BOOKMARK NO.2, CLOTH STITCH FANS WITH CLOTH & TWIST EDGE AND SPIDERS

Materials
14 linked pairs 50 or 60 crochet cotton or 50/2 or 60/2 linen

The pricking for this bookmark has two diagonal rows of pinholes extending from the top pinhole, pinholes along the inner and outer boundaries of the fans and the two diagonal rows of pinholes extending along the outer boundaries of the last area of ground as for Bookmark No. 1. Each area of torchon ground within these has been replaced by a single pinhole, the centre of the spider, in the centre of the area surrounded by an oval shape that indicates a spider is to be made. There are also lines radiating from the centre of the spider, indicating its legs.

Figure 1 (left)
Bookmark no. 2

Figure 2 (right)
Bookmark no. 2 pricking

Adjust the size of the pricking until there are 10 squares per 2.5 cm (1 inch)
Setting in
Set in along the two diagonals extending from the top pinhole as for Bookmark No. 1.

Twisting the spider's legs
Count the number of legs on each of the four sides of the spider, in this case there are four. Then add more twists to each leg until each has this number. In this case each leg will have a total of four. The centre of this spider is made entirely of cloth stitches, there are no twists.

First half of the spider
Start by making a stitch with the centre two legs, then continue making stitches with one of these pairs across the remaining three legs from the other side. Return to the unused leg next to the centre pair and work it through the four pairs from the other side. Return to the third unused leg and work it across the pairs from the other side and repeat with the remaining unused leg. Place a pin between the two centre pairs and into the central pinhole. Firm up by holding one centre pair under tension and firming up the pairs from the other side. Then hold the other centre pair under tension and firm up the remaining pairs. this firming up may need to be repeated several times to achieve a good centre.

Second half of the spider
Repeat the process for making the first half. Now twist each leg to match the twists made before working the centre, in this case there are four.

Fans
Now the last two pairs are set in each side for the fans as for Bookmark No. 1. Then, after setting in the first row all subsequent rows are worked with the workers twisted once between the edge passive and the adjacent passive pair both when approaching the edge pin and after the pin when returning back across the fan; when approaching the headside of the fan the workers are twisted once before working through the edge passive pair. The pin is set up and the workers twisted twice as for Bookmark No. 1. The workers work back through the edge passives and are twisted once before continuing the row with cloth stitches. This results in a more attractive fan.

After completing both fans twist the pairs for the legs as before and make the spider. When the last spider has been completed finish with a tassel as for Bookmark No. 1.