

The Tree Farmers

Block #2 of Woolie Christmas Gnomes • 10" x 10"

Materials:

- 12" square black homespun
- Wools: White-7" x 10¼"
Red-6" x 6"
Brighter Red-1" x 2"
Greens- Four assorted 2¼" x 4" each
Off-Whites-One each 2" x 3" and 2½" x 2½"
Black-2" x 5"
Silver/Grey- ¾" x 6½"
Dark Brown-½" x 3"
Light Brown-2" x 3"
Brown Plaid-2½" x 3"
Gold-1" x 2"
Tan-1" x 1"
- Lightweight fusible web
- Size 12 pearl cotton or embroidery floss to match wools
- Buttons: Seven yellow stars (about ⅜")
One ¼" round red
One ¼" round ivory

The Tree Farmers is the second in a series of twelve 10" blocks by the Woolie Friends Facebook group. Join our group at www.facebook.com/groups/woolenoak

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The Tree Farmers Block #2 of The Woolie Christmas Gnomes Stitch-A-Long 10" x 10" finished

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Before beginning the handwork on my block, I like to do a line of stay-stitching with my machine, just in from the outside edge of the 12" homespun square, to prevent excessive fraying. Note that the homespun square is oversized and will be trimmed when the handwork is complete. Use a light-colored marker (one that will withstand heat) to draw a 10" square in the center of the homespun. This will be your guide to keep all stitching within.

I use the fusible web method of applique so any pieces that need reversing have been reversed on the pattern page. Please use the instructions that come with the brand of fusible web that you are using. Basically, you will trace all the shapes onto the paper side of the fusible web. Cut out shapes just outside the traced lines and iron onto the corresponding wool. Cut out shapes on the traced lines and remove the paper backing. Arrange shapes on the homespun background, layering or tucking shapes behind others where shown. When you are happy with the layout, fuse in place. You are ready to begin the fun part...the stitching!

Most of the shapes are blanket stitched around the outside edges with a few exceptions:



- The black strip just above the silver/grey bumper needs no stitching as the edges are all completely covered by the surrounding pieces.
- I did not blanket stitch the white hat. Rather, I used a chain stitch to create the red stripes and that was enough to secure it.
- For the two hat bands, I ironed a strip of fusible web (about $\frac{1}{4}$ " x 2") to the lighter red wool and to the darker brown wool. I used a rotary cutter and ruler to cut a very narrow strip (about $\frac{1}{8}$ " x 2"). When the paper backing is removed, it is flexible enough to curve along the bottom of the hat. Use tiny scissors to trim the length and then fuse in place. Do a tiny running stitch through the center of each strip.



- For the tailights, blanket stitch around the black circles. Fuse the little red circles in place on top of the black circles and secure with four little straight stitches.



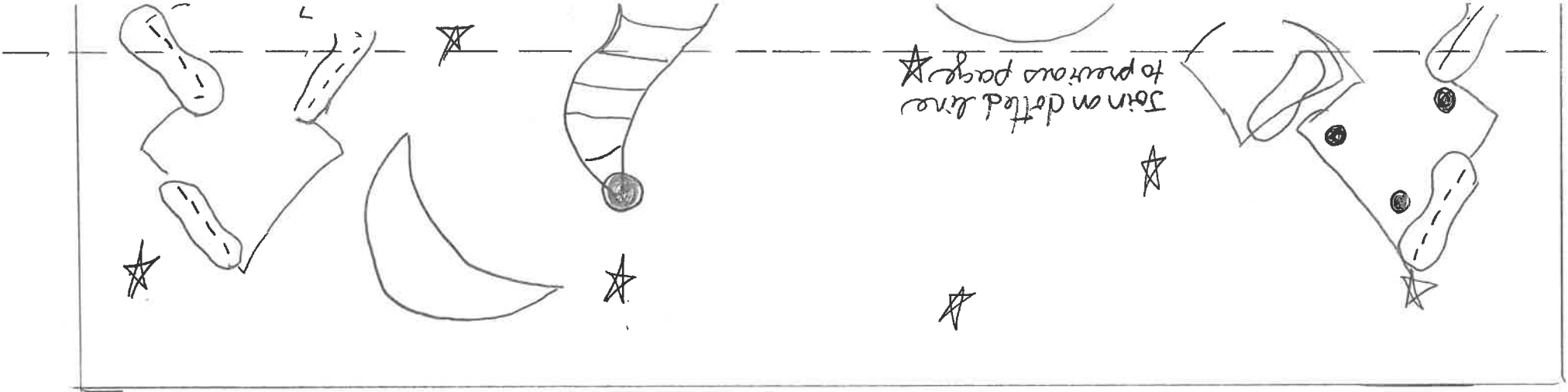
After all the shapes are sewn on, add the following decorative stitches:

