

4 Camels in a Needle

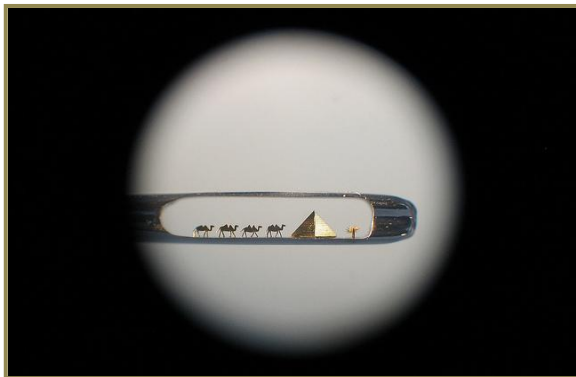
One of the world's most remarkable artists could put his entire life's work on the tips of your fingers. His name? Nikolai Syadristy. His craft? He is a microminiature sculptor.

What do microminiature sculptors create? Syadristy has poised four gold camels inside the eye of a needle – along with a pyramid and a palm tree, according to award-winning American journalist Howard Witt. He has inserted a flea-sized red rose inside a hollowed-out human hair, as if in a vase. On the flat edge of a cut human hair, Syadristy has balanced two tiny, working padlocks, complete with keys. He has copied a 600-note musical score on a chrysanthemum leaf the size of a grain of rice.



Microminiature artists must overcome huge obstacles. Think about it: One sneeze or cough, and months of work can disappear. Static electricity – the spark that comes when you walk on the rug in winter and touch something – is another challenge.

“When I was working on the oasis scene,” said Syadristy, “I lost two camels because of static electricity. An electrical surge is like a giant catastrophe for these miniatures.”



To carve a chess set balanced on the head of a pin or an electric motor smaller than the belly of an ant, Syadristy must wear thick, Coke-bottle-like glasses and peer through a microscope.

There are only five other microminiature artists in the world.

How difficult it is to work with little things!

Considering the work of these artists gives a person a greater appreciation of the amazing visualization and genius of a loving God.

It is through God's perfect control of far smaller details in creation – molecules, atoms and DNA, as examples – that He reveals His unimaginable power.

Consider this: The world's population is now more than 7 billion and continues to grow by 82 million people per year. And no two people are alike. You should feel special because you are unique, and God made you that way. He knows all about you, from the top of your head to the toes on your feet.

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And He loves you – intimately and supremely!

Are not two sparrows sold for a copper coin? And not one of them falls to the ground apart from your Father's will. But the very hairs of your head are all numbered (Matt. 10:29-30).

– Beecher Hunter