Crazy Quilted Christmas Tree Ornament

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Linda has created a fun, quick-to-make holiday ornament. Use fabrics from a family member to make a special gift (Linda likes to use men's old ties). The Kreinik silk threads are perfect crazy quilt embellishments; the colors are rich, and the look is timeless. For crazy quilting, silk is nice and easy.

Materials needed:

- Kreinik Silk Bella in 4164 Medium Victorian Green, 2014 Medium Gold, and 1117 Very Dark Christmas Red (one spool each)
- Kreinik Silk Serica in 2014 Medium Gold (one spool)
- 9-inch square firm interfacing and red velveteen selection of red silks, satins, and Christmas \ prints, plus 1-inch wide green metallic ribbon
- · also: scissors, needles, matching sewing thread, polyester fiber fill

Instructions:

- 1. Trace pattern for ornament. Cut one each of interfacing and velveteen backing fabric for each ornament.
- 2. Working with interfacing fabric pieces, and referring to fabric placement diagrams as a guideline, cut small pieces of silk, satin, Christmas prints, and green metallic ribbon. Pin small pieces of fabrics to interfacing overlapping edges, turn under raw edges and slip stitch through all layers.
- 3. Select Silk Bella color and crazy embroidery stitch pattern of your choice. Stitch over edges of fabrics. Refer to stitch diagrams, instructions and photograph as guidelines.

Suggested stitches:

French Knots
Herringbone
Chain Stitch
Chevron Stitch
Cretan Stitch
Feather Stitch
Buttonhole

To finish:

Press embroidered pieces lightly, face down on a towel. Pin embroidered piece to red velveteen, right sides together. Hand or machine stitch around ornament, leaving a 2-inch opening along one edge. Trim and clip curves and points as needed, turn right side out. Finger press edges, fill ornament with polyester fiberfill stuffing, then slip stitch opening with matching thread. Cut 18-inch lengths of Silk Serica and thread in large-eye needle, do not make a knot in the end. Starting at top of ornament, run thread inside edge of ornament about 1/2-inch and using buttonhole stitch, work an edging around the ornament, going through all layers of fabric about 1/8" wide. Start and end each piece of thread inside ornament. Make a 2- to 3-inch loop of thread at the top of the ornament as a hanging loop.



