

TIMELESS
TREASURES

Bargello Christmas Tree featuring The Pines

quilt and fabric by Karen Montgomery



Photo: D. James Dee

Quilt Size: 47½" x 51½"

Materials

- 1 2/3 yard KM-C7966 CREAM (background)
- 1/8 yard KM-C7966 NUTMEG (tree base)
- 1/4 yard KM-C7966 RED (inner border–pieced)
- 1 1/2 yard KM-C7973 GREEN (outer border, binding, tree)
- 3/4 yard KM-C2831 MULTI (print in tree)
- 1/4 yard KM-C2832 CREAM (sparse print for edge of tree)
- 1/8 yard KM-C7966 HUNTER (tree)
- 1/4 yard KM-C7966 SPRUCE (tree)
- 1/4 yard KM-C7965 GREEN (tree)
- 3 yards fabric of your choice for the back

Cutting Instructions

From the background fabric KM-C7966 Cream, cut:

- One 21" by 40" rectangle for section A
- One 19" by 31" rectangle for section B
- One 18" by 18" rectangle for section C

From the packed pine print KM-C2831 Multi, cut:

- Seven strips 3 1/2" x width of fabric (WOF). Cut each strip in half on the fold.

From the sparse pine print KM-C2832 Cream, cut:

- Two strips 3 1/2" x WOF. Cut each strip in half on the fold.

From the green print KM-C7966 Spruce, cut:

- Two strips 3 1/2" x WOF. Cut each strip in half on the fold.

From the green print KM-C7965 Green, cut:

- Two strips 3 1/2" x WOF. Cut each strip in half on the fold.

From the green print KM-C7966 Hunter, cut:

- One strip 3 1/2" x WOF. Cut in half on the fold.

From the outer border/binding/tree KM-C7973 Green, cut:

- Four strips 3 1/2" x LENGTH OF THE FABRIC (for the outer borders)

- Four strips 2 1/2" x LENGTH OF THE FABRIC (for binding)
- One strip 3 1/2" x 19" (for Section B)
- Two strips 3 1/2" x 18" (for Section C)

From the inner border fabric KM-C7966 Red, cut:

- Five strips 1 1/2" x WOF.

From the tree shadow fabric KM-C7966 Nutmeg, cut:

- One strip 2 1/2" x WOF. Cross cut this strip into:
 - Two pieces 2 1/2" by 4 1/2"
 - 4 pieces 2 1/2" by 4"
 - 2 pieces 2 1/2" by 3 1/2"

Instructions

1. Construct the strip sets for Sections A, B and C following the assembly diagrams. (figure 1) Stitch the strip segments together in the order illustrated, pressing each of the seams open at this time.

2. Cross cut the following segments from the appropriate section:

Section A	Section B	Section C
Six 2 1/2" strips	Two 2 1/2" strips	Six 2" strips
Two 2" strips	Six 2" strips	Three 1 1/2" strips

3. Refer to figure 2 and begin assembling the tree working from the center out. Select one 1 1/2" strip from Section C. Press the seams toward the cream background. This will be the center strip of your tree. Press the seams in the remaining two 1 1/2" strips toward the base of the tree (away from the cream background fabric). Align these strips on each side of the center strip, shifting the prints down one block and matching the crosswise seams. Stitch. Press the long seams toward the outside of the tree.

4. Add the remaining six 2" strips to the center section (three on each side), pressing the crosswise seams in each strip in the opposite direction to the previous strip. Step each row down one block as you add the strips. You will have a total of nine strips. (figure 2)

5. Working with the strips from Section B, select four 2" strips. Stitch these strips together in pairs, pressing the crosswise seams in the appropriate direction, and stepping the fabrics down for the right and left sides of the tree. (figure 3) Trim the bottom rectangles 2" below the seam indicated in figure

