

The Nativity Set

CAMEL

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STITCH GUIDE

THE NATIVITY SET - THE CAMEL

We're closing in on this set. Thank you for asking me to do this – I have always wanted a needlepoint nativity – but never had time to do one.

The camel may end up being my favorite. I hope you like him too.

Let's start with all the basketweave or tent areas.

THE HEAD- The eyes and nose are black perle cotton. The inside of the ears is flesh perle cotton. Next, stitch the aqua on the halter followed by the gold. The ear and the shading into the neck are done in Burmilana (doubled). The topknot on the head is stitched with doubled Petite Peluche. The face is stitched with the lightest of the Trio camel colors (1 ply).

THE CHEST AND BACK LEGS – the shading is again done with 2-ply Burmilana. The small outlined chest area is done with the lightest Trio camel color. The back legs are stitched with the darker color camel Trio.

The last of the basketweave areas - THE TOP OF THE SADDLE – outline in gold, fill in that small space with the darker green Shimmer Ribbon Floss.

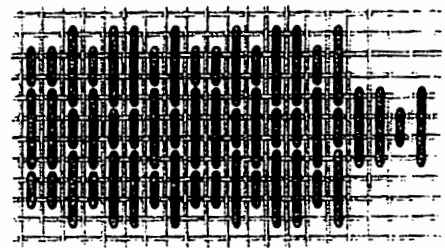
THE TAIL – SLANTED SATIN stitch all down the tail to cover using doubled Petite Peluche

Now, for the fun part...

BODY OF THE CAMEL AND FRONT LEGS:

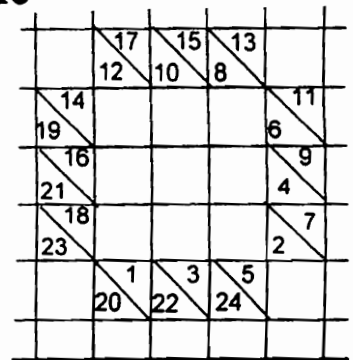
Using single-ply of the lighter camel colored Trio, stitch using the PARISIAN VARIATION II.

Parisian Variation II



TOP PURPLE PART OR SEAT – PADDED SATIN with Purple Trio 2-ply.

GOLD CIRCLES – using gold metallic, stitch the JESSICA stitch on both of them.

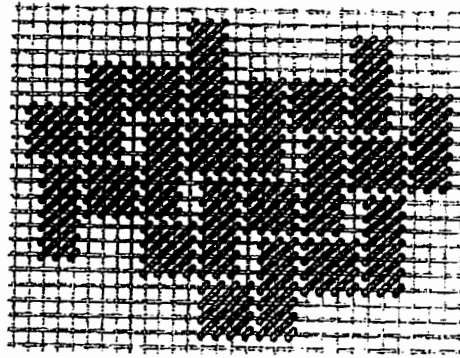


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LARGEST PURPLE AREA – Using single-ply purple Trio, stitch with the PARQUET STITCH.

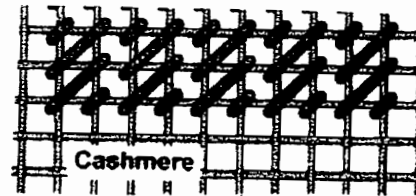
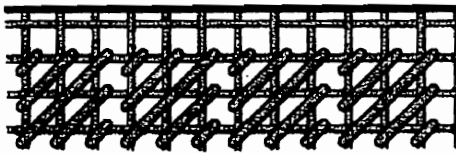
HINT: do the scotch stitch part diagonally down. Then, it is easy to see where the elongated cashmere stitches go for the next row. After all the purple is done, fill in the blank spaces with gold.

Parquet



AQUA AREA – using aqua Vineyard silk, stitch Scotch stitch. BOTTOM PURPLE AREA - use Cashmere stitch.

Scotch

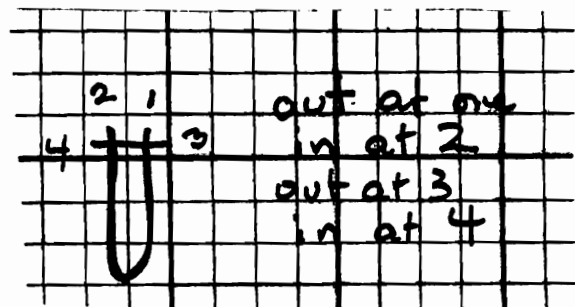


GREEN SIDES – stitch darker lines with darker green shimmer ribbon floss. Then fill in with long stitches slanted toward the center.

Do your background before you decorate the fellow.

DECORATIONS:

Make tassels on the bottom by doing the VELVET STITCH along the bottom of the saddle blanket – skipping 3 stitches between each. Clip those after it's all stitched.



Stitch bells at bottom points of green. Stitch gold beads over the Rhodes stitches.

Attach your aqua reins by sticking a bit of the wire through from the front to the back and bending back to hold. Do on both ends to hold. It will go over the stitched aqua reins you did earlier.

Make a final tassel where the reins meet the halter.

The camel seems to be the most peaceful participant in the Nativity Set. I, for one, am going to try to be a little more camel-like going into this hectic Fall season. You all can laugh when I fail miserably. Just keep reminding me to “think like the Camel”.