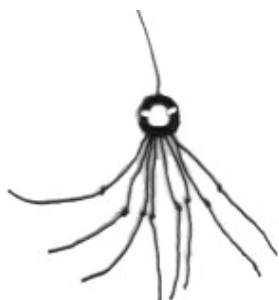


This is the first part of three sets of bugs which were taught at Palmetto Tat Days in 2005. I am hoping that the three sets will provide useful teaching tools for tatters. Although not all techniques are covered - many are. If you wish to use these for teaching purposes I would be grateful for all feedback and comments.



Pattern A - An Itsy Bitsy Spider



Pattern B - Fatty Butts



Pattern C - Batty Fly



Pattern D - Batty Buttons

The first four patterns progress from a simple ring (A) on to rings and chains (B) to rings on chains (C) with, finally, adding buttons to the chains. All four have beads on the core threads for eyes.

Abbreviations

Wsh1	Working shuttle 1	Wsh2	Working shuttle 2
vsp	Very small picot	Vlp	Very Long Picot
+	join	B	bead moved into place
But	add button	RoCh	Ring on chain - use the second shuttle to make R
Lj	Lock join	T & C	Tie and Cut

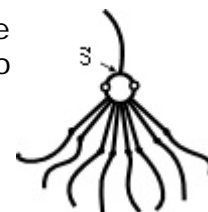
Itsy Bitsy Spider - Pattern A is a shuttle only critter made with beads on the core thread for eyes. Only 1 shuttle is needed and 2 beads for eyes. Add beads to shuttle before starting & keep them wound on shuttle until required

R: 4 B 6 Vlp(1") 2 Vlp(1") 2 Vlp(1") 2 Vlp(1") 6 B 4

Cut leaving long end to hang.

Finishing

Cut each Vlp & tie a knot about half way down



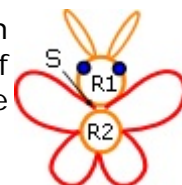
Fatty Butts – Pattern B is a simple critter made from rings & chains with beads on core thread for eyes. Lock joins are used for joining chains to body. 2 colours of thread, 1 shuttle & ball with 2 beads for eyes on shuttle. Keep beads on the shuttle until required. Start with head

R1: 6 B 1 Vlp(3/4") 4 Vlp(3/4") 1 B 6

R2: 4 vsp 4 vsp 4 vsp 4

Ch: 30 +Lj(3rd vsp R2) 16 +Lj(2nd vsp R2) DNRW

Ch: 16 +Lj(1st vsp R2) 30 +Lj(base R2) T & C

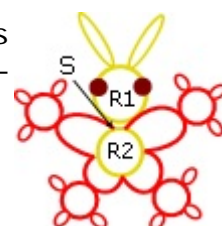


Batty Fly – Pattern C This is a related species to pattern B which has rings thrown off chains. 2 shuttles are needed in 2 colours. 2 beads on Wsh1 – keeping beads wound on the shuttle until required

Head – using Wsh1

R1: 6 B 1 Vlp(3/4") 4 Vlp(3/4") 1 B 6

Body - using Wsh2 as chain thread until needed for a ring on the chain (RoCh)



R2: 4 vsp 4 vsp 4 vsp 4

Ch: 8 RoCh(3 - 3 - 3 - 3) 8 +LJ(3rd vsp R2) 4 RoCh(3 - 3 - 3 - 3) 4 +LJ(2nd vsp R2) 4 RoCh(3 - 3 - 3 - 3) 4 +LJ(1st vsp R2) 8 RoCh(3 - 3 - 3 - 3) 8 +(base R2) T & C

Batty buttons – Pattern D is similar to B & C but with buttons added to chains. Needed are a shuttle and ball with 2 colours, 2 small beads for eyes (on shuttle thread) and 4 small buttons 1/4" (2 or 4 hole). Keep bead for eyes wound on the shuttle until required.

Adding buttons:- take thread up from back of button, through hole & back down through opposite hole. Put shuttle through this loop & snug tight.

Head

R1: 6 B 1 Vlp(1") 4 Vlp(1") 1 B 6

Body

R2: 4 vsp 4 vsp 4 vsp 4

Ch: 10 +(But) 10 +Lj(3rd vsp R2) 10 +(But) 10 +Lj(2nd vsp R2) 10 +(But) 10 +Lj(1st vsp R2) 10 +(But) 10 T & C to base ring 2

Tip bring thread around front of button after join

Finishing knot long picots for Antennae

