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Star Tree Skirt

*Have you ever considered the gift of a Christmas tree skirt for newlyweds?
Collecting and building Christmas traditions is exciting in a new household.*

Project Specifications

Skill Level: Intermediate

Tree Skirt Size: Approximately 48" x 48"

Materials

- 2½ yards cream-on-cream background fabric
- ½ yard red-and-green Christmas print
- ½ yard each red and green print
- 7 yards red piping
- 2⅔ yards backing fabric
- 2⅔ yards polyester fleece
- 26" x 20" piece of paper
- All-purpose thread to blend with fabrics
- 1 spool natural quilting thread

Instructions

Step 1. Fold paper in half lengthwise. Measure a 24" line along fold. Mark point of intersection 12" from point A and 20" from point B. Draw connecting lines from marked intersection to points A and B. Cut folded paper along these lines; open to form pattern piece (see Fig. 1).

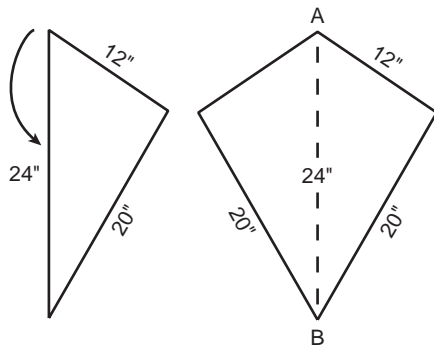


Fig. 1

Step 2. Using pattern piece created in Step 1, trace and cut six panels from cream-on-cream background fabric.

Step 3. Cut 2" strips across width of red, green and Christmas prints.

Step 4. With right sides together and using a ¼" seam, sew a Christmas print strip to one diagonal edge of each panel as shown in Fig. 2. Cut off excess

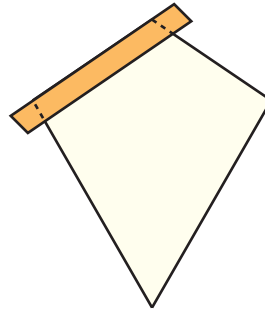


Fig. 2

Sew print strip to one diagonal side of panel.

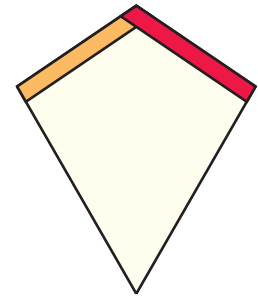


Fig. 3

Sew red strip along remaining diagonal side of panel.

fabric at same angle as panel. Press seam allowance toward strip.

Step 5. Sew a red strip along remaining diagonal side of each panel as shown in Fig. 3. Trim and press as in Step 4.

Step 6. Continue to add strips to complete each panel as shown in Fig. 4.

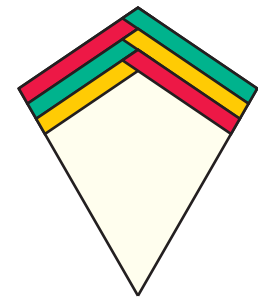


Fig. 4

Continue to add strips as shown.

Step 7. Sew all panels together except last two sides as shown in Fig. 5.

Step 8. Sew piping to two open sides and around all outside edges, clipping to turn corners.

Step 9. Fold tree skirt in half to use as pattern. Open backing fabric and fleece to full width. Place fold of skirt along straight edge. Cut out one half of lining and fleece at a time.

Step 10. Sew two lining pieces together only to center.

Step 11. Cut a 3" hole at the center of skirt, fleece and lining. Layer right sides together; pin or baste. Stitch around outside edge, leaving opening for turning.

Step 12. Turn right side out, close opening and press. Stitch in ditch to hold layers together.

—By Sandy Garrett

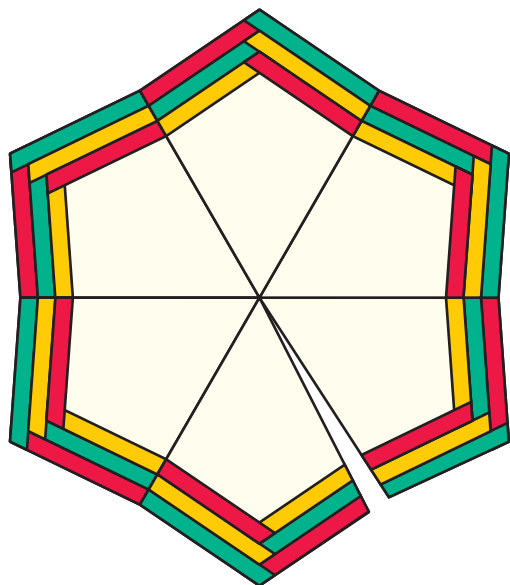


Fig. 5
Sew panels together,
leaving two sides open
as shown.

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