



This year's book revisits the Christmas Tree theme.

A funny story:

Ever since our first 19 foot tree we promised ourselves we would never do that again!

So, we've had 14-18 foot trees. (they cleared the ceiling fan – 19 foot trees are higher than the fan.)

This year we once again succumbed to the charm and allure of the 19 foot tree. After all, it had the glow!

With only one elf to help us, it was challenging to say the least. So, with the tree laying on the ground, we put lights on and decorated the top 3-5 feet.

Then we walked it upright.

As we were putting it into the tree stand, the elf said, "center the tree". So, I grabbed the trunk of the tree and started moving it to the center of the stand.

The elf, as the tree began tipping and falling on him **shouted out with glee**, "NO, don't move the tree! Center the stand under the tree!"

Ohhhh, ves that makes a lot more sense.

So, we righted the tree *laughing all the way*, moved the tree stand under the tree,

and then, vowed never again a 19 foot tree!

The elf on the other hand says next year we have to reach the ceiling — hmmm 21 feet.

Well that's not 19 feet...

We'll see... (famous wise words from my Mom)

This year is the 5th Christmas Mom is with Dad and Roger's Mom and Dad, and now, all of their brothers and sisters. We miss all of them, but know they are here with us in spirit. (5 cardinals on the cover art.)

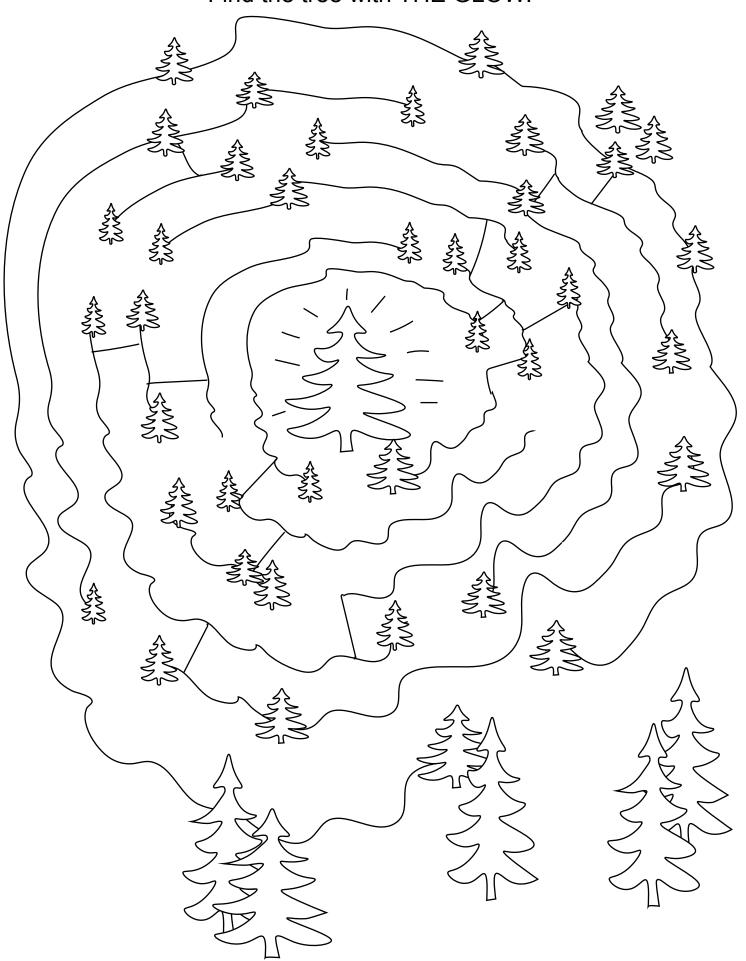
note: Live Christmas Trees from Christmas Tree farms are a tradition that is environmental and supports American farmers.

