Cross-stitch Christmas Cushions

Materials:

- 32hpi fabric (approx. 1 ¾" square is suggested) plus backing fabric of your choice.
- Dark green stranded thread
- Gold/red thread (optional)
- A small amount of toy stuffing

The pattern is 29 stitches square (The finished cushions measure 1"/2.5cm approx. when stitched on 32hpi fabric).

Find the middle of your piece of fabric by folding it in half horizontally and then vertically. The centre of the design is marked on the chart by small arrows

Stitching: Using a single strand of the dark green thread stitch the tree and the border following the chart. (It is usual to commence stitching from the middle of the design.) You may add candles using straight stitch and baubles using French knots as shown.

To make up your cushion: Place the finished design face down onto the backing fabric and stitch around three sides $^{1}/_{8}$" away from the pattern border. Trim the fabric and turn the cushion to the right side; lightly stuff, turn in ends and use 'ladder stitch' to sew up the last side.

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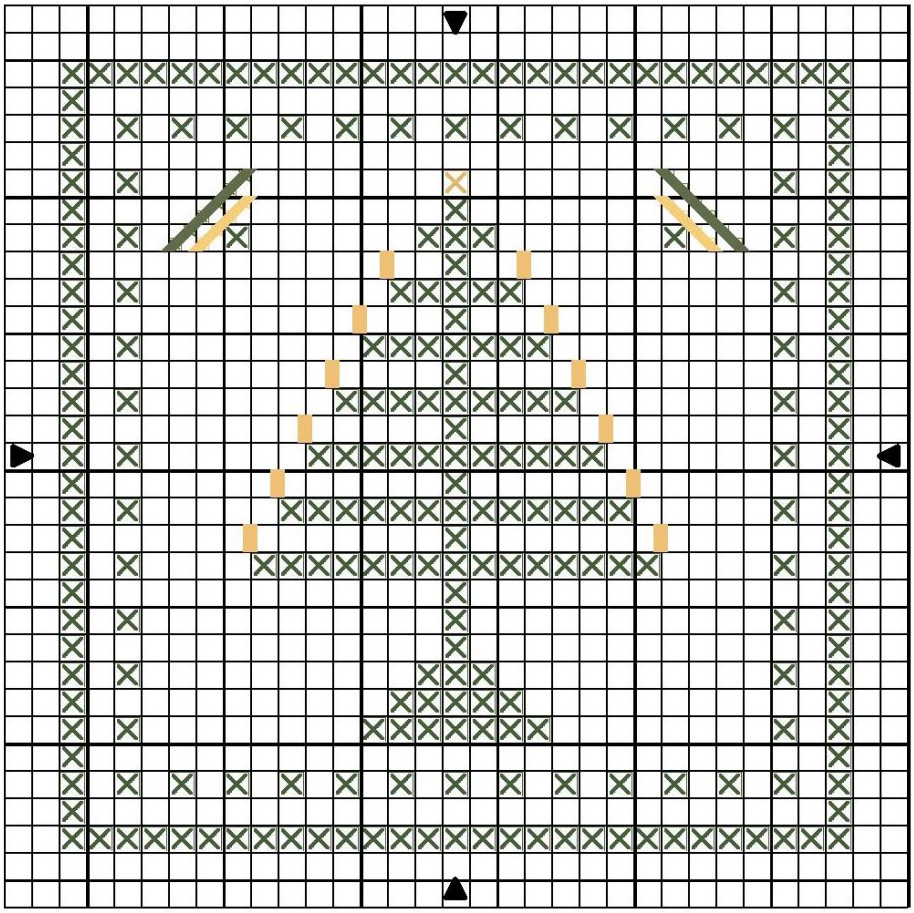

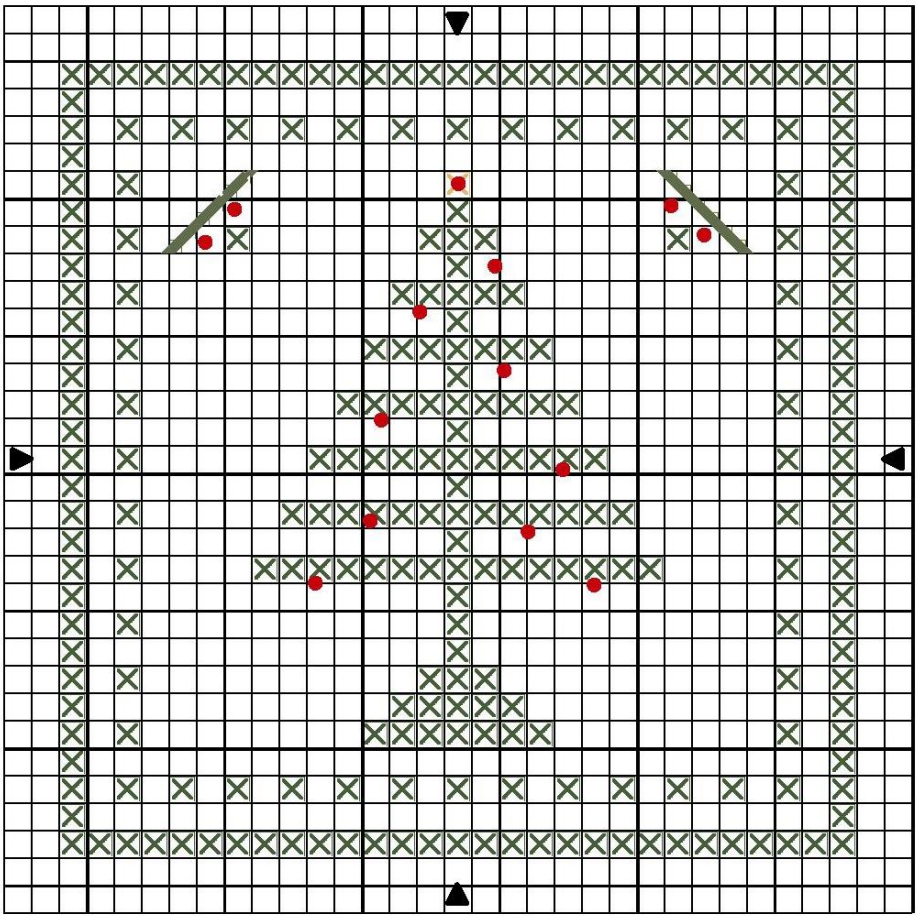

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