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Materials Needed

- 8" x 20" light snowflake print for background (sparkly if possible)
- 5" x 8" white on white snowflake print for bottom border
- 1/4 yd (6" x WOF) of white on white snowflake print for binding
- 8" x 24" piece for backing fabric

Scraps of cotton fabric:

- 4 x 14" dark green (tree)
- 4 x 10" red (tree)
- 4 x 9" light green (tree)
- 4 x 6" brown (tree trunks)
- 4 x 4" of 2 reds (cardinals)

- 7" x 23" of Warm & Natural Needled Cotton batting
- Basting Spray - 505 Spray and Fix Temporary Fabric Adhesive
- Valdani, 100% COLORFAST Hand-Dyed Threads: Machine Weight 35 colors are: 5 Ecriu (off white), M43 Vibrant Reds, P12 Brown, Perle cotton No.12 colors used: O511 Black Sea, M81 Backyard Honeycomb
- Hanger option: 6" Evergreen Trees hanger

Skill Level - Easy: Perfect for those who know the basics and has a little hand embroidery experience. A small amount of hand embroidery/embellishing required.

The following products shown in photo are courtesy of:

Hanger - Ackfeld Mfg - 888-272-3135 - www.ackfeldmfg.com

If you can't find these items in your local quilt shop, contact:

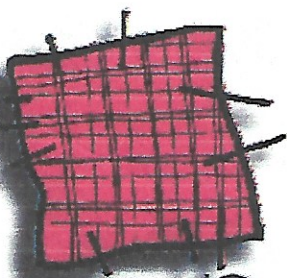
Merry's Stitches: 319-827-6703 or www.merrysstitches.com

Merry is my Mom & her quilt shop rock!!!

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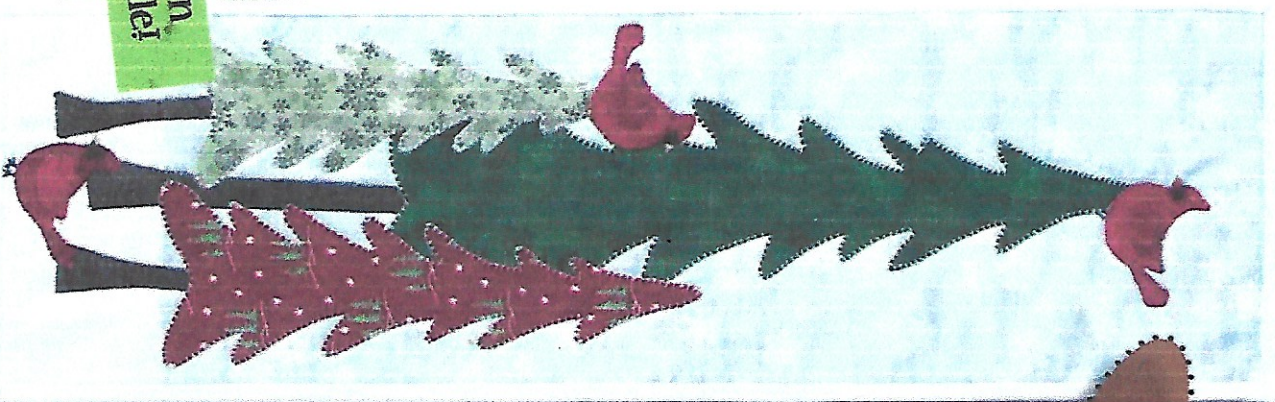


Cardinals in Winter Tree

6 1/2" x 22"

P227

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Let's Get Started

CUTTING YOUR FABRICS

But first, a few helpful tips:

- Prewashing fabric is NOT necessary! I cannot say this loud enough to reach everyone's ears. Please don't waste your time doing laundry when there is not one valid reason on this planet, why you would need to pre-shrink fabric for a wall hanging. So, forget every story you've been told about "must pre-wash, dry, press all fabric first". Cuz, in the case of a wall hanging, it's a load of shiz. Okay, stepping off the soapbox now... but seriously don't pre-wash... I'll find out.
- Use 100% cotton, high quality fabric.

Cutting

Measurements include 1/4" seam allowance.

From sparkly snowflake background fabric, cut:

- cut one strip - 6 1/2" x 18 1/2"

For bottom border, cut:

- cut one - 3" x 6 1/2" strip

From binding fabric, cut:

- 2 - 2" x WOF strips (or wider if you prefer to work with wider binding)

Assembly

1. Background assembly: Sew the bottom border to the bottom of the main background and press the seam.
2. Applique: Trace, fuse and cut all shapes (reversed pattern sheet). If you are using a cutting machine to cut your shapes, use the appropriate pattern sheet (reversed or not reversed) for your method and follow your cutter's instructions.
3. Arrange applique pieces on background as shown in photo and layout guide. Begin with the largest tree and get it into position. Then position the remaining shapes, according to the layout guide and cover photo. Shapes will overlap each other in places, so pay attention to the photo and layout guide. When all shapes are in proper position, fuse them down to the background with your iron.