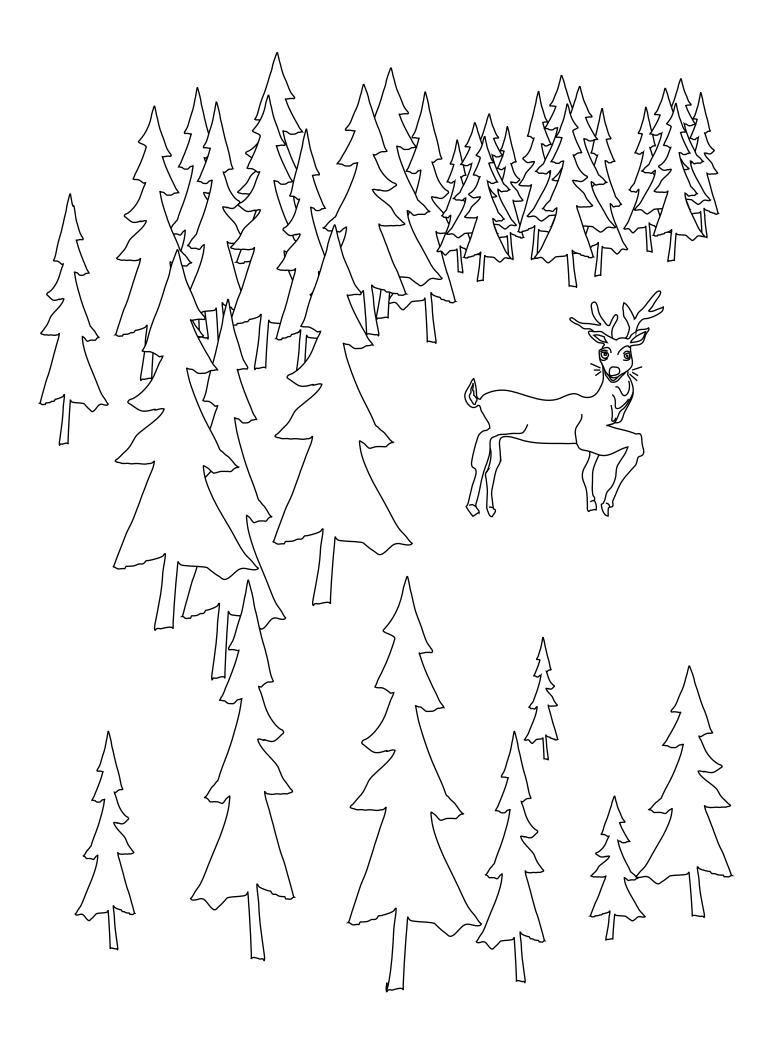


WOW a 19 foot tree!...



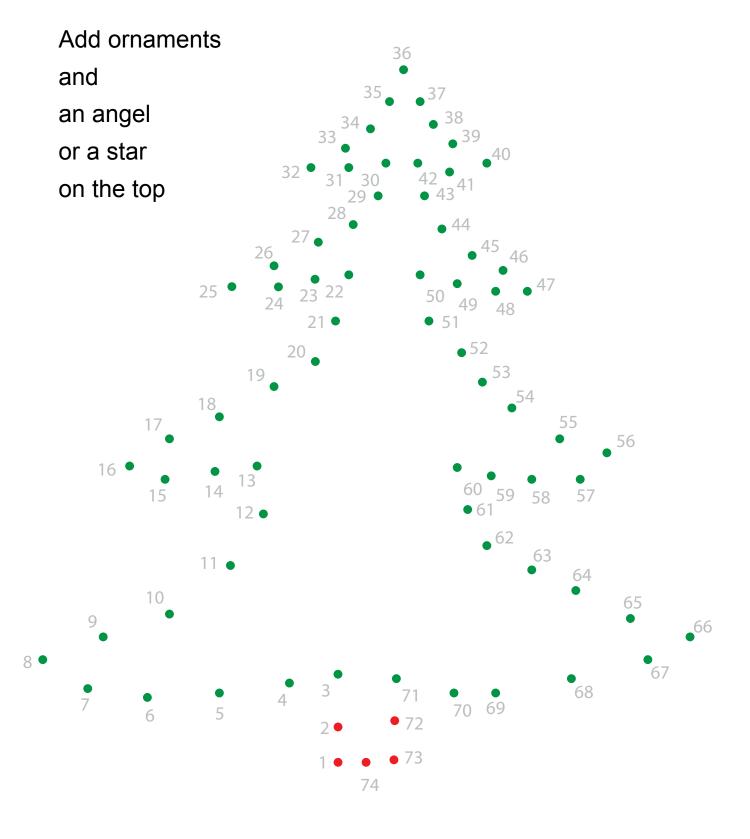
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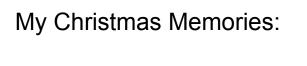


