Crocheted Dragonfly Pin

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Wire jewelry is so popular right now, and so is crochet. This quick-to-make crocheted bug uses wire in its wings and body along with Kreinik metallics to capture the iridescence of a real dragonfly. Wear your art out—wear it as a pin, or make two and attach to the tops of a purchased pair of shoes (slides or mules; we found a great pair of sage green ones at Wal-mart).

Materials needed:
- one reel Kreinik Tapestry (#12) Braid 085 Peacock
- one reel Kreinik Fine (#8) Braid 070 Mardis Gras
- 15 inches of 22-gauge craft wire
- sew-on pin back
- two beads (for eyes)
- beading thread and needle
- Tapestry needle
- wire cutters

Instructions:

BODY
Using Tapestry Braid 085, ch 16, sc in second ch from hook and in each remaining ch, placing 3 sc in last ch, then continue sc down other side of foundation. Ch.

WINGS (print out this diagram to use as a template)
Shape wire into 4 wing segments 1.25 inches long. Twist wire around intersection of wings and lay straight part along dragonfly body between rows of sc. If wire is too long, trim to be 1/8 of an inch shorter than body. Fold rows of sc together over wire and sc together, placing 3 sc at end to secure wire over wings. Cut braid, leaving a tail of approximately 12 inches.

Wire base

Using Fine Braid 070, work sc around the wire of each wing, sl st to body. Cut yarn, leaving a tail of at least 25 inches. Using a tapestry needle, work two rows of detached buttonhole stitch to fill in each wing. Sew on pin back with reserved 12-inch strand of body thread. Sew on beads for eyes.

Abbreviations
sc = single crochet
ch = chain
sl st = slip stitch