Stacked Wool Tree Ornament

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Supplies:

• Rotary cut washed wool or wool felt squares -- 3 or 4 different colors – see cutting instructions below
• Star-shaped bead
• #5 Pearl cotton
• Chenille sewing needle
• Safety pin
• Tacky glue

Size and quantity of squares:

6 – 2"
10 – 1-3/4" (Four go at the base of the tree)
6 – 1-1/2"
6 – 1-1/4"
6 – 1"
6 – 3/4"
6 – 1/2"

You will also need a 1/2" by 2-1/2" strip of wool for the trunk.

Cut about 24" of #5 pearl cotton. Double the pearl cotton and put the fold through a chenille needle. Make a knot about 4" from the end. Add the squares piercing them in the center. Begin with 4 of the 1-3/4" squares, then all the remaining squares starting with the 2" squares and ending with the 1/2" squares. Rotate the position of the squares as you add them.

Thread a star bead on the top. Remove the needle and put a safety pin through the loop at the top so the star doesn't fall off. Adjust the spacing of the squares. Pull more of the thread at the bottom through the tree until you get your desired length hanging loop. Re-knot at the bottom of the tree.

Slide the star bead up and use tacky glue on the hanging cord where the star was located and a bit on the top layer of wool. Slide the star back down.

Wrap the trunk strip around the thread hanging at the bottom of the tree about an inch below the tree. Glue the wool as needed but do not glue to the thread. Put glue on the top of the trunk and on the thread just below the tree then slide the trunk up until it meets the bottom of the tree. Trim the thread at the bottom of the trunk.

When the glue has set, twist the wool layers as needed.

Optional – omit trunk and hanging loop and use as a table decoration. This is also pretty with triangles or circles in graduated sizes.