## O Christmas Tree

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My brother-in-law will be on his own at Christmas, and he probably won't have much in the way of festive decor to put him in a holiday mood.

Personally I love a Christmas tree, but I knew that he wouldn't be inclined to go to the trouble to install or decorate even a small tree, so I was at a bit of a loss about what to send him. Then inspiration struck in the form of Kreative Kiwi's Crazy Patch Christmas tree. (I'm not affiliated with them in any way -- I just like their designs.)



This is the medium size, about 20" tall and nearly 15" wide. I went with mostly green fabrics for the patchwork tree itself, and red prints for the baubles. The star is a gold-toned synthetic with a bit of sheen.

In this size, the project took just about a full day to do, including hooping, stitching, piecing, and trimming. And with all that satin stitching, it sure uses a lot of thread!

While I was at it, I made a second tree for us, using many of the same fabrics and the same gold fabric for the star. The baubles on our version are all plain red. If you look carefully you may be able to spot a swatch of Cape Breton tartan, and another of Ontario tartan on the lower left.



I love all kinds of Christmas decor, and I generally hang a banner or wreath on every interior door. I can't wait to add this one to the group come December.

DH has pronounced both trees gorgeous, and says his brother will be thrilled. When I wrap up his tree, I'll include a command hook, so he can hang it up without delay in his apartment. I'm sure he'll enjoy the festive touch for Christmas.