Stitch a Tree Project

Stitch a Tree to show support for refugees
Stitch a Tree Project instructions

1. Think of a tree and draw it on the page opposite

2. Stitch it onto fabric

3. Write your details on the label

4. Post back or take to a drop-off point (see website for details)

Turn over for examples of tree drawings to help with your design
Examples of Tree Drawings
Stitching Guide

- Running stitch
- Back stitch
- Fly stitch
- Satin stitch
- Cross stitch
- Herringbone stitch
- Chain stitch
- French knot
Stitched Tree Examples
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Please Remember...

- Only use the fabric provided — no buttons or ribbons please.
- No needles in the post!
- Try tracing your design and transferring on the fabric.
- There are two pieces of fabric in the pack in case you want to do two contributions.
- Feel free to use a range of green and brown threads, but these colours only please!
- Please include a few sentences about your tree on the label provided.
- Unfortunately we cannot cover the cost of posting your tree back to us, but we have drop-off points available (see website for details).
- Please supervise children through the stitching process!

The Outcome — Forest

All stitched trees will be arranged in a large embroidery called Forest by artist Alice Kettle.

Forest will be displayed at the Whitworth, Manchester, in September 2018 and in progress at City Space Gallery, Winchester Discovery Centre, from 15th October to 26th November 2017.

Each contribution to Forest will be acknowledged and documented on a map on the website.

Background to the Project

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We thank you for contributing to this project and we look forward to seeing your stitched tree as part of Forest at the Whitworth in Autumn 2018!

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