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The gecko is worked in one pass and uses an alligator join in one place. The alligator join is simply just taking the one shuttle thread behind and the other shuttle thread in front of a given place (in this case the space between two SR's) and then continuing with the chain.

For a two coloured gecko - use a shoe lace trick before each SR on the body. If you want to add beads to the SR's then please refer to [Tonya's method](#) which can be found by clicking on her name!

Using a number 20 thread he measures 5" and using a number 40 4 ½". The very small geckos, using an 80 thread, work up to 3 ½" in length.

Abbreviations

R	ring	Ch	chain
- or p	picot	SR	split ring
/	after the / make 2nd half of SR	MB	move bead on core thread close to last ds worked
Lj	join made with shuttle thread	vsp	very small picot (smallest you can make)
T & C	Tie and cut	+	join
Sh1	Shuttle 1 (shuttle in right hand)	Sh2	Shuttle 2 (shuttle in right hand)
Rw	reverse work	Btwn	between

Add 2 beads (larger than seed beads) to Sh2 for the eyes before starting.

NB if using two colours please ensure that Wsh2 is being used when starting the chain after SR28.

Tail

R1: 4 - 3 vsp 1
 SR2: 1 + (vsp R1) 3 vsp 1 / 5
 SR3: 1 + (vsp SR2) 3 vsp 1 / 5
 SR4: 1 + (vsp SR3) 4 vsp 1 / 6
 SR5: 1 + (vsp SR4) 5 vsp 1 / 7
 SR6: 1 + (vsp SR5) 6 vsp 1 / 8
 SR7: 1 + (vsp SR6) 8 / 9
 SR8: 8 vsp 1 / 8 vsp 1

Body (upper working from right to left) (first ring is @ bottom)

R9: 1 + (vsp SR8) 3 vsp 3 vsp 1 Rw SS
 R10: 1 + (vsp SR8) 3 vsp 3 vsp 1 Rw SS
 SR11: 1 + (vsp R9) 6 vsp 1 / 1 + (vsp R10) 6 vsp 1
 R12: 1 + (vsp SR11) 3 vsp 3 vsp 1 Rw SS
 R13: 1 + (vsp SR11) 3 vsp 3 vsp 1 Rw SS
 SR14: 1 + (vsp R12) 8 vsp 1 / 1 + (vsp R13) 8 vsp 1
 R15: 1 + (vsp SR14) 5 vsp 5 vsp 1 Rw SS
 R16: 1 + (vsp SR14) 5 vsp 5 vsp 1 Rw SS
 SR17: 1 + (vsp SR14) 8 vsp 1 / 1 + (vsp SR14) 8 vsp 1
 R18: 1 + (vsp SR17) 7 vsp 7 vsp 1 Rw SS
 R19: 1 + (vsp SR17) 7 vsp 7 vsp 1 Rw SS
 SR20: 1 + (vsp R18) 8 vsp 1 / 1 + (vsp R19) 8 vsp 1
 R21: 1 + (vsp SR20) 9 vsp 9 vsp 1 Rw SS
 R22: 1 + (vsp SR20) 9 vsp 9 vsp 1 Rw SS

SR23: 1 + (vsp R21) 8 vsp 1 / 1 + (vsp R22) 8 vsp 1
R24: 1 + (vsp SR23) 7 vsp 7 vsp 1 Rw SS
R25: 1 + (vsp SR23) 7 vsp 7 vsp 1 Rw SS
SR26: 1 + (vsp R24) 4 vsp 5 / 1 + (vsp R25) 4 vsp 5
SR27: 5 vsp 5 / 5 vsp 5

Nose – Upper Face

SR28: 5 vsp 5 / 5 vsp 5 SS
Ch: vsp 2 vsp 8 vsp 2 Lj (beginning of this Ch) 2 + (vsp on Ch) 3 Lj (vsp SR28) 4 MB 6 Rw
R29: 6 + (SR27) 6 Rw
Ch: 12 Lj (SR26) 6 Lj (R25)

Front leg (top) – block tatting

Ch1: 6 vsp 6 Lj (R22)
Ch2: 1 vsp 5 Lj (Ch1)
Ch3: 1 vsp 5 Lj (Ch2) 2
Ch4: 1 vsp 4 Lj (Ch3)
Ch5: 1 vsp 4 Lj (Ch4)
Ch6: 1 vsp 4 Lj (Ch5) 2
Ch7: 1 vsp 4 Lj (Ch6)
Ch8: 1 vsp 4 Lj (Ch7)
Ch9: 1 Lp 1 Lp 1 Lp 1 Lp 1 Lp 1 Lj (Ch8)

