

# Folk-Art Christmas Tree

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Enjoy this holiday **Freebie** project from Bird Brain Designs!

Enjoy a pleasant hour or two stitching up a folksy Christmas tree. Create a welcome hostess gift with your little tree stitched on a finished tea towel or finish as a tree ornament.

We have great tea towels you can stitch on or fabrics to make the ornament – both will come with the #8 Perle cotton needed to stitch as shown. Happy Holidays to you!

## ***FUN AND FREE!***

Just print out the project pattern and get to work.

### Transfer the Design

- If you wish, machine wash and dry and iron your tea towel before embroidery.
  - Tape your tree design on a light box or tape in a bright window.
    - Tape your fabric or tea towel over the design.
- Using a very fine *permanent* marking pen (Pigma pen), trace the design directly on the fabric.

### Embroidery Instructions

- Use #8 Perle Cotton or 3-ply embroidery Floss to appliqué.
- Use brown to Back Stitch tree trunk and berry branches in pot.
  - Back Stitch pot with dark blue.
- With green add Lazy Daisy leaves and Back Stitch the holly leaves in the pot.
- With gold, Back Stitch the star with a Cross Stitch in the center. Then add gold Cross Stitches on pot top with a Back Stitch string holding the heart.
- With red make French Knots berries on branch tips and branches in pot.

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- With red, Satin Stitch the heart and Back Stitch the string around the pot and then add French Knots at the ends of the string.

#### Finish as an Ornament

- Cut finished embroidery to 2 ½" x 3 ¾".
- Cut 2 red star background fabric pieces 4" x 5 ½".
- Center embroidery on 1 red star piece, baste, attach with Cross Stitch around edge.
- With right sides together, machine stitch star fabric (1/4" seam allowance) leaving an opening to turn.....turn right side out, press edges and hand stitch opening.

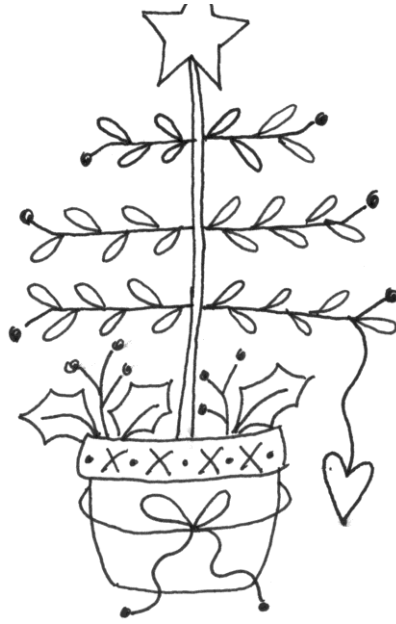
#### Materials Needed

- Red *permanent* Pigma marking pen
  - Tea towel (20" x 28")
- OR
  - 8" x 8" Muslin
- 4" x 11" Red Star Ornament Fabric
  - 434 Brown #8 Perle Cotton
  - 498 Red #8 Perle Cotton
  - 783 Gold #8 Perle Cotton
  - 930 Dark Blue #8 Perle Cotton
  - 3346 Green #8 Perle Cotton

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