

# Christmas Tree Block

This block was modified from one designed by Janet Wickell located at [http://quilting.about.com/od/blockofthefmonth/ss/Christmas\\_tree.htm](http://quilting.about.com/od/blockofthefmonth/ss/Christmas_tree.htm)

## Cutting chart for one 12-inch Christmas Tree quilt block:

Tree branches, green – one or more shades:

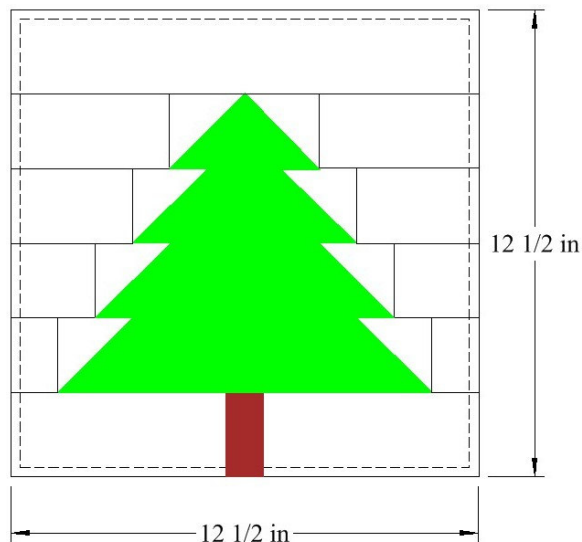
- One 2 1/2" x 4 1/2" strip
- One 2 1/2" x 6 1/2" strip
- One 2 1/2" x 8 1/2" strip
- One 2 1/2" x 10 1/2" strip

Tree trunk, brown:

- One 2 1/2" x 1 1/2" strip

Background, neutral, cream or beige – tone-on-tone or tiny print

- One 2 1/2" x 12 1/2" strip
- Ten 2 1/2" x 2 1/2" squares
- Two 2 1/2" x 4 1/2" strips
- Two 2 1/2" x 3 1/2" strips
- Two 2 1/2" x 1 1/2" strips
- Two 2 1/2" x 6" strips

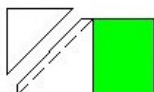


## Make the Christmas Tree Boughs

1. Gather eight of your 2 1/2" x 2 1/2" background squares and your green tree strips.
2. Draw a line from one corner to the opposite corner on the reverse side of each square.



3. Align a square with the left end of the shortest tree strip, right sides together. Be sure to position the drawn line as shown.



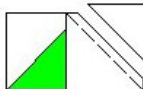
4. Sew a seam directly on the drawn line, then trim away the excess fabric, leaving about 1/4" of both layers extending past the seam line as shown.



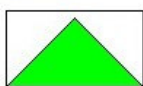
5. Open and press.



6. Repeat to sew another square to the opposite end of the green strip, positioning the line as shown. Note that the background squares overlap for the top tree strip but not for the others.

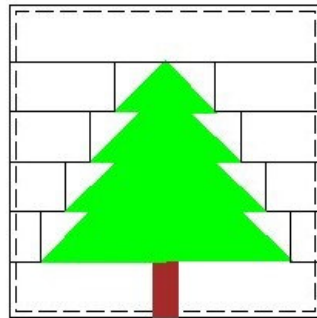
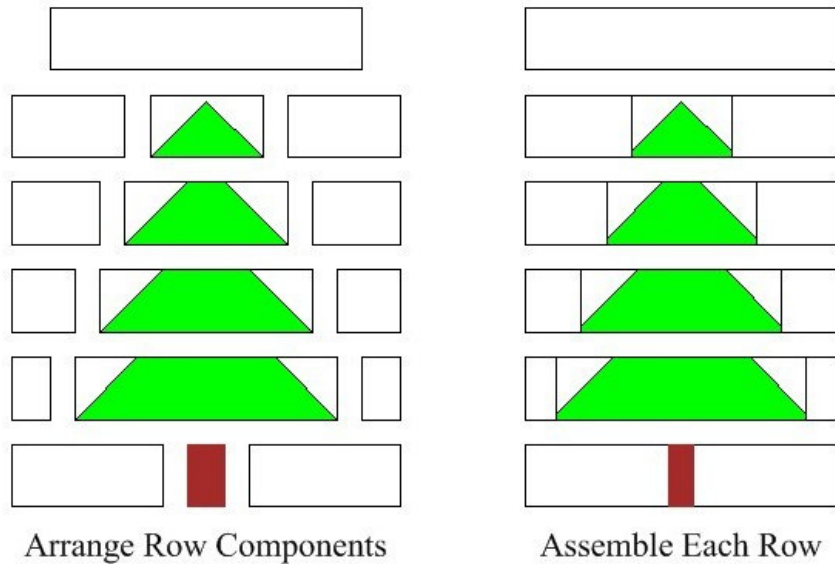


7. Trim, open, and press.



8. This is the result for the top tree strip. Repeat for the other three tree strips.

## Assemble the Christmas Tree Quilt Block



Sew Rows Together  
to Complete the  
Quilt Block

Use a 1/4" seam allowance to assemble the Christmas Tree quilt block, placing units right sides together for sewing and matching raw edges carefully. Use straight pins to hold fabrics together if it helps you keep patches aligned.

1. Arrange the Christmas Tree quilt block components as shown in the upper left section of the illustration. Start by placing your tree strip units in front of you, from shortest to longest working downward.
2. Arrange the background strips:
  - A 2 1/2" x 12 1/2" background strip at the top
  - A 2 1/2" x 4 1/2" background strip on each side of the shortest tree strip unit
  - A 2 1/2" x 3 1/2" background strip on each side of the 6 1/2" long tree strip unit
  - A 2 1/2" x 2 1/2" background square on each side of the 8 1/2" long tree strip unit
  - A 1 1/2" x 2 1/2" background strip on each side of the 10 1/2" long tree strip unit
3. Place a 2 1/2" x 6" background strip on each side of the 2 1/2" x 1 1/2" brown strip.
4. Sew the components of each Christmas Tree row together as shown in the upper right section of the illustration.
5. Sew all six Christmas Tree quilt block rows together, aligning strips carefully.

The Christmas Tree quilt block should measure 12 1/2" x 12 1/2".