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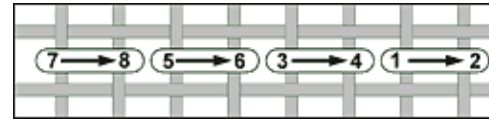
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Qty	Item
6	Tree Bodies
1	Bethlehem Star
	Ornaments, Floss, Needle, & Instructions

## Stitches Needed

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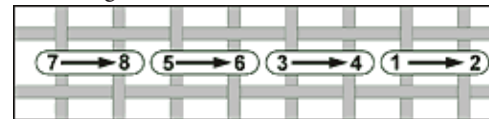
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### ***Finishing***

To decorate your Christmas Tree, all you need to do is to attach an ornament (½” penny) at each of the joined lobes. Each kit includes a Bethlehem Star which can be fastened to the top of the tree.

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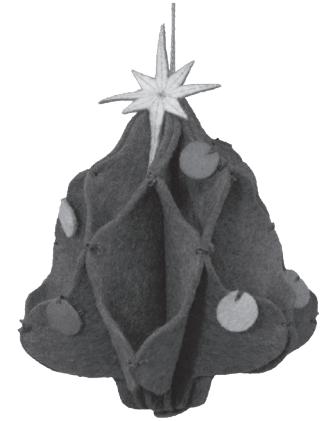
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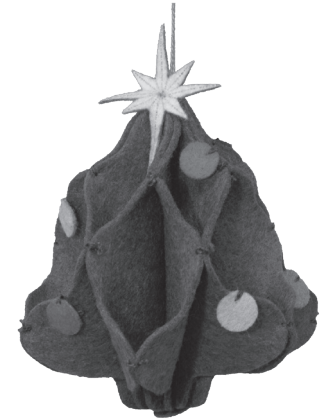
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