4. Now it's time to sandwich the batting between the background

(quilt top) and backing fabric, wrong sides together. Don't forget to spray baste. Lay your backing fabric on a table, wrong side up. Next lay your batting on it. Then lay your quilt top on the batting, wrong side down. Smooth out any wrinkles. See how nice the layers stay together and won't shift... that's due to basting spray. Ahhh.

5. Machine (or hand if you prefer) applique all shapes using your preferred thread color and blanket (aka buttonhole) stitch. You are stitching thru all 3 layers, so this will serve as your "quilting".

Hint: For smaller shapes, I like to adjust my stitch length and width down a bit so the stitches are narrower and closer together. **Hint: I used white thread to blanket stitch all the trees, to give the look of snow on them.

6. Bind using given instructions or your preferred method.

7. Add hanging sleeve.

8. And finally, it's time to embellish

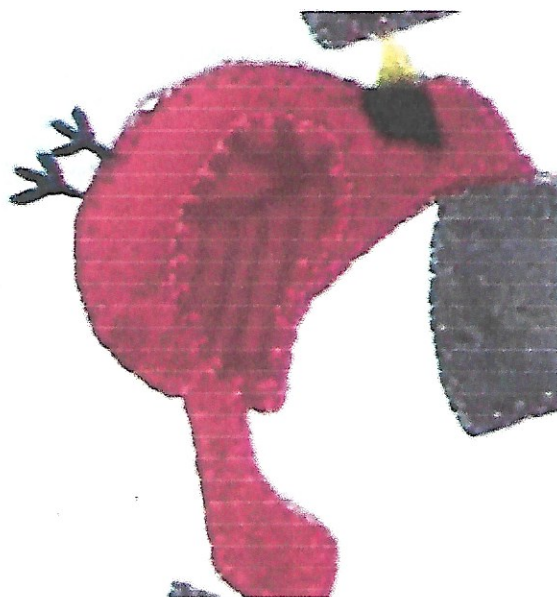
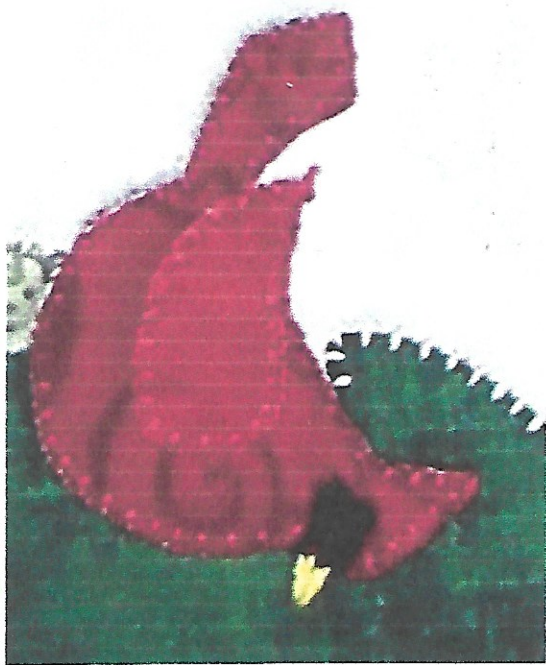
Embellish-stitch Checklist

We gotta add details to the cardinals - refer to the enlarged photo on the layout page for size and placement of each detail

- OS 1 Black Sea - stitch the black faces on each cardinal using long single stitches. Stitch legs and feet on the ground cardinal.
- MB 1 Backyard Honecomb - stitch the cardinal beaks on each cardinal using long single stitches in the form of a triangle.

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LAYOUT & STITCH GUIDE



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Fusible Web REVERSED Pattern Sheet

