

# Pocketfuls of Christmas Door or Wall Tree

25 pockets to help count down the days  
before Christmas!

## Supply list:

**Color #1:** 5/8 yd green for tree and tree stump  
1 yd for backing and binding

**Color #2:** 1/2 yd red for tree

25" x 32" cotton batting

curtain ring

Quilt in a Day Triangle Ruler or trace paper  
template on back page onto template plastic



## From color #1

Tree - cut three strips 6 1/2" x 42"  
subcut 30 triangles (see instructions below)

Stump - cut two 5" squares

Backing - cut one piece 25" x 32"

Binding – cut 2 1/4" wide strips from leftover backing fabric to measure  
approx. 90" in length when pieced together.

## From color #2

Tree - cut two strips 6 1/2" x 42"  
subcut 20 triangles (see instructions below)

## Cutting the Triangles:

Place one of the 6 1/2" strips on the mat horizontally so that strip  
measures 6 1/2" x 22".

Place the *Quilt in a Day* triangle ruler (or plastic template) on fabric strip  
just to right of selvages so that tip of ruler is at top of fabric and the 6 1/2"  
mark on the ruler rests at the bottom edge. (See diagram 1.)

With rotary cutter, cut fabric to the right of the ruler, then to the left turning the mat if desired. Flip ruler (tip facing down). Align edge of ruler with cut edge of fabric. The tip should be at bottom edge and the 6 1/2" mark at top. Cut fabric on right side of ruler. Continue flipping and cutting until you have the required number of triangles. Begin a new strip when necessary.



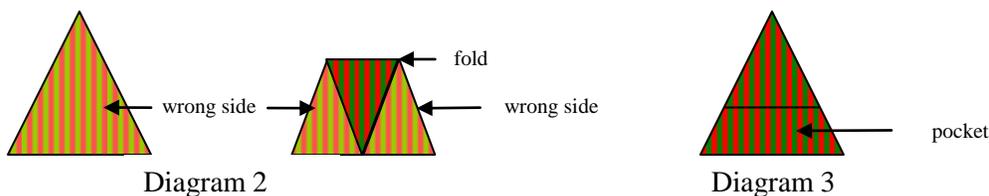
### Making the triangle pockets:

**Color #1** – On ironing board, place a triangle wrong side up.. Bring tip of triangle to the bottom edge. The fold created at the top should be straight and there should be an equal amount of wrong side fabric showing on each side. (See diagram 2.)

Press to hold in place. Repeat the above until you have 15 folded triangles.

*Hint: Be careful to press, not iron, so the bias edges are not distorted.*

With right sides facing up, place a folded triangle on top of a flat color #1 triangle matching sides and bottom edges. Baste 1/8" from the edges to hold pieces together. Repeat with remaining triangles to make **15 pairs**. (See diagram 3.)



**Color #2** – On ironing board, place a triangle wrong side up. Bring tip of triangle down to meet the bottom edge. The fold created at the top should be straight and there should be an equal amount of wrong side fabric showing on each side. (See diagram 4.)

Press to hold in place, again being careful of the bias edges. Repeat the above until you have 10 folded triangles. Transfer folded triangles to a cutting mat and cut excess fabric from each side, creating a doubled triangle right sides facing out. (See diagram 5.)

With right sides facing up and tip of the triangle facing down, place a folded triangle on top of a flat color #2 triangle matching the sides and the tip. (See diagram 6.) Pin or baste to hold the layered pieces together. Repeat with the other triangles to make 10 pairs.