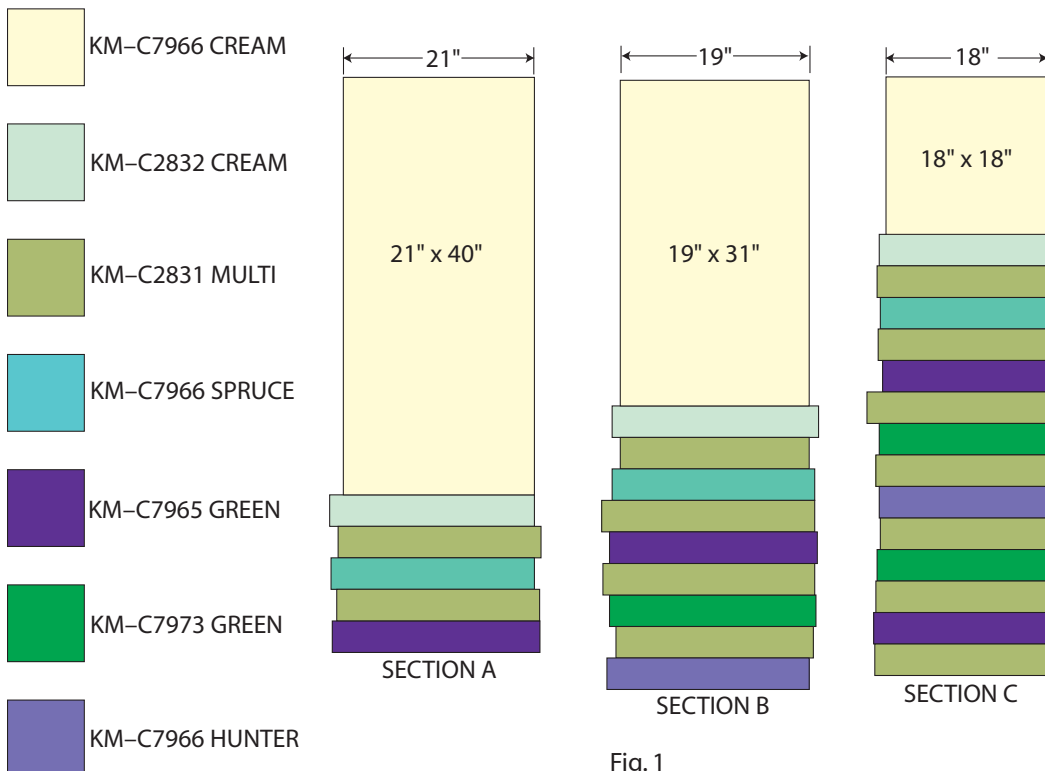


Fig. 1

3. Stitch a 2½" by 3½" rectangle of KM-C7966 Nutmeg to the bottom of each strip pair before adding the sets to the center section of the tree.

6. Continue this process, joining the remaining two 2" Section B strips to the 2½" Section B strips. The 2½" strips should be on the outside edges. (figure 4) Trim these segments 1¾" below the seam indicated. Add a 4" segment of KM-C7966 Nutmeg to each of the trimmed strip sets before adding them to the center section.

7. Working with the strips from section A, join the 2" strips to a pair of the 2½" strips with the 2" strip on the inside. (figure 5) Trim this segment 1½" below the seam indicated. Add a 4" Nutmeg segment to the bottom edge of each pair before stitching to the center section.

8. Join the remaining 2½" strips into pairs for the right and left

side of the tree. (figure 6) Trim 1¼" below the seam indicated. Stitch the remaining 4½" Nutmeg segments to the trimmed edges and add the segments to the tree.

9. Press all vertical seams from the center out.

10. Trim the completed tree to measure 44½" in length. (figure 7) The smallest segment of nutmeg will measure approximately 1/2". Your tree will measure 40½" side-to-side, including the outer edge seam allowances.

11. Cut two lengths of inner border strips measuring 44½", piecing fabric strips together on a 45° angle, if necessary. Stitch these strips to the right and left sides of the quilt. Press the seams toward the outer edge. Measure, mark and cut two strips 42½" for the top and bottom borders. Stitch in place and press toward the outer borders.

12. Measure, mark and cut two of the outer border strips to fit the left and right sides of your project. Stitch in place and press toward the outer edges. Repeat the process for the top and bottom borders.

