

## recycled sweater tree

### materials needed:

- Old shirt or sweater
- Polyfil stuffing
- sewing thread to match sweater
- Kreinik Hot-Wire in 002J Japan Gold
- Kreinik Japan #1 in 001J Gold
- Misc Christmas buttons
- Misc miniature Christmas ornaments
- wooden stand (post with base)
- glue gun (if needed)
- red felt
- red sewing thread or floss
- star cookie cutter
- pencil

### instructions:

1. Enlarge the template as desired to make the tree as large as needed. Use the template as a pattern to cut out two pieces from your sweater.
2. Sew the two pieces together, adding stuffing, and sewing onto the wooden base (use a glue gun to secure the wooden post).
3. Cut two stars out of the felt using your cookie cutter as a template, sew them together on top of the tree.
4. Attach buttons randomly or use our photo as a guide.
5. Cut a long length of Hot-Wire, and thread some of the ornaments onto it. You will pull up one ornament at a time as you hang the Hotwire.
6. Wrap the end of the Hotwire around a button to start, then form the wired thread in shapes or curl it around a pencil, slipping an ornament up to where you are working. Shape and form the wire as desired until you get to the next button. Wrap around the button to secure. Then keep decorating in this same way.
7. When HotWire decoration is complete, secure it in various spots by using the Japan #1 002J in a tacking stitch.
8. Take a length of Hotwire and form it into a circle of loops. Using the Japan #1, attach it to the center of the felt star with long stitches.
9. Note: if needed, dab some glue or clear fingernail polis on the Hotwire thread end to keep it from raveling.

