



Palmetto Tree Design w/Optional Saw Grass

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Trunk:

These sections are Split Rings. The number of sections vary based on how tall you want your tree.

(Georgia Seitz has a wonderful description of how to do a Split Ring in her book Tatting on the Edge...and Beyond, Book Four of the Ribbonwinners Series.)

Using shuttle1, R 10ds, open circle a little and drop shuttle1

Flip work in hand

Using shuttle2, starting where the first stitch was made on the ring, tat the second half of the double-stitch. Do not pull the shuttle thread. Do not let it

flip. Keep the core thread, the ring thread, tight. Slide the loop of the shuttle2 thread down. Then do the first half of the double stitch to complete this upside down double-stitch. Continue until you have made 10 ds.

Flip work on hand. Using shuttle1, pull ring Closed. The stitches should all look the same. (Beginners: Don't fret if your second side of the split ring tends to be a little larger than the first half. You WILL get the stitches more even as you go.)

R 8ds, FL, SS, 8sd, FL, SS, CI

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R 7ds, FL, SS, 7sd, FL, SS, CI

R 6ds, FL, SS, 6sd, FL, SS, CI

R 5ds, FL, SS, 5sd, FL, SS, CI

Top/Fronds:

R 25ds - 27ds ... Before Closing, using the picot as a "hinge," roll shorter side to the inside and pull closed

Flip work

27ds - 25ds Roll short side inside and CI and Flip

23ds - 25ds Roll and CI and Flip

25ds - 23ds Roll and CI and Flip

21ds - 23ds Roll and CI

Saw Grass (Optional):

Wind 2 shuttles CTM or leave ~18" for the trunk's split rings.

R 13 ds p 15 p separated by 1 ds (picots should be various sizes as they will be cut for the saw grass).

CI ring but use the 1st picot as a hinge so that the ring will "flatten."

Make a second ring.

Notes:

- Split Rings are also done very easily by hand without any shuttles. Unwind a yard or two of thread. Start in the middle of the thread and tat away.
- The directions are for the fronds to be worked as rings. However, since these rings are so large (and therefore can be difficult to close), they may be worked as chains and make a shuttle join/lock join into the top of the tree, then start the next frond.
- If a bead is added in the frond where the picot is, it will turn easier.
- Sometimes they don't really look like trees until they are blocked.
- Threads: Some like Cebelia 30, Altin Basak 50 or Pearl Cotton 8 or 12.
- These instructions are for shuttle tatters, needle tatting is much easier to accomplish a split ring. Instructions for needle tatters can be given as necessary