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Crawfish

The body is one large ring; so take care during construction that your work does not twist. Halfway through the ring, two black seed beads are placed for eyes. The tail consists of four rings coming out of each other. This simple, yet remarkably aesthetic technique is easy to achieve. Your finished project is a crawfish unsurpassed in quality!

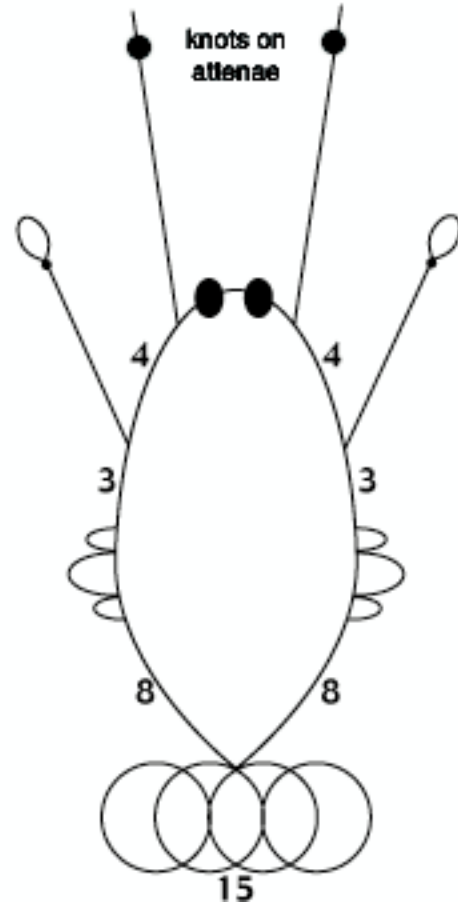
Begin with the body. Using the specially sized “Z” card will create a symmetrical design. Be sure to thread your two black seed beads onto the shuttle thread so they can be placed during construction.

(Notes on pattern)

P w/ft – create a picot using the “Z” card at the width labeled “ft”

P w/mid – create a picot using the “Z” card at the width labeled “mid”

P w/length – create a picot using the “Z” card at the width labeled “length”



BEGIN BODY

R: 8, P w/ft, P w/mid, P w/ft, 3, P w/length, 4, P w/length, do last half of double stitch, slide bead into place, last half of double stitch, join to the previously made P, 4, P w/length, 3, P w/ft, P w/mid, P w/ft, 8. Close. (Take care that your work does not twist and the picots are all lying to the outside of the ring.)

TAIL – read through for best results with the rings that come in & out of each other

R: 15. Before closing the ring, drop your shuttle through the ring. A loop can be created with the thread that connects this ring to the shuttle. Use this loop to go around your hand for the next ring. The appearance will be that each ring is coming out of the next and they are spiraling. Make 4 of these rings, dropping the shuttle through each time.

You are not quite done yet as some added work to the long picots needs to be done to finish your masterpiece! A small crochet hook is the tool of choice to keep frustration to a minimum. Why? you ask. Well, tying a knot in the first and last long picot will create claws and is not easily accomplished. Your determination will go far. The last touch is to tighten down the middle long picot so that a short bridge of thread connects across the back of the eyes and a long loop remains. Cut the long loop in half to create the antennae. Place a knot in each antenna to keep the picot from slipping out of the join and to complete the crawfish.