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FINISHED SIZE: 12" X 12"

ESTIMATED TIME TO COMPLETE: 1 HOUR

FABRIC:

- Red: 1/8 yd
- Green: (4) scraps, largest should be approximately 9" x 3"
- Brown: scrap at least 1 1/2" x 1 1/2"
- Black: 3/8 yd
- Pillow Back: 3/8 yd

CUT:

- Red: (2) 8 1/2" x 1 1/2" strips; (2) 10 1/2" strips; (4) 12 1/2" x 1" strips
- Fold (4) 12 1/2" strips in half, wrong side together, and press.
- Black: (2) 10 1/2" x 1 1/2" strips; (2) 12 1/2" strips
- Pillow Back: (1) 12 1/2" x 12 1/2" square

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Christmas Tree Pillow

Using the block pattern included, paper piece the center tree block.

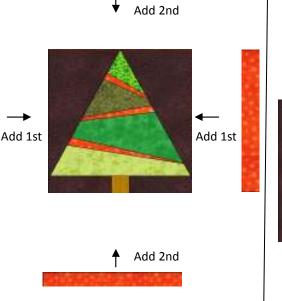
If you are unfamiliar with paper-piecing, you can find detailed instructions under "The Basics" on our app or website.

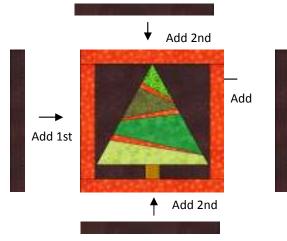
Trim block to 8 1/2" square as indicated on block pattern. Don't forget to remove the paper.

Using 8 1/2" x 1 1/2" strips, add red side borders. Then, using 10 1/2" x 121/2" strips, add red top and bottom borders.



Using 10 1/2" x 1 1/2" strips, add black side borders. Then, using 12 1/2" x 121/2" strips, add black top and bottom borders.





Matching the raw edges to the unfinished edges of the pieced pillow, attaché a folded red strip to each side using a small seam. The order the folded strips are attached does not matter.

Alternately, skip the pillow form , layer and bind as a quilt to act as a decorative wall hanging or as a hot pad on your Christmas table.



(Stitch Line. Stitch with fold point to center of the pillow. Stitch one folded piece to each side.)

With right sides together, using a quarter inch seam, stitch pillow front to pillow back. Leave and opening at the bottom big enough to put your pillow form through. Clip corners, turn the pieced pillow right side out and press. Put the pillow form through the opening, adjust so it fits well. Slip stitch the opening closed.

