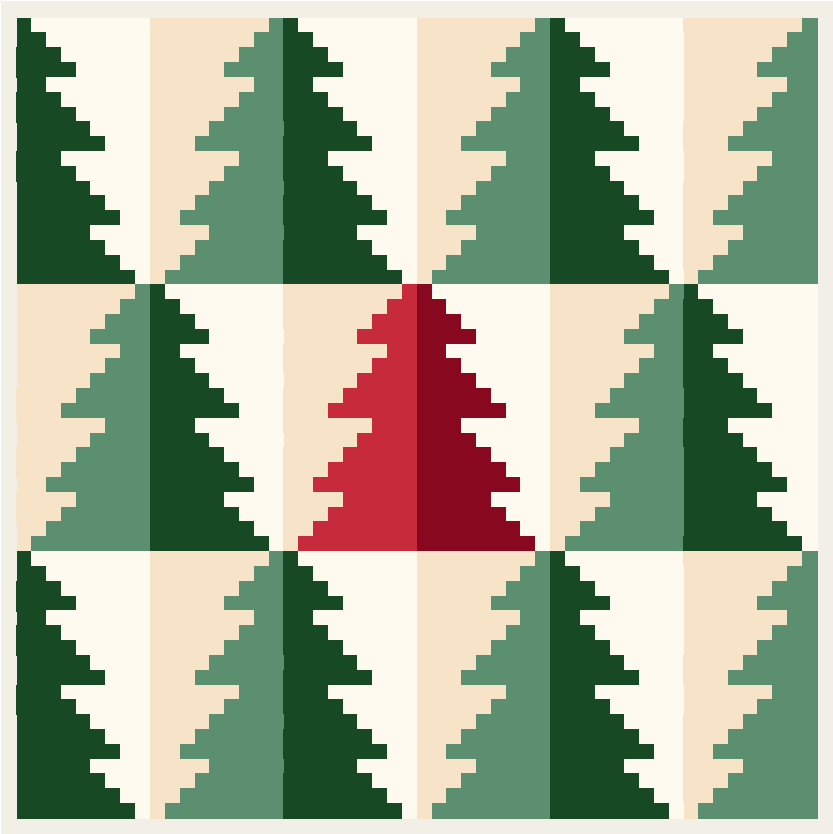
Easy interlocking Christmas trees

Needlepoint pattern | 54 x 54 stitches | 3 x 3 in (7.6 x 7.6 cm) on 18 mesh | 6 colors



Thread key

			stitches	yards	skeins
●	**DMC 712**	Cream	729	5	1
■	**DMC 739**	Ultra Very Light Tan	729	5	1
▲	**DMC 890**	Ultra Dark Pistachio Green	648	5	1
◆	**DMC 502**	Blue Green	648	5	1
▼	**DMC 321**	Red	81	1	1
★	**DMC 815**	Medium Garnet	81	1	1

One chart square is one tent stitch over one canvas intersection.

Cut the canvas at least 7 x 7 in (17.8 x 17.8 cm) for 18 mesh: the design and 2 in (5.1 cm) of margin on every side.

2,916 stitches in all. Start from the center: the red arrows above and to the left of the chart mark it.

Thread: six-strand floss, 4 to 6 strands in the needle on 18 mesh (counted at 6), about 6 skeins of 8.7 yd in all. Or pearl cotton size 5, 1 strand, about 6 skeins of 27.3 yd; or Persian wool, 1 strand, about 6 skeins of 8 yd. Wool is numbered differently: match it by eye. Needle: tapestry, size 22.

Yards and skeins are estimates: the thread a stitch takes on the front and back of 18 mesh canvas, plus 30 percent, rounded up for each color (about 22 yards in all, as the thread lies in the needle).

Thread colors are approximate screen matches to DMC numbers. Check against real thread before you buy.

Fit it into a lid: also have the box or tray, acid-free board and backing. Measure the opening first and add a row or two of background to sit under its edge. "How to fit it into a lid" is a guide linked from this pattern's page.

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Chart: 54 x 54 stitches