CARDINALS & WINGS
in Red #2

CARDINALS & WINGS
in Red #1

BIG GREEN TREE

BIG TREE TRUNK

LIGHT GREEN TREE TRUNK

RED TREE TRUNK

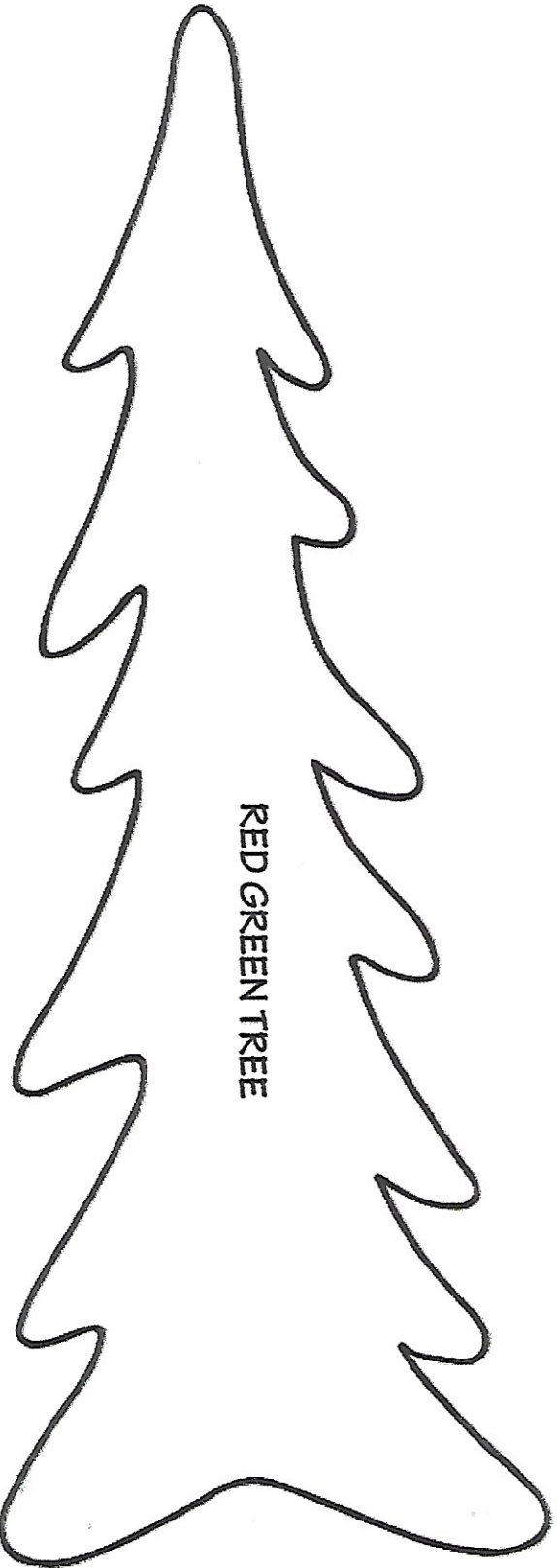
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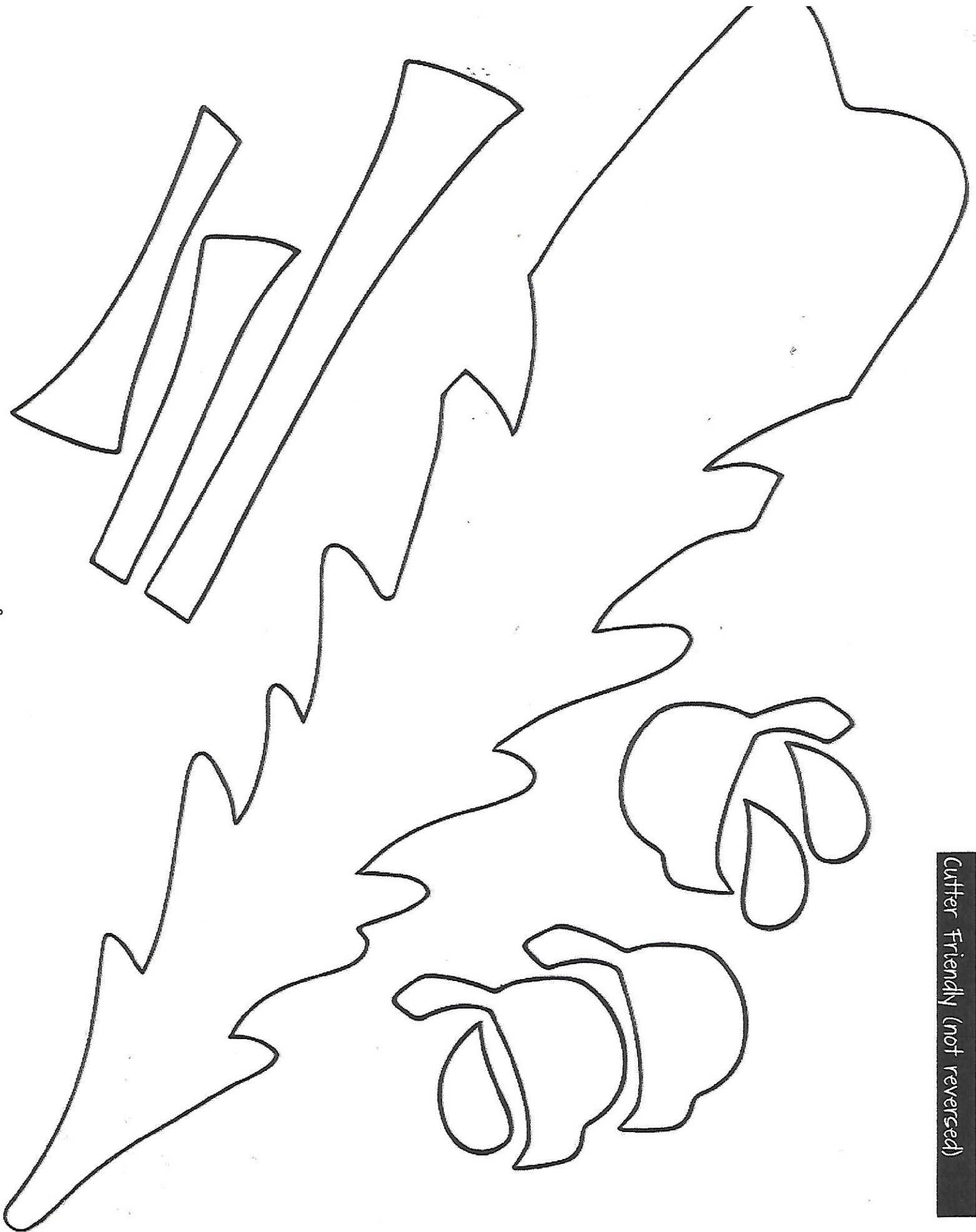


