

# Fancy Carole Christmas Tree Painted Canvas Stitch Guide

This is a nice painted canvas by Carole Kraft (Painted Canvas #1557). This can be used as a tree topper, but you can also finish it as stand-up decorations. We like this tree for its simplicity, and it's a perfect match for Kreinik thread colors.

## Our Suggestions:

**Background:** Use Silk Mori 8000 Soft White in tent stitch. This will give a soft, yet rich-looking backdrop for the real thread action.

**Poinsettias:** Use Silk Serica 1116 Christmas Red in satin stitch. For the centers, work French Knots using 002V and 008 in Tapestry (#12) Braid.

**Stars:** Tent stitch the gold using Tapestry (#12) Braid 002V Vintage Gold. For the red crosses, there are two options that give different dimensions: use Kreinik 1/16" Ribbon in 003V Vintage Red laid in a straight stitch, OR couch Kreinik Petite Facets in Red (couch with Kreinik Cord 003C). The Facets will give a nice, beady look, without the mess of rolling-away beads.

**For the green and gold borders:** Couch Kreinik 1/8" Ribbon in 008 Green in a continuous line, starting at the top. Anna-Marie Winter couches ribbon by placing the tacking stitch right down the middle (rather than side to side), and this enables you to do curves very easily. Couch with Kreinik Cord 008C for an invisible, smooth look. By starting at the top and working one continuous line along the green area, you will add fluidity, and soft movement to the piece. Go right beside it with 1/16" Ribbon in 002V Vintage Gold couched, and you'll have a beautiful effect.

