

Thread Painted Tree Greeting Card

Thread Painting, Paper Craft, & Decorative Embellishment

thread painted tree approx. 2½" x 3¾" / finished sample card 3¾" x 5½"

thread painting template, sample layout, & visual reference on following pages

Fabric Requirements & Supplies

- [1] 3¾" x 5½" blank greeting card— front panel should be at least 3" x 4½"
- [1] 8" x 8" square background fiber— choose fabric, craft felt, or batting in a color that compliments the shade of the blank greeting card
- [1] 7" x 7" square markable adhereable stitch stabilizer— sample was prepared with C&T Publishing® Wash-Away Stitch Stabilizer
- [1] 7" embroidery hoop— optional

Instructions

- [1] Print or trace the tree template onto the stitch stabilizer, the tree template is sized at 2¾" x 4⅛".
- [2] Adhere the marked stitch stabilizer to front of the chosen background fiber.

OPTION: hoop the design to reduce shrinkage as you thread paint the tree

- [3] Load a darning foot, a new 80/12 needle and Cotton 50wt in the bobbin. Drop the feed dogs and have fun painting your tree with needle & thread.
- [4] Use a curved sweeping motion to begin to paint the tree with Cotton 50wt color 5018 Dark Grass Green, Cotton 40wt color 4026 Forest Green, & Cotton 40wt color 5012 Dark Green. Work from top to bottom & back to the top— occasionally changing colors. Completely fill in the traced design.

NOTE: don't worry about the length of your stitches while you're thread painting— just have fun.

- [5] Once the green background of the tree is complete, consider using Cotton 40wt color 2308 Driftwood to add snow or frost accents.
- [6] Care to add a star to the top of the tree? Cotton 40wt color 2145 Yellow Orange is a beautiful, golden color that will work perfectly for a star topper.
- [7] When the machine stitching is complete, use a small, serrated edge scissors to cut the tree away from the background fabric, taking care to **not** cut into the threads.

OPTION: adorn the tree with hand sewn french knots using the beautiful Cotton 12wt color 2260 Red Wine, or several strands of the Cotton 28wt color 7250 Cardinal Red. An embroidery or crewel size 5 needle works perfectly for this step.

- [8] Use a glue stick or small stitches to attach the tree to the front of the card.

Tips & Tricks

- Add a simple fabric or cardstock backing to the stitched tree to use as an ornament or a gift tag.



*season's
greetings*

approx. 3¾"

1" TEST
SQUARE

ensure printer is set to—
"100% scale", "actual size",
or scaling "none"

thread painting template

sample layout— not to scale