- As mentioned earlier, make horizontal rows of red chain stitches on the white hat. 
- Use Ivory and a stem stitch to add texture to the beards, following the lines approximately as shown.
- Use black and a stem stitch to add the strip around the tailgate, about $\frac{1}{4}$ " in from the edge.
- Use gray and a back stitch to add a few tread lines to the tires.
- For the sign, stitch the "Tree Farm" with an ivory stem stitch. You may simply draw the words on before stitching or use a bit of Tear-Easy to trace the words, pin in place, and stitch right over it. Pick away the Tear-Easy when stitching is done. (I've included a little piece of Tear-Easy in each kit).
- Use Ivory to do a little running stitch around the outside edge of the sign (about $\frac{1}{8}$ " in). Then do a little ivory back stitch to outline and define the tree. With gold, add a French knot to the tree top and a few little straight stitches for a tree trunk. Follow with a few red French knots for lights.
- Add tree branches to the tree in the truck, first by stitching a stem stitch and then adding pine needles with little straight stitches.
- Sew buttons in place as shown. Note that the tiny buttons on the tree in the upper left were an after-thought.
-  They were added after the pattern covers were printed.
- When stitching is complete, trim your block to 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ ". This will leave you a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance all around.

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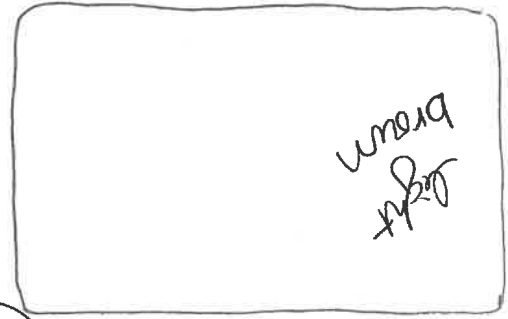
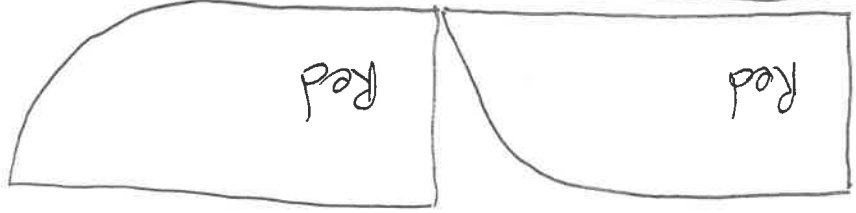
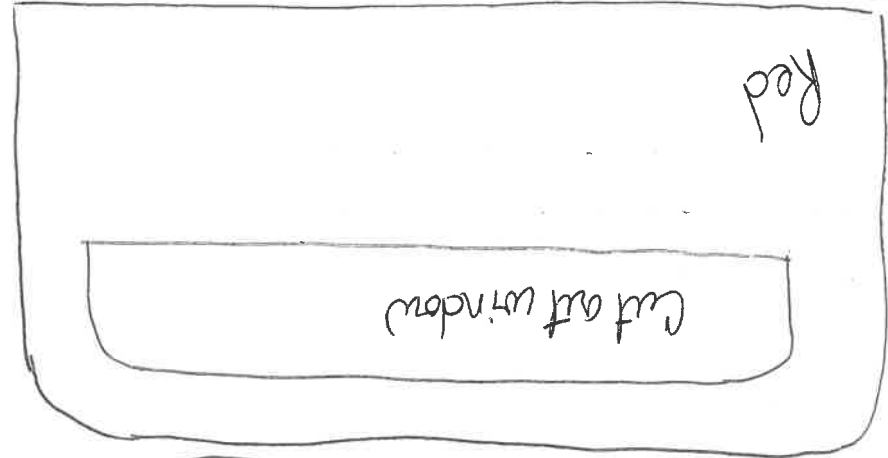
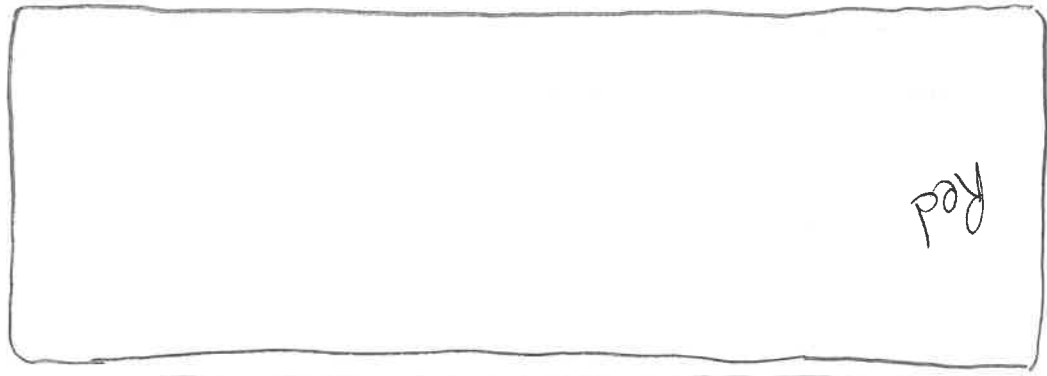


