

CHRISTMAS TREE ORNAMENT

Pattern provided actual size.

*Charm and Facets Treasure Pack
available from X's & Oh's.*

YOU WILL NEED:

Two pieces of felt – 5" sq.

Beads and charms for decorating

1/4" ribbon

Matching embroidery floss

1. Copy and cut out the pattern provided. TIP: Use clear tape to fasten the pattern onto the felt, and cut them individually. Now Lay the two trees on top of each other, and trim as necessary, as it will be easier to finish them if they are identical.
2. Decorate as desired. FOR MY MODELS (and included in the treasure pack): FIRST, use (2X) of thread (the same color as the felt), to attach the charm on one side (where indicated by the ☉ symbol). This will be the FRONT. See the INVISIBLE ATTACHING and LOOP START instructions on the reverse.
3. Now you can swag the FACETS as indicated by the dash lines. Use one strand (1X) of a floss that matches the beads, and tack the bead strand in place. You can use a LOOP START, but since this ornament will be stuffed, you can use knots on your tails since they won't show!

IF you're not using our treasure pack, you may want to string seed beads for your garland.

1.NOTE: I did try using one long strand and wrapping it around the tree after it was assembled, but there was always one side I didn't like the look of... by decorating each side, both sides look good!

2. 4. For decoration, I used Kreinik #4 braid – my green trees used gold, though the copper one used a variegated (#3280), which is included in the treasure pack. You may substitute floss, or any other colors you prefer, to create a whole forest of trees! I made varying sizes of DIAMOND EYELETS. Small ones will look farther away, but larger ones have a more distinct shape (as you can see on the white trees, where I went a bit larger). I suggest about 5-7 decorations, depending on size and placement.



5. REPEAT THE SWAG AND DECORATION on the second tree, or simply outline stitch your name, or the date the ornament was gifted.
6. BEFORE ASSEMBLING, use (1X) of the felt color thread, to attach a 6-8" length of narrow (.25") ribbon, folded in half to form a loop. TIP: I tacked the hanging loop to the wrong side of the BACK tree, then used the tacking thread to begin assembling the tree! **SEE STEP 9 ON REVERSE, BEFORE CONTINUING.

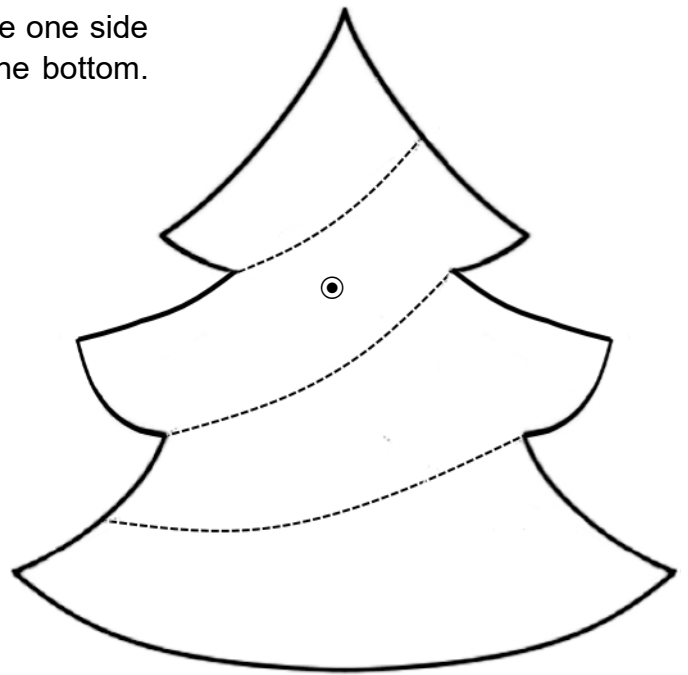


7. Buttonhole or slip stitch from the tip of the tree, down the one side of the tree (I worked down the right first), and across the bottom. STOP THERE.

8. There are two ways to plump out the tree. EITHER use loose pillow stuffing to gently stuff the ornament, making it as plump as desired, OR insert piece of foamcore board .5" wide x 2.5" tall.

As you can probably tell, I used pillow stuffing, for nice plump trees! Use a small amount to fill the point nearest the top of the tree, a medium amount for the centre point, and a larger amount for the bottom. A blunt pair of scissors GENTLY pushing the stuffing into the corners helps! Now, as you stitch each of the remaining points, fill it with stuffing before moving on.

OR... You could sew down either side and leave the bottom open, if you find that easier, stuff, then sew the bottom closed. Try both ways, and see which works better for you.



ATTACHING THE STAR:

9. You have TWO options. You can tack the hanging loop of the star on the wrong side of the FRONT, sometime before Step 6.

OR: You can go what I did, and attach the star last, using the INVISIBLE ATTACHING instructions below.

Note that the STAR included in our Treasure Pack is reversible, use either the enamelled, or the gold side!

That's it! Your ornament is ready to hang, or gift!

INVISIBLE ATTACHING:

When sewing on a charm or treasure with a hanging loop, use a long strand of thread, folded in half, and a LOOP START (no starting tail!). Use thread the SAME color as the fabric, and cover the entire loop (as shown below). The hanging loop will be just about invisible, and the charm won't move!



Note that we have emphasized the shadowing to better show the stitching. The actual stitching will be much harder to see, as you can tell if you look at the photo on the other side. The TOP ornament has the star attached on the INSIDE, the other 3 were attached last, on the outside, as shown above. ALL the front charms were attached using this method.

LOOP START:

This is a great technique for anchoring thread with NO TAIL! It works best with even numbers of strands – so for 2X, use ONE strand, folded in half. Feed the CUT ENDS through the eye of the needle, for the fold (or loop) is the tail.

Come up from the back of the fabric in the starting position, but do not pull the thread all the way through! Go down in the second position, and slip the needle through the loop, and pull tight.

There you go, your thread is anchored, and there's NO tail!