13. Layer the quilt top with the batting and backing. Baste the layers together and quilt as desired.

14. Trim the batting and backing even with the quilt top. Stitch the binding strips together end-to-end to form one long strip. Press in half. Apply the binding to the outer edge, with the raw edges even, and mitering the corners. Stitch in place by machine. Fold the binding over the raw edges to the back of the quilt and stitch in place by hand.

Enjoy.

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Figures 3 through 6 show the strip pairs to be added to the right side of the tree. Repeat in mirror image for the left side of the tree.

Trim strip pairs where indicated by dotted lines before adding nutmeg pieces to the bottom of each strip pair.

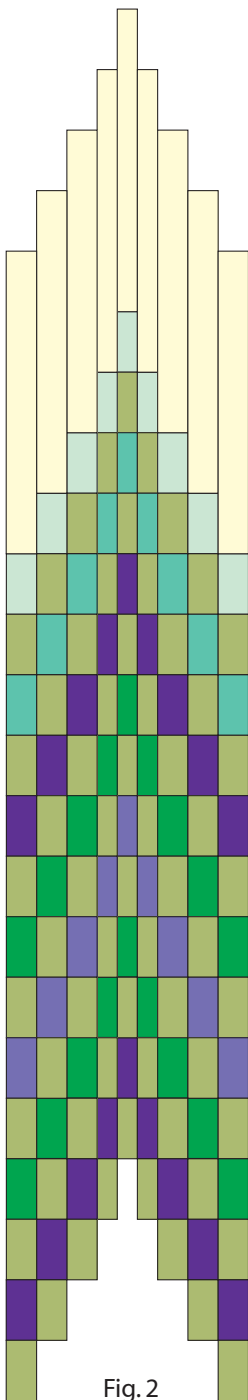


Fig. 2

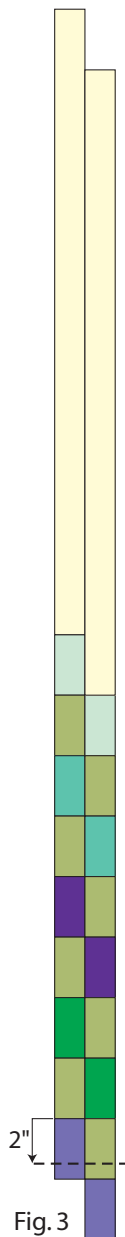


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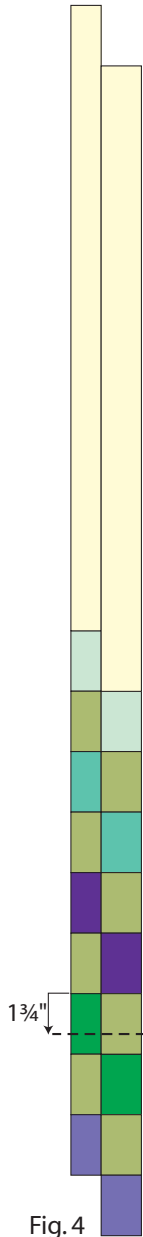


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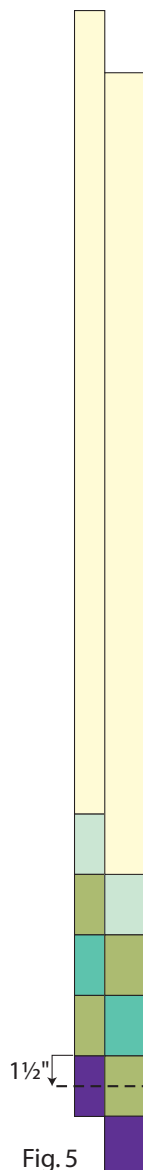


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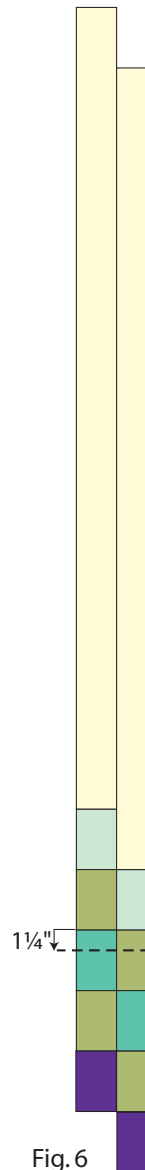


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