

Felt Christmas Tree Ornament

A mom-and-me project designed by Angie Wilhite

When the homework is finished, the dinner dishes are put away, and you feel like keeping the TV off one autumn evening, this is a fun project for you and your child to make together. It uses Kreinik's glow-in-the-dark colors, a little glue, and a little paint. Use it as an ornament for your holiday tree, a magnet for the fridge, or attach it to the ribbon on a Christmas present for a folk-art embellishment.



Materials needed:

- Kreinik Very Fine (#4) Braid 053F Lime, 055F Watermelon, 054F Lemon-Lime
- Felt: 4" x 8" pirate green, 4" x 6" cashmere tan (Rainbow Classic felt by Kunin was used)
- 7" x 7" Pellon® Wonder-Under® transfer web
- 7" x 7" Pellon® Fusible Fleece
- Forster® Woodsies™ small star
- Ceramcoat® yellow acrylic paint by Delta
- Beacon™ FABRI-TAC™ permanent adhesive
- Fine-point black permanent pen
- Fine sandpaper
- Pressing cloth

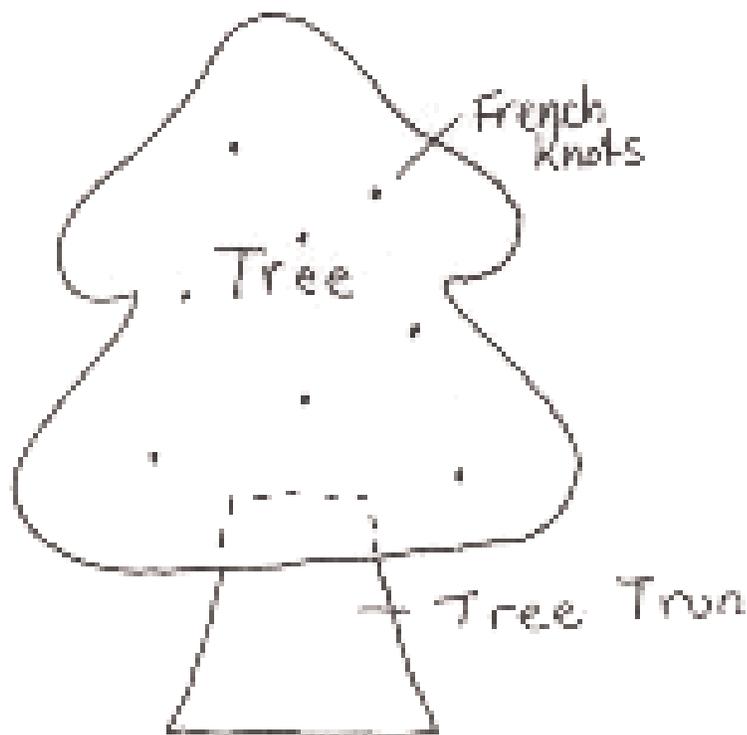
Instructions:

(Cover felt with pressing cloth before fusing)

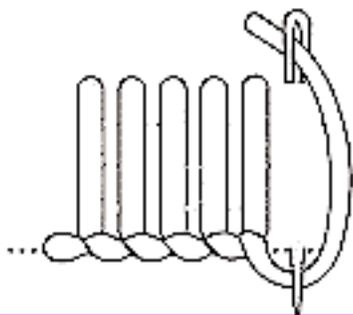
1. Print out these instructions and cut out the tree template.
2. Paint star yellow. Let dry. Draw short stitches around the edge of the star with a fine-point black pen.
3. Cut green felt into two 4" x 4" pieces and the cashmere tan felt into two 2" x 3" pieces. Cover felt with a pressing cloth before fusing. Following manufacturer's directions, apply transfer web to one piece of green felt and one piece of tan felt. Remove paper backing. Apply fusible fleece to the other pieces of green and tan felt. Position green and tan felt pieces wrong sides together and fuse. Pin tree pattern to green felt and tree trunk pattern to tan felt. Cut out felt pieces.
4. Using Very Fine (#4) Braid 053F, blanket stitch around outside edges of tree and tree trunk. (You may need to help your child get started stitching the blanket stitch, but they should get the hang of it pretty quickly.)
5. Using one strand of Very Fine Braid 055F, wrap thread around needle three times and sew 3 French knots on tree in various places. Repeat this procedure with the other colors of braid. (Since it's can be tricky keeping the wrapped thread on the needle as you create the knot, you may need to do this step for your child.)
5. Glue tree trunk to bottom of the tree. Glue star to top of the tree.

6. Cut at 10-inch length of Very Fine Braid 053F and knot end. Sew braid on back side of top of ornament, and pull thread to form a 6-inch loop. Knot end of braid in felt. Trim thread.

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Blanket stitch



French Knot

