Celtic Tatted Baby Pig

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I did this cute little guy a few years ago but did not write the instructions until 10/2019. Since this is the year of the pig, how about an orange Halloween pig?

Wind a couple of yards of thread onto one Shuttle & ball CTM.

Tail and Celtic knot
Chain 25 – 20 – 20 – 20 – 20
Tighten the stitches as you tat so that the tail curls around quite a bit as shown, and the stitches for the knot curl a little less than the tail as shown in the photo on the right.

Weave the Celtic Knot then alligator join through the first picot after the 25 stitches of the tail.

The arrow indicates the shuttle and ball threads. The blue line is the stitches that begin the Celtic Knot, and the red line is the chain where the chain and stitches for the tail weave through.

The photo on the right shows the Celtic knot completed and the alligator join at the tail then two more DS of the next chain are tatted. This is the same knot as used in the Celtic Earring in the green book and the Celtic owl.

Pig Body Outline and Feet
Continue tatting the chain around the feet and belly:
Chain 10 + 2 – 2 – 2 +
These two joins are to the next picot of the Celtic Knot to form the hind foot.
Chain 8 + 2 – 2 – 2 +
These two joins are to the next picot of the Celtic knot to make the front leg.

The photo here shows the progress so far. The pig’s feet are on top at this point in the work. The picots of the feet should be very small, just big enough to look like pig feet.
Head and snout
Chain 6 turn
Ring (3 – 3 – 3 – 3) turn
Chain 2 + 4 + 6

Ear
Make a Cluny leaf that hangs down for the ear. Use whatever method you wish to do the cluny.

Back
Chain 2 and then Join to the final picot of the Celtic knot.
Chain 12 for the back. Tie the ends through the picot at the tail. Hide the ends and cut close to the work, or use the ends to sew onto fabric or mount on a pin back. The photo below has some mistakes: picots larger than I would like, gaposis, and I did not hide the ends. Everyone makes mistakes. I haven’t tatted much since my eye surgery, but I am just thankful I can still do it.

Enjoy!