

Trees Please: Block of the Month

December 2010

Pine Tree

Unfinished block size: 15 ½" x 16 ½" Finished block size: 15" x 16"

Materials:

Tree: assorted green fabric, approximately ½ yard. Cut 42-2" squares. Cut 9-2 ½" squares.

Background: assorted neutrals, approximately ½ yard. Cut 30-2" squares. Cut 9-2 ½". Cut 8-2"x 3"

Trunk: Cut 2-2"x3" from brown scraps.

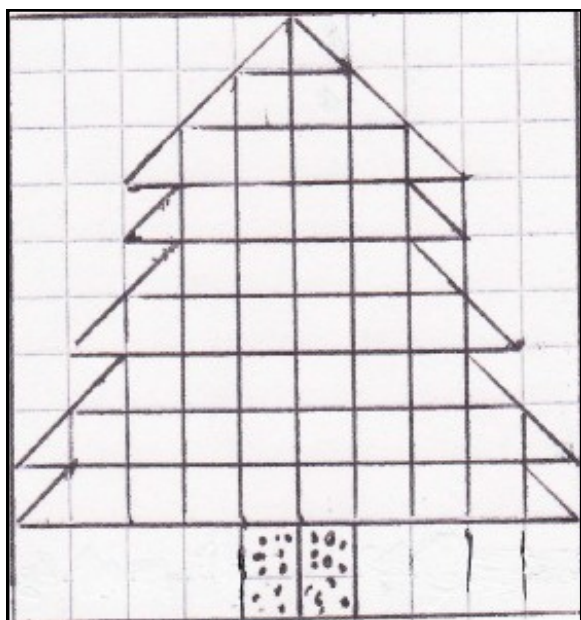
Directions for Assembly:

1. Cut the 9-2 ½" tree squares in half diagonally. Repeat for the background's 9-2 ½" squares. Using 1 triangle of the tree fabric and 1 triangle of the background fabric, and with right sides together, chain piece the long edge. Open and press to the darker fabric. Trim squares to 2". You need a total of 18 half square triangle units.
2. Refer to the diagram for a row-by-row visual of the block's layout. There are ten rows across and ten down. The bottom row is longer than the other nine.
3. Move your squares and half square triangles around until you like the way it looks.
4. Sew each row separately. Join rows together. Your block should measure 15 ½" wide by 16 ½" long.
5. Gently press.

Embellishment ideas:

1. Applique snow onto the tree for a winter look.
2. Use small bird buttons and have a flock living in your tree.
3. Decorate your tree for the holidays.

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Drawing for "Trees Please" completed quilt tops

Are you keeping up with the Block of the Month? Remember when the twelve blocks have all been published there will be a drawing for \$100 in cash. All those who have completed all the blocks and put them together in a quilt top (not necessarily quilted—yet) will show their quilts at a meeting, put their names in a hat and a winning name will be pulled.

More information about this in the months ahead.