

**FINISHED SIZE:**  
25 1/2" X 25 1/2"

**ESTIMATED TIME  
TO COMPLETE: 3  
HOURS**

**FABRIC:**

- Red: 3/8 yd
- Dark Green: 1/2 yd
- Light Green: 1/2 yd
- Binding: 3/8 yd
- Backing: 7/8 yd

**CUT:**

- Red: (2) 10 1/2" squares, cut in half diagonally for (4) red triangles
- Dark Green: (3) 5" strips
- Light Green: (3) 5" strips
- Binding: (4) 2 1/4" strips

## Pencil Tree Skirt

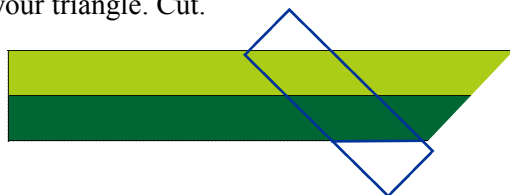
Use a quarter inch seam throughout. Begin by stitching each dark green strip to a light green strip and pressing toward the dark so you have (3) strips that look like this:



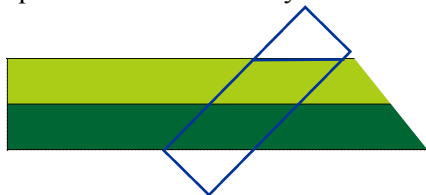
Now, you will cut (4) triangles from each strip. Begin by lining up the 45 degree line on your ruler with the top seam line so you can cut from the top right corner as shown. You will discard this corner.



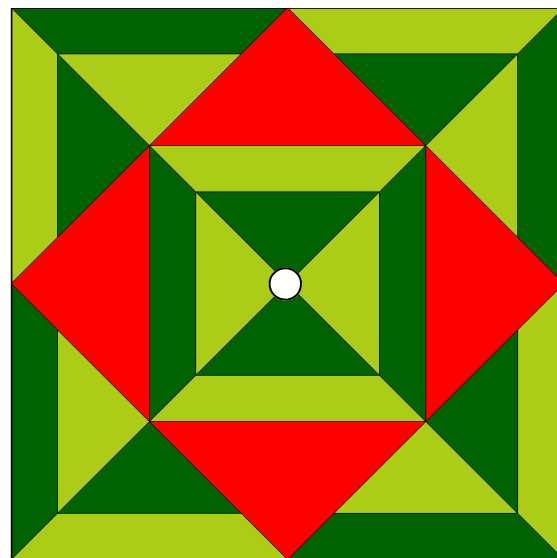
Next, flip the ruler, and line the 45 degree line up with the stitching on the bottom, making the bottom edge of the fabric the tip of your triangle. Cut.



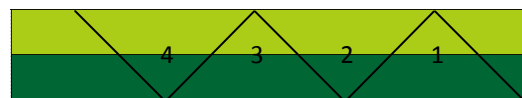
Now, flip the ruler back to line up with the top stitched line and cut your next triangle.



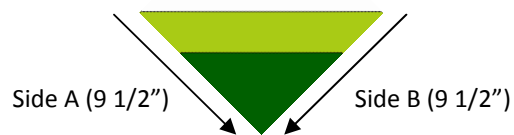
Cut. Continue until you have (12) triangles, (6) with a dark tip and (6) with a light tip.



You should get at least (4) from each strip.



Trim fabric off long side on strip so sides "A" and "B" of each triangle measure 9 1/2". This should give you (6) "dark green tipped" triangles that look like this:

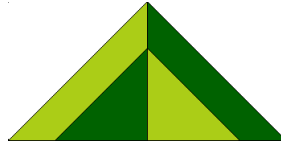


And (6) "light green tipped" triangles that look like this:



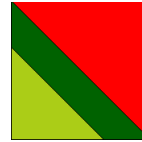
*This quilt uses a traditional "Roman Stripes" block. Varying the size of the strips adds interest to patterns.*

Sew (1) dark tipped triangle to (1) light tipped triangle together to make a strip that looks like this:



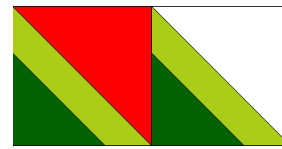
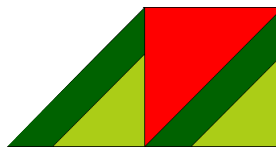
Press to dark tipped triangle.

Sew (2) dark tipped triangles to (2) red triangles and (2) light tipped triangles to (2) red triangles so you have two of each:



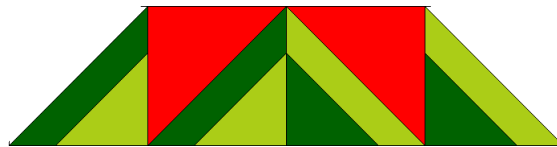
Press toward red. Square each block to 9 1/2".

Stitch (2) light tipped triangles to the red side of light tipped squares, and (2) dark tipped triangles to the side of dark tipped squares for two strips that look each of these:



Press to red.

Then stitch one of the light tipped squares strips to a dark tipped square strip to make the following strip:



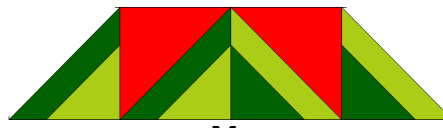
Press to dark tipped square/triangle side.

Sew strips together as shown, leaving and the pieces indicated unstitched for the opening.

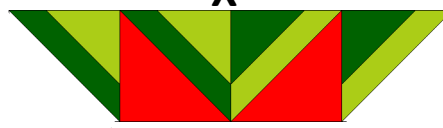
Stitch entire seam.



Stitch from edge to "X" leaving opening for tree skirt.



**X**



Stitch entire seam.

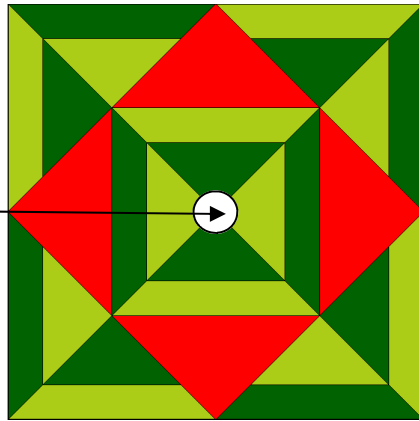


Cut a 1 3/4" circle in the center

of the pieced section. (Or alternate

size if your tree requires.)

Cut here,



Trim 1/4" seam allowance from open edge. Layer, baste or pin well. Cut opening in backing and batting. Quilt and bind all edges.

Alternately, you can put quilt top and backing right sides together, stitch leaving an opening to turn, clip edges turn and slip stitch opening closed.

Here is an outline of the design to try alternate color schemes.