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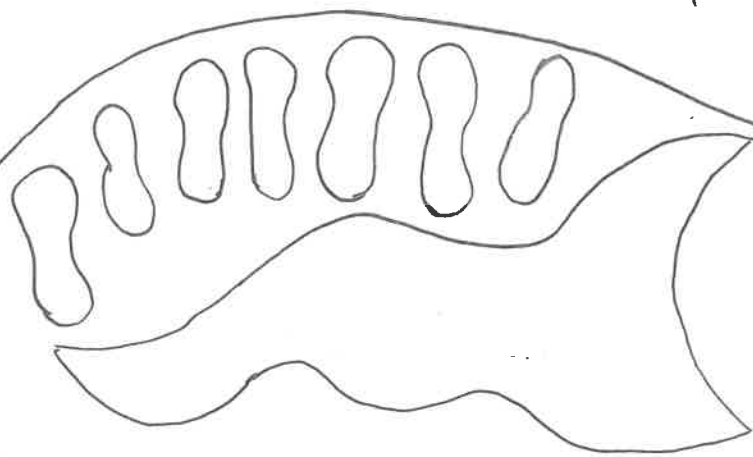


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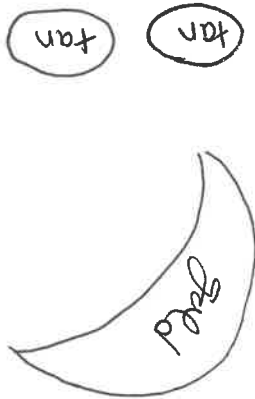
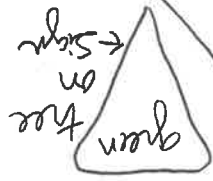


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Silver/gray - thin fusible web to wool and use rotary cutter to cut into size

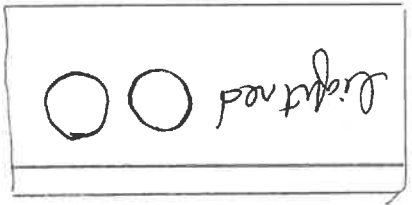
black - thin fusible web to wool and cut into size with rotary cutter.



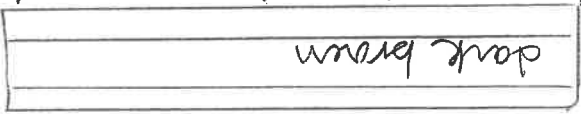
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When a thin strip of fusible web to wool and cut a 1/8" x 2" strip with rotary cutter for hot rim. Trim length as needed.



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from fusible web to wool and cut a 1/8" strip for hot rim and a 1/4" strip for sign paper.