LIGHT GREEN TREE



RED GREEN TREE

Cutter Friendly (not reversed)



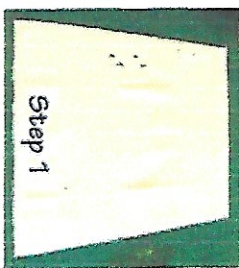
Cutting Bias Binding

a bonus tutorial to help you master binding

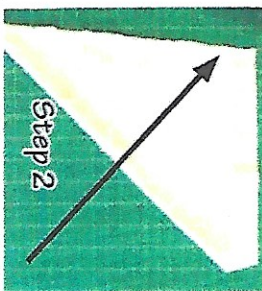
Bias binding. I was scared of it. Not scared to sew it on, but scared to cut it. I even watched my Mom cut my bias binding strips for years and I still didn't catch on. I was scared until I wanted to learn how to cut it. So I payed close attention the last time I had my Mom cut my binding (heh-hem, I'm 40 something by the way). I took pictures of each step and took great notes so I could pass it along to you.

So, if you want to cut your own bias binding, follow these cutting instructions and then go on to the "Binding Instructions" to sew the strips onto your quilt.

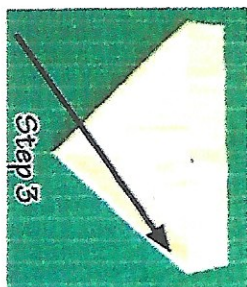
1. Take a fat quarter or a 1/2 yard cut of fabric. Iron out all wrinkles and lay flat on your cutting mat, with the selvaage edge closest to you.



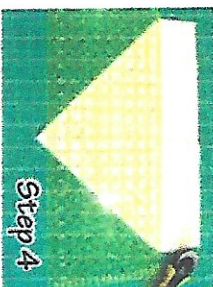
2. Take the lower right corner and fold it to the upper left corner until the left sides line up, creating a 45 degree fold. There will be a couple inches of fabric left at the top.



3. Now take the lower left corner and fold it up to the upper right corner (now folded), matching the right folded edges - the corner closest to you is now a 90 degree angle..

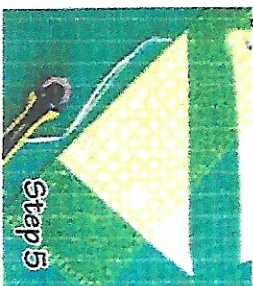


4. Lay your ruler along the upper edge of the fabric and trim off the extra. I guess this could be an optional step and you can leave that extra fabric on... I'm not so sure why I thought you should trim that off, so



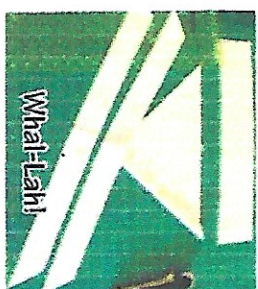
leave it on or trim it off.

5. Now lay your ruler along the left fold and trim off the



fold by about 1/8 inch.

6. Lay your ruler on the left side of your triangle, and cut 2 inch strips. Cut as many as you need.



7. Now move on to binding instructions.