

Lace Christmas Tree by Christen Brown



This felt project is a fun, fast and easy to make for yourself or someone you love! Use up your tiny bits of precious lace, appliques, and trims to create a hand-sewn collaged tree. The lace tree can be embroidered and embellished with stitches, buttons and more. It can be used as a pillow, or you could add a piece of ribbon to the top, for wall hanging.

Supply List

Prior Knowledge Needed

You must know how to hand sew and embroider. I used the following embroidery stitches:

- Straight Stitch
- Blanket Stitch

Any of my following books include both of those stitches. Or you can use the directions in any of your favorite embroidery titles.

- Embroidered and Embellished, by Christen Brown
- The Embroidery Book, by Christen Brown
- Hand Embroidery Dictionary by Christen Brown

Materials:

- 2 felt squares 9" x 12"
- 1 piece of batting 9" x 12"
- 1 piece of lightweight "Heat 'n Bond" 9" x 12"
- 2 yd. total of a variety of short pieces of flat lace in 3/8" – 1" widths
- 2 yd. length of trim for the garland down the center of the tree
- 1 yd. length of trim for the outer edges of the tree
- 6 or more small flower or other shaped appliqués
- 34 – 50 buttons in a variety of small to medium sizes: these can be shank and/or sew- through
- Perle cotton #8 or #12

Options

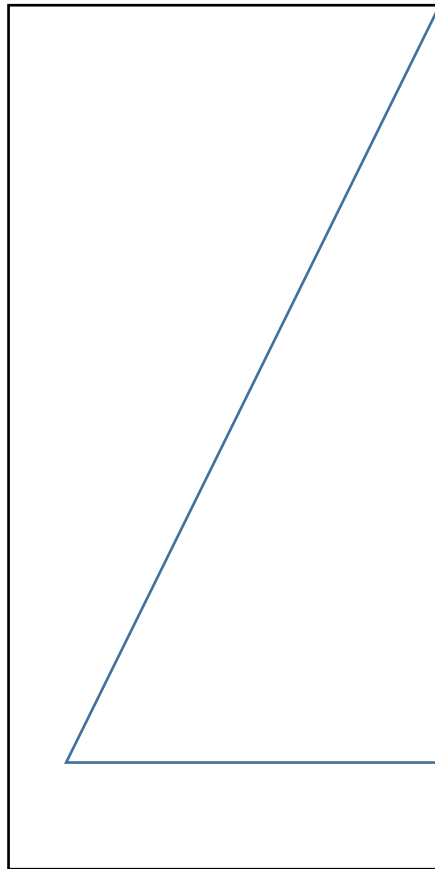
- 6" piece 3/8" satin or grosgrain ribbon for a wall hanging
- 1 bag Fairfield Poly-fill, premium fiber fill stuffing

Tools:

- 18" ruler
- Scissors: craft, fabric, and embroidery
- Non-stick pressing sheet
- Iron and ironing board
- KK2000 Spray Adhesive or large Fabric Glue Stick
- Sheet of tissue paper to use to spray or apply glue stick to the base
- Straight pins
- Sewing thread: to match felt, lace, and ribbon
- Embroidery threads: perle cotton #5 or #8
- Needles: small sharps needle; cotton darning or crewel needle
- Air erasable pen
- Stuffing tool

Directions

1. Fold the piece of typing paper in half.
2. Draw an angled line, starting from the fold, ending about 1" from the side edge, and about 2 ½" from the bottom edge.
3. Draw a straight line horizontally from the fold to the end of the angled point. (See suggested shape below.)



4. Cut out the paper shape (now called tree shape), with craft scissors.
5. Pin the tree shape onto the piece of "Heat 'n Bond". Cut out the shape with fabric scissors.
6. Place the pressing sheet onto the ironing board.
7. Cut the bits of lace for the tree with fabric scissors.
8. Arrange the bits of lace (wrong side down) horizontally, onto one side of the "Heat 'n Bond" tree-shape.
9. Following the manufacturer's instructions, iron the lace onto the "Heat 'n Bond" tree shape (now called lace tree).



- 10.** Carefully remove the lace tree from the pressing sheet.
- 11.** Place the lace tree face down on top of the sheet of tissue paper
- 12.** Spray the wrong of the lace tree with *KK2000 Spray Adhesive.
- 13.** Center the lace tree onto one piece of felt as shown.
- 14.** Place and pin a piece (or several pieces) of lace down the center of the lace tree for the tree base.
- 15.** Thread a small sharps needle with sewing thread.
- 16.** Pin, then hand stitch the outer edges of the lace tree and base in place.
- 17.** Arrange the appliques, bits of lace for the garland, the outer edges, and bottom of the tree, on top of the tissue paper.
- 18.** Apply the glue stick to the wrong side of each piece.
- 19.** Place and pin these pieces of lace onto the lace tree and open areas of the felt as shown.
- 20.** Hand stitch these in place with sewing thread.



21. Place the batting onto the tissue paper.
22. Spray the piece of batting with KK2000 Spray Adhesive.
23. Place the wrong side of the felt stitched with the lace tree, onto the batting.
24. With an air erasable pen and ruler, draw in the lines for hand-stitching.
25. Stitch these lines with a straight stitch, using perle cotton #12, and the cotton darning or crewel needle.
26. Add and arrange the buttons as you wish.
27. Hand-stitch these in place with perle cotton #8, and the cotton darning or crewel needle.

Options

- Substitute ribbon for the edges of the lace tree.
- Lace can be substituted for the hand-stitched rows.

Wall Hanging

1. Fold and pin the piece of ribbon to the wrong side of the top edge of the batting.
2. Hand stitch in place with sewing thread and a small sharps needle.
3. Pin the remaining piece of felt to the batting side of the embellished piece of felt.
4. Stitch the edges closed with the blanket stitch, using perle cotton #8, and the cotton darning or crewel needle.

Pillow

1. Follow Step 3 above, leaving an opening on one vertical edge.
2. Follow Step 4 above, working the stitches from one end of the opening to the other.
3. Using the stuffing tool, insert the stuffing into the opening, filling the pillow to the desired fullness.
4. Stitch the remaining section closed.

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