

# Christmas Tree Magic

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Great for either a gift or your own Christmas décor, this wall hanging is especially fun as you make your own magic tree through the fabrics and embellishments that you choose.

## You will need the following supplies:

### Fabrics:

- Scraps of 3 to 8 different greens for tree boughs
- 1/8 yd red
- 2/3 yd dark green for border, binding, ground, backing and rod pocket

- 1/4 yd white for background
- 1 scrap of brown fabric for tree trunk

### Batting:

- 12" x 23" piece of low loft batting

### Notions:

- Foundation paper for copying pieced block
- Black fabric marker (tip at least 1mm wide) OR black embroidery thread for words
- Embellishments to decorate tree – trim, beads, crystals, etc.



finished size: 11 x 22

## Preparation:

Cut the following pieces from the **border fabric**:

- 2 strips 1 3/8" wide across the width of the fabric for the binding
- 2 strips 22" x 2 1/4" for the outer border (sides)
- 2 strips 11" x 2 1/4" for the outer border (top and bottom)
- 1 strip 2" x 16" for rod loops
- 1 piece 12" x 23" for backing
- 1 rectangle 2 1/2" x 6 1/2" for the ground

From the **red fabric**, cut:

- 2 crosswise strips at 1" wide

From the **tree fabrics**, cut a total of 8 strips each measuring 2" by 5 1/4" for the boughs

Cut the following pieces from the **white fabric**:

- 1 piece measuring 6 1/2" x 5 3/4" for quote
- 1 square measuring 5 1/2", then cut it in half diagonally to form two triangles
- 2 pieces measuring 3 1/2" square
- 6 pieces measuring 2" x 5"

From the **brown scrap** cut 1 piece measuring 1 1/4" x 3"

From **batting**, cut 1 piece measuring 12" x 23"

A note about the pre-cut strips:

If you are new to paper piecing, these pre-cut pieces insure that you will not end up using pieces that don't quite cover the needed area when you sew them down and flip them over. As you become more familiar with the process, you may use pieces smaller than what is presented here. This pattern is simply designed to get you comfortable with the paper piecing method ☺

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Trace the quote onto its fabric piece. Go over it with a fabric marker or use embroidery thread to stitch the words by hand.

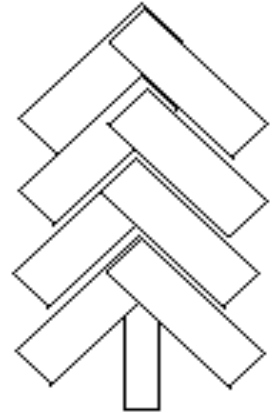
**Construction:**

Note: **All seam allowances are ¼ inch!**

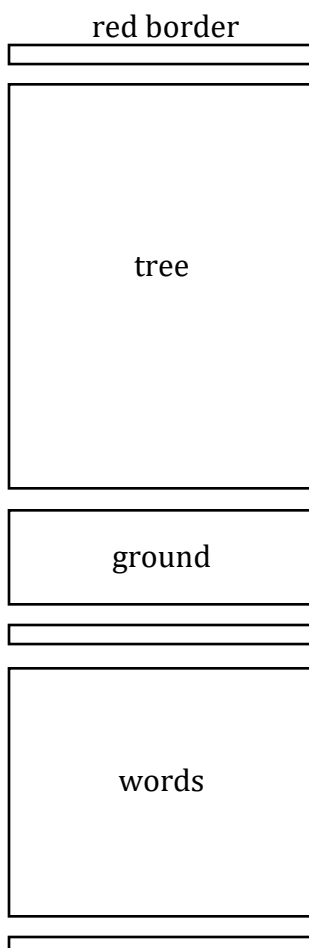
Sew the tree using the foundation piecing method.

- You will be placing fabric on the **unprinted** side of the foundation paper (the front) and sewing along the printed lines on the back. A light box or lamp can help with checking the placement of fabric pieces.
- Use a short stitch length of approximately 12 to 14 stitches per inch.
- After sewing each seam, trim any excess fabric from the sewn seam allowance, making them approximately ¼", and use a mini iron or finger press the fabric completely open.
- Sew pieces in numerical order.
- Before sewing the tree, take time to position the various pieces of green fabric as illustrated at right, experimenting until you like the arrangement.

Now sew the tree block. The 2 squares of white are for each side of the trunk. The six narrower pieces of white are for the sides, and the two triangles are for sections 18 and 19.



Press the foundation block and trim the extra fabric and paper beyond the seam allowance. Do not remove the paper foundation from the tree block yet.



Cut two 6 ½" lengths from one of the red strips, and cut one 6 ½" length from the other red strip.

Sew the quilt top pieces together as illustrated at left and press, then sew the longer pieces of red to the sides. The side strips will be a little longer than necessary; just trim off the extra ends. Now remove the paper from the back of the tree block, starting at the middle of a sewn section and tearing outward.

Next, attach the green border pieces to the sides and press. Trim any extra fabric from the ends. Add the top and bottom pieces and press. The top is finished! This is a great time for a break 😊

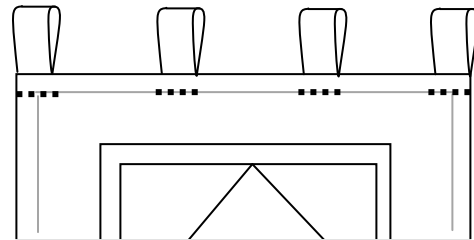
Layer the backing, batting and quilt top together and quilt. Trim the excess batting and backing fabric even with the quilt top. Quilt around the inside and outside of the red borders.

Sew the 2 full length green crosswise strips together and use to make and apply a 3/8" binding.

Make the loops to hang the wall quilt. Turn under ¼" along both long edges of the 2" x 16 inch strip, turn under ¼" a second time, and stitch down. Cut the strip into four equal pieces. Fold each of these resulting pieces in half lengthwise and zigzag the edges together to make the bottom of each loop.

Attach the loops to the top of the wall quilt, placing one at each end, and spacing the other two evenly. The loops should extend 1 ¼" above the top of the quilt. Stitch in the ditch made by the binding, sewing across the binding itself at either end.

Add trim and other embellishments as desired to decorate your tree.



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Print the pattern on foundation paper. Be sure the scale is set at 100%.

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