Continue Ch along back of leg joining to vsp's on Ch's

Ch: 3 Lj (Ch6) 2 Lj (Ch4) 4 Lj (Ch2) 3 Lj (R22) 10 Lj (R19) 10 Lj (R16) 10 Lj (R13)

Back leg (top) – block tatting

Ch1: 2 vsp 6 Lj (R10)
Ch2: 1 vsp 5 Lj (Ch1)
Ch3: 1 vsp 5 Lj (Ch2)
Ch4: 1 vsp 5 Lj (Ch3)
Ch5: 1 vsp 5 Lj (Ch4)
Ch6: 1 vsp 5 Lj (Ch5)
Ch7: 1 vsp 5 Lj (Ch6)
Ch8: 1 vsp 5 Lj (Ch7)
Ch9: 8 vsp 4 Lj (Ch8)
Ch10: 1 vsp 4 Lj (Ch9)
Ch11: 1 vsp 4 Lj (Ch10)
Ch12: 1 vsp 4 Lj (Ch11)
Ch13: 1 vsp 4 Lj (Ch12)
Ch14: 1 vsp 4 Lj (Ch13)
Ch15: 1 Lp 1 Lp 1 Lp 1 Lp 1 Lp 1 Lj (Ch14)

Continue Ch along back of leg joining to vsp's on Ch's

Ch: 2 Lj (Ch12) 2 Lj (Ch10) 2 Lj (Ch8) 2 Lj (Ch6) 2 Lj (Ch4) 2 Lj (Ch2) 1 Lj (R10) 10 alligator
join btwn SR7 & SR8 10 Lj R9

Back leg (lower) – block tatting

Ch1: 2 vsp 6 Lj (R12)
Ch2: 1 vsp 5 Lj (Ch1)
Ch3: 4 vsp 5 Lj (Ch2)
Ch4: 1 vsp 5 Lj (Ch3)
Ch5: 2 vsp 5 Lj (Ch4)
Ch6: 1 vsp 5 Lj (Ch5)
Ch7: 1 vsp 5 Lj (Ch6)
Ch8: 1 vsp 5 Lj (Ch7)
Ch9: 1 vsp 5 **NB this Ch does NOT join to previous row**
Ch10: 1 vsp 5 Lj (Ch9)
Ch11: 1 vsp 5 Lj (Ch10)
Ch12: 1 vsp 5 Lj (Ch11)
Ch13: 1 vsp 5 Lj (Ch12)
Ch14: 1 vsp 5 Lj (Ch13)

Ch15: 1 Lp 1 Lp 1 Lp 1 Lp 1 Lp 1 Lj (Ch14)

Continue Ch along front of leg joining to vsp's on Ch's

Ch: 2 Lj (Ch13) 2 Lj (Ch11) 2 Lj (Ch9) 8 Lj (Ch8) 2 Lj (Ch6) 2 Lj (Ch4) 2 Lj (Ch2) 1 Lj (R12)

Continue chain along lower body

Ch: 4 Lj (R15) 8 Lj (R18) 10 Lj (R21)

Front leg (bottom) – block tatting

Ch1: vsp 6 Lj (R24)

Ch2: 1 vsp 5 Lj (Ch1)

Ch3: 4 vsp 5 Lj (Ch2)

Ch4: 1 vsp 4 Lj (Ch3)

Ch5: 3 vsp 4 Lj (Ch4)

Ch6: 1 vsp 4 Lj (Ch5)

Ch7: 3 vsp 4 Lj (Ch6)

Ch8: 1 vsp 4 Lj (Ch7)

Ch9: 1 Lp 1 Lp 1 Lp 1 Lp 1 Lp 1 Lj (Ch8)

Continue Ch along front of leg joining to vsp's on Ch's

Ch: Lj (Ch6) 2 Lj (Ch4) 2 Lj (Ch2) 1 Lj (R24) 6 Lj (SR26) 12 Rw

Lower Face

R30: 6 + (SR27) 6 Rw

Ch: 6 MB (core thread) 4 Lj (SR28) 3 + (nose Ch) 2 T & C (vsp base nose Ch)

For further help or if you find any mistakes [please email me](#)