

Tree Farm Wool Pinkeep

Designed by Pam Buda

Finished design: 41/2" x 73/4"



Supply List

 $5'' \times 81'''$ Soldier blue wool ~ background

2" x 41/2" red plaid wool ~ pickup truck

31/2" x 31/2" cream/tan wool ~ letters

11/2" x 11/2" burgundy wool ~ truck fenders

11/2" x 11/2" antique gold wool ~ truck window & star

1" x 2" green wool ~ large tree

I" x 2" green wool ~ small tree

I" x 2" black wool ~ truck tires and door handle

scrap of brown wool ~ tree trunk

 $5'' \times 81'''$ backing fabric of your choice

(2) $5'' \times 81/4''$ muslin rectangles

Embroidery threads: choose threads to match your wool colors. I used Valdani Perle Cotton #12 in these colors: Black color I, Beige P3, Red O78, Green O540, Gold 853, and Brown P12.

Steam A Seam 2 lite #24 chenille needle

(2) 3/8" vintage ivory buttons

Clover White marking pen (fine) crushed walnut shells

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Directions

- * Reverse the applique designs by holding the pattern to a sunny window or light box and retrace the design on the blank side of the paper. Trace the reversed appliques onto Steam a Seam 2. Cut out all applique shapes just outside the drawn line, and very lightly press onto wool colors. Cut each applique on the drawn line. Arrange the applique shapes as shown in the pattern and fuse to the background.
- * Stitch appliques by hand using your choice of matching threads. You can blanket stitch or whip stitch the truck, fenders, tires, window, trees, and star. Stem stitch blowing wind lines. Straight stitch star center, and snowflakes. Use running stitches down the center of the letters, and for the lines in the truck door, and running board. (I stitched running stitches on my tires, too.) Tie two buttons to the center of the tires. Stitch Colonial Knots inside the trees.
- * Finish the pinkeep by layering (from bottom to top) one muslin rectangle, backing rectangle facing up, wool applique facing down, and remaining muslin rectangle. Pin together leaving a 2'' opening for turning. Sew 4'' seam on all sides. Clip corners and turn pinkeep right side out. Stuff with crushed walnut shells, and stitch the opening closed.