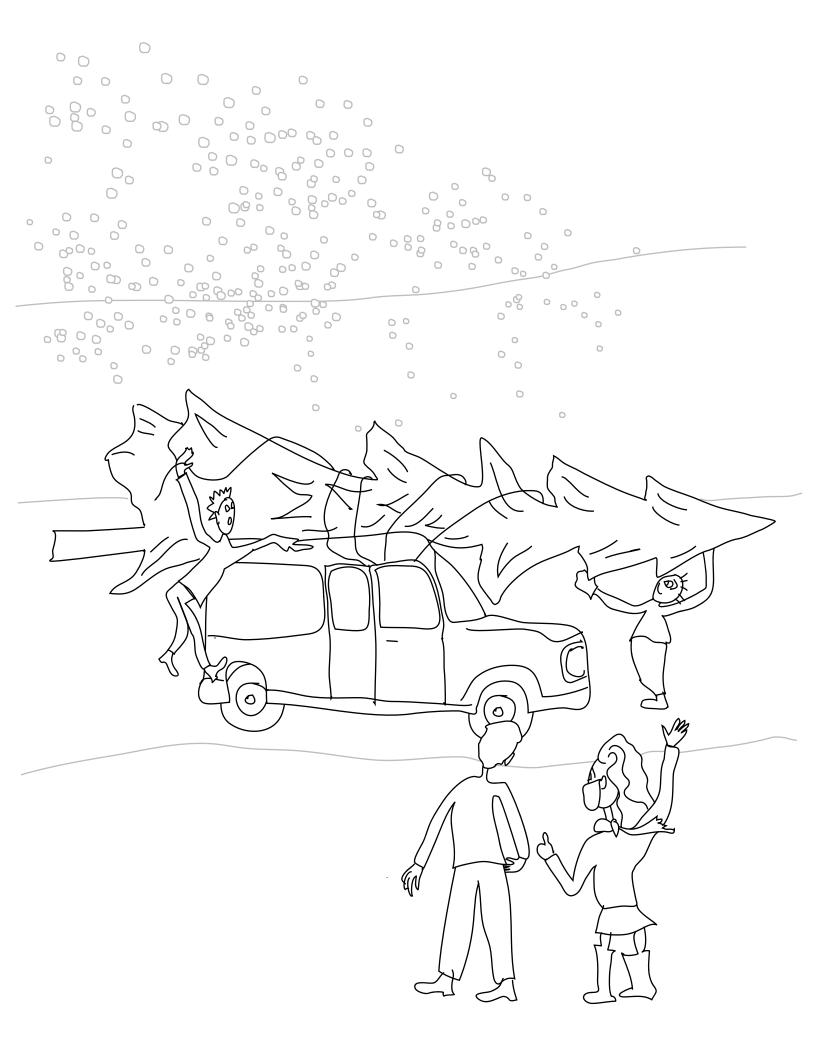




Follow the dots and draw the tree.

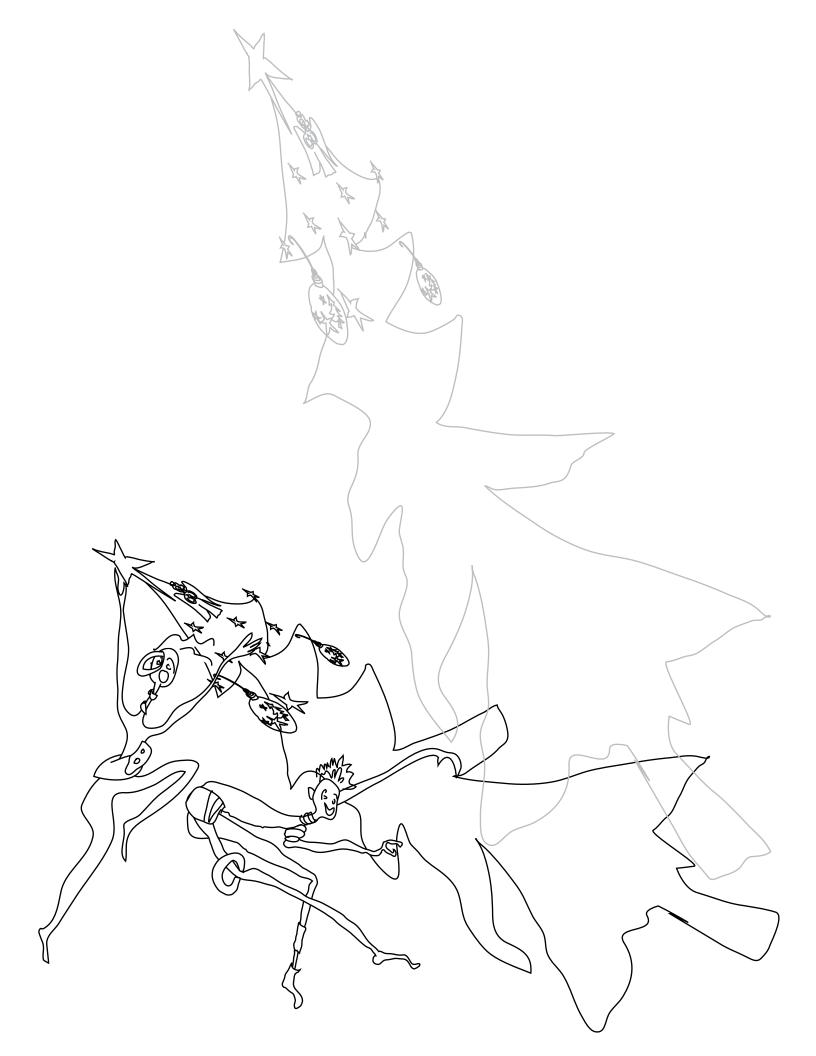




















To everyone that receives one of these coloring books – have a wonderful holiday!

For us, this would be a wish for the merriest of Christmases. I began creating these coloring books for our nieces and nephews as our Christmas gift to them, when we ceased buying individual gifts. They have become a standard Christmas Eve past-time for our kids and many adults too.

So whatever your holiday, whatever your season, hoping this coloring book can add joy, reflection, and serve as a notebook of memories past, memories making, and memories future!

— bert leveille, Roger Dahlstrom

