CHRISTMAS TREE

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Materials:

Figure 1

- Brazilian Threads, Shaded Green Glory #165

- Small seed beads (colours of your choice)

- Fine metallic thread

Instructions:

Using a washable pen, draw the tips of boughs on the fabric to fit a card opening 3 1/4" x 4 1/4" (9 cm x 11 cm). Divide tree into sections as shown in Figure 1.

With the Green Glory, make one lazy daisy stitch at the tip of each branch and along the bottom branches (Figure 1).
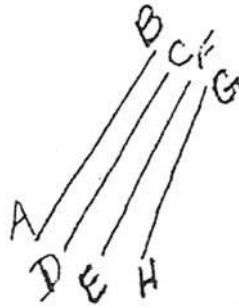
Using long stitches, come up at A, down at B, up at C. down at D (Figure 2).

This will leave very little thread on the back of the fabric. Continue in this manner filling the bottom section. Have the stitches follow the guidelines on Figure 1.

Figure 2

Do a second layer over the first, having them vary in length and direction. This will give a more natural look to the boughs (Figure 3).

The broken lines are the first layer and the solid lines are the second layer.
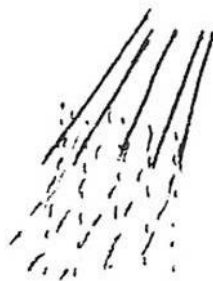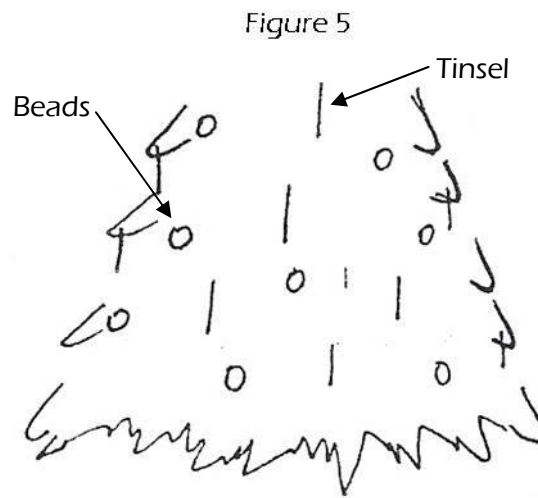
Figure 3

Move up to the second row. Work in the same manner, but have the bottom of the stitches slightly cover the top of the first row (Figure 4).

All stitches are worked the same as the first section, only small stitches should be on the back. Continue to the top of the tree.
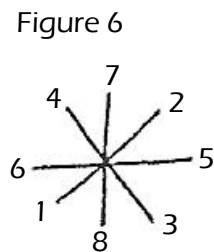
Figure 4

Scatter the beads among the branches. With metallic thread make small stitches to represent tinsel (Figure 5).

Figure 5

Beads

Tinsel

Make a double cross stitch for the star at the top of the tree (Figure 6).

Figure 6

Add parcels at the bottom of the tree if desired. Work straight stitches using the fine metallic thread (Figure 7).

Figure 7