

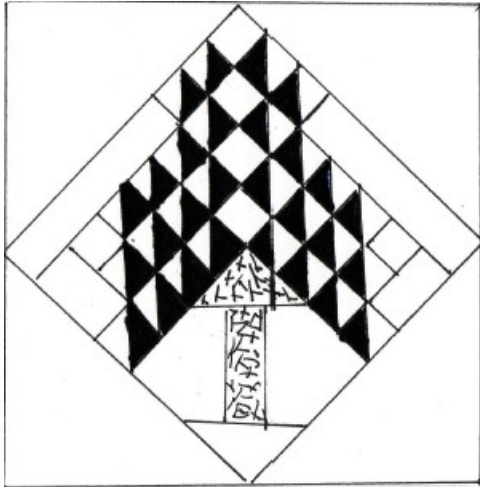
Trees Please: Block of the Month

September 2010

Tree of Life

Unfinished block size: 18 1/2" x 18 1/2"

Finished block size: 18" x 18"



Materials:

Leaves: dark green fabric: Cut 14- 3" squares.
light green or contrasting fabric : Cut 14- 3" squares
Cut 4- 2" squares

background fabric: Cut 2- 2"x 8" strips
Cut 2- 2" x 3 1/2" strips
Cut 2- 2" squares

Trunk unit (paper Pieced):

trunk fabric: Cut 1- 2" x 6" strip
Cut 1- 5" square

background fabric: Cut 2- 7 -1/2" squares
Cut 1- 5" square

Large triangles: background fabric: Cut 2- 11" squares.
Cut in half diagonally. (Makes 4)

Directions for Assembly

Leaves:

1. To make the 28 half square triangles: With a pencil, draw a diagonal line (corner to corner) on the wrong side of each of the 14 light green 3" squares. With right sides together, layer the light on top of the dark green square and stitch 1/4" seam on BOTH SIDES of the drawn line. Cut along drawn line and press seam allowances towards the darker fabric. Trim to 2" squares.

Trunk:

1. Use the pattern provided (on page 16 in Sep '10 newsletter) to paper piece the tree trunk square. NOTE: Measure your pattern. It should be 6 1/2" square. Not all printers print accurately, extend or shrink the lines as needed.

Block:

1. Using the diagram above, or the picture, assemble the tree.
2. Using the large triangles, finish the block so that the tree is on point.
3. Embellish.

Options

1. The tree leaves can be made scrappy. This variation is shown in the picture.
2. Add family names across the leaves.
3. Use symbols, trinkets or miniature photos for family members.
4. Let your tree represent life in the forest. What birds or insects would be out and about?

Questions?

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To qualify for the \$100 drawing to be held at the end of twelve months, finish all 12 blocks and assemble the quilt top (does not have to be quilted).



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