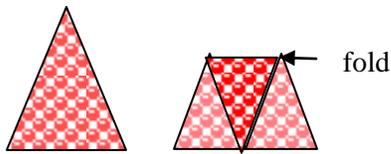


Diagram 4

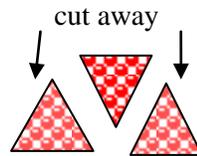


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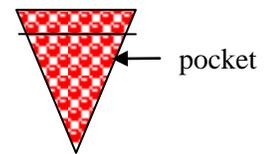


Diagram 6

### Sewing Triangles together:

All seams are  $\frac{1}{4}$ " and should be pressed open after each triangle is sewn to another triangle. *Hint: Having an ironing board next to your sewing machine makes the job easier especially if you can lower it to sitting height.*

With right sides together, sew a Color #1 triangle to a Color #2 triangle (see diagram 7), forming rows as shown in diagram 8. When adding a triangle, match the points, sides, and dog ears.



Diagram 7

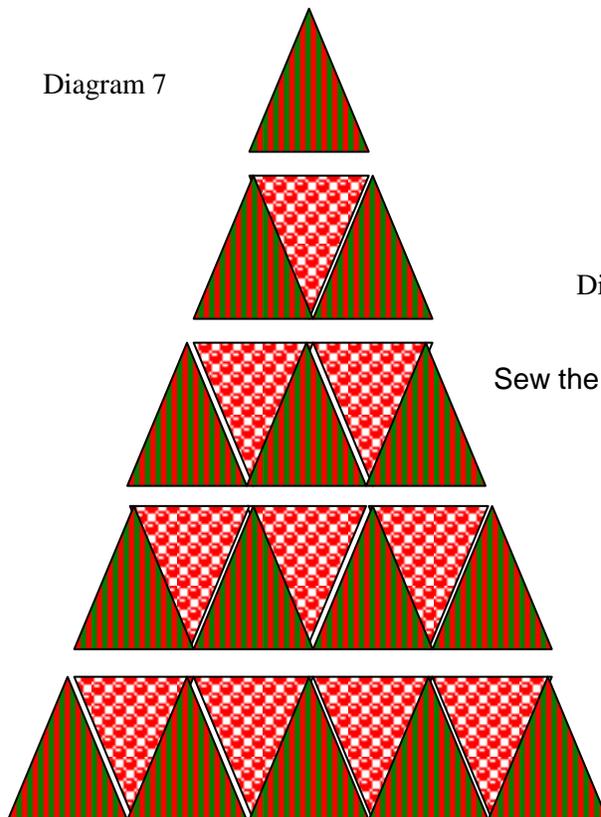


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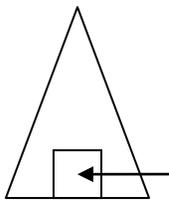
Sew the rows together pressing seams open.

### **Sewing the Stump:**

With right sides together, sew stump squares together on three sides. Clip corners. Turn right side out. Press. Slip a piece of batting, which is slightly smaller than the finished stump, into the opening. Quilt  $\frac{1}{4}$ " from the finished sides. Set aside.

### **Making the Quilt Sandwich:**

With right side facing down, place backing fabric on a table. Smooth and secure in place with masking tape. Place batting on top and smooth. Add tree, right side facing up. Baste all layers together. Quilt in the ditch by hand or machine. (The ditches are the seams attaching the two colored triangles).



With raw edges together, baste stump to bottom of tree as shown.

Pin to hold it upward while sewing on the binding.

### **Binding:**

Sew binding strips together. Press seams open. Press binding in half, wrong sides together. Press one short end  $\frac{1}{4}$ " under. On right side towards tree bottom, align raw edges of binding along outer edge of tree. Start sewing about 1" down from pressed under edge. Miter corners. As you get close to the where you began, cut binding strip so that it will tuck into opening. Finish sewing on the binding. Trim away excess backing and batting. Turn binding to the back and whipstitch in place. Unpin the stump, fold down, and tack to hold down.

