

Christmas Camel
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DMC PERLE #12 Red, Green,
Gold or Tan (camel color)
SEED BEADS Gold and one
Black
2 SHUTTLES



RW reverse work , CL Close, BP beaded picot, BJ beaded join, SLT ShoeLace Trick

The "Saddle" of the camel can be made from any round tatting motif with or without beads. I added 6 picots at the bottom (1p, 1ds) so I could add fringe.

SADDLE : Red and green on shuttles with about 40 gold beads on the green thread.
You will need more gold seed beads for the beaded joins.

ROUND 1

Ring: 3ds, large picot, (3ds, large p) 2 times, 3ds. CL and RW

*Chain: 3ds, beaded picot, 3ds, p, 3ds, beaded picot RW

Ring: 3ds, beaded join to last picot of last ring, 3ds, join to large center picot, 3ds CL
RW* Repeat from * to * until there are 6 rings and chains. Cut, tie and hide ends.

ROUND 2

This consists of a pair of split rings using two shuttles, #1 red, #2 green with beads.
(Red always starts the Split rings).

Ring 1: 4ds, beaded join to any free picot of chain in Round 1, 4ds/ 2ds, BP, 2ds, p,
2ds, BP, 2ds CL

Ring 2: 8ds/2ds, BP, 2ds, p, 2ds, BP, 2ds CL

Repeat these two rings until there are 10 split rings, then repeat Ring 1 once and then
add the following chain for the bottom of the saddle where the fringe will be added.

Chain: (green stitches and picots) 2ds, (p, 1ds) 6 times, 1ds shuttle join to base of first
ring, tie, cut and hide ends.

BACK LEGS OF CAMEL : Gold, two shuttles

Ring: 3ds, join to 3rd split ring's center picot (hold saddle with fringe area up), 3ds, p,
3ds, p, 3ds. CL

*Chain: 6ds, RW

Ring: 3ds, join to last picot of last ring, 3ds, p, 3ds, p, 3ds CL RW* Repeat *-* 5 times

Chain: 6ds RW

Ring: 3ds, join, 3ds, join to top picot of last ring, 3ds, p, 3ds, p, 3ds CL RW

Chain: 6ds RW

Ring: 3ds, join, 3ds, p, 3ds, p, 3ds CL RW

Chain: 6ds RW

Ring: 3ds, join, 3ds, p, 3ds, p, 3ds CL RW

Chain 10 ds, curve forward and join to last p of previous ring, 15ds, join to top picot of previous ring. (This is the camel's back foot)

Chain: 6ds, join to top picot of ring (repeat 2 more times) (skip next top picot of next ring as it is already used)

Chain: 6ds, join, 6ds, join

Ring: 3ds, join to top p of 3rd ring of Camel's leg, 3ds, p, 3ds, p, 3ds, CL RW

Chain: 6ds, RW

Ring: 3ds, join to last ring, 3ds, join to center picot of 2nd Split Ring, 6ds, CL RW

Chain: 6ds, join to 1st Split Ring (closest to fringe chain) cut, tie and hide

RUMP AND TAIL AREA : ---gold two shuttles

Attach thread to next free picot of Split rings (#4 up from fringe area) (CTM works best)

Chain: 10ds, join to base of 1st ring of leg, 30 ds, tie, and cut threads about 4" long.

Cut 2 threads about 6" long, fold in half, tie at center of fold to tail thread, knot a second time (very tight knot) cut "tail hair" about ¾ to 1" long, whatever looks right for your camel.

FRONT LEGS, NECK , HEAD, AND SHOULDERS

Attach thread to the last free picot of "Saddle" in front of fringe area (SP Ring 11)(hold camel upside down)

Chain: 6ds RW

Ring: 3ds, p, 3ds, p, 3ds, p, 3ds CL RW

*Chain: 6ds RW

Ring: 3ds, join to last picot of previous ring, 3ds, p, 3ds, p, 3ds CL RW * Repeat from * to * 4 more times

Chain: 10ds, join to picot of previous ring, 15ds, join to top picot of same ring, (6ds, join to top picot of next ring) 5 times RW

Ring: 6ds, join, 6ds, join to SP Ring #10 of Saddle, 6ds, p, 6ds CL RW
(Beginning of Neck)

Chain: 10ds

Ring: 3ds, p, 3ds, p, 3ds, p, 3ds CL RW

Chain 6ds RW

Ring: 3ds, join, 3ds, p, 3ds, p, 3ds CL RW

Chain 6ds RW

Ring: 3ds, join, 3ds, p, 3ds, p, 3ds CL RW

Chain: 6ds RW

Ring: 3ds, join, 3ds, join to top picot of previous ring, 3ds, p, 3ds CL RW

Chain: 8ds RW

(Head)

Ring: 3ds, p, 3ds, p, 3ds p, 3ds CL RW

Chain 6ds RW

Ring: 3ds, join, 3ds, p, 3ds, p, 3ds CL RW

Chain 6ds RW

Ring: 3ds, join, 3ds, p, 3ds, p, 3ds CL RW

Chain 6ds RW

Ring: 3ds, join, 3ds, p, 3ds, p, 3ds CL RW

Chain: 15ds, join to last picot of previous ring, 8ds, join to top picot, 6ds, (chain continues as follows: (EYE) Make a beaded join(with black seed bead for the eye) to the middle picot of next ring, 6ds, join to top picot of 1st ring of "head"

(Ears) make two rings of 15 ds each.

(Top of neck to shoulders)

Chain: 15 ds, pull tight for arched look at back of head and join to picot of last ring, 15 ds, join to last picot of last "neck" ring, 9ds, join to top picot of middle "neck" ring(skip ring with no free picot),

3ds, join to next picot of ring closest to saddle. 6ds RW

Ring: 3ds, join to last ring, 6ds, join to picot of top "leg" ring, 6ds join to picot of Saddle Split ring, 6ds CL RW

Chain: 10ds, join to 4th split ring of Saddle, tie, cut and hide.

BRIDLE AND REINS : Brindle Green Chain. Attach under chin, chain enough stitches to start under chin, go all the way up and around muzzle of head, and join again to where you started Bridle. SLT. Reins: Red with beads.

Chain: (2ds, bead) 20 times, 2ds Leaving about 6" of thread, cut thread

Form a small loop just large enough to go over the neck and rejoin to "reins" and attach the ends of reins to themselves under neck (about 7 beads from end) tie, cut and hide

FRINGE

This is done like regular fringe, cut red and green in about 6" pieces and add two to each of the picots at bottom of saddle

FINISHING

You will need to stiffen the camel quite a bit for it to hold its shape. Form the feet and neck to look like the camel looks. Head is usually pretty straight out with the top of the head parallel to the ground. Allow the tail to hang down rather than stick out.