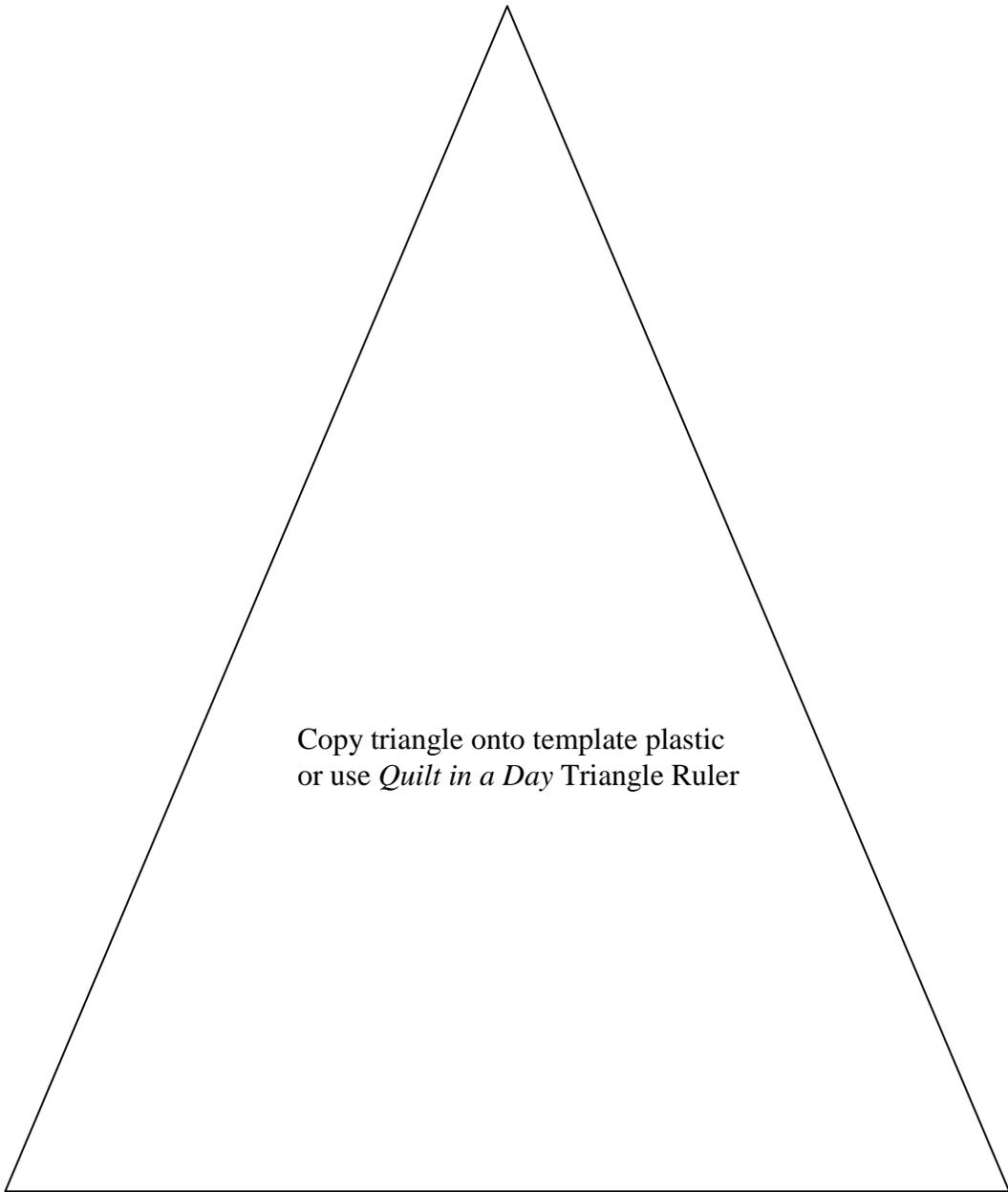
Sew curtain ring on the back of the tree near the top. Decorate your tree with bows and bells, if desired. Fill the pockets with candy canes, wrapped candies, or small ornaments.

Beginning December 1<sup>st</sup>, the treat can be removed from the bottom left pocket. The next day, remove the treat from the 2<sup>nd</sup> pocket from bottom left and so on until you reach the top of the tree at which time it will be December 25<sup>th</sup>. Wish everyone a Merry Christmas!



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