

A Star in the Forest Table Topper

23" x 23" - A fat quarter project



Read instructions before beginning.

This project requires six fat quarters plus $\frac{3}{4}$ yard of backing fabric. Binding comes from one of the fat quarters.

The tree blocks are made first, then the square in a square corner blocks, then the center block.

Seam allowance is $\frac{1}{4}$ ".

Cutting the tree blocks:

Tan fat quarter

cut nine 2" x 22" strips for tree background

(as you subcut, arrange pieces as shown on second page)

- subcut eight 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 2" tree top
- eight 4" x 2" second tier
- eight 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 2" third tier
- eight 3" x 2" tree bottom
- eight 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ " x 2" under tree

Green fat quarter

cut four 2" x 22" strips for tree

- subcut four 3" x 2" tree top
- four 4" x 2" second tier
- four 5" x 2" third tier
- four 6" x 2" tree bottom

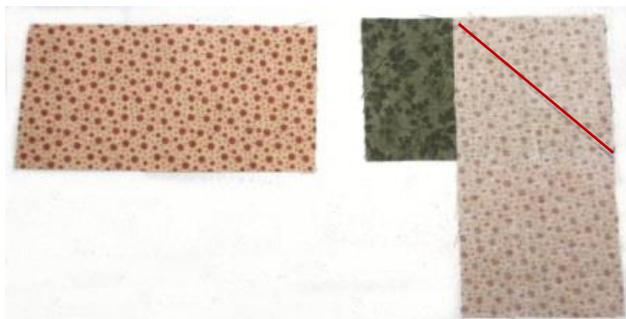
Brown fat quarter

cut one 2" x 22" strip for tree stump

- subcut four 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 2" rectangles
- cut six 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 22" for binding

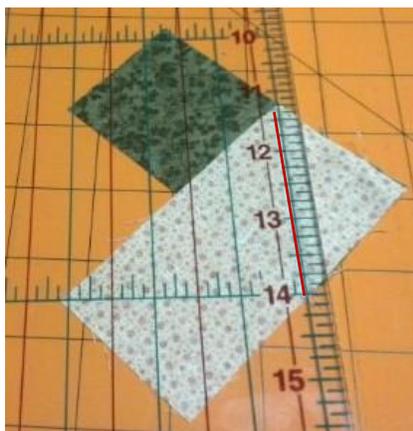
Piecing Tree Blocks – Make Four Blocks:

Arrange tree block pieces in the order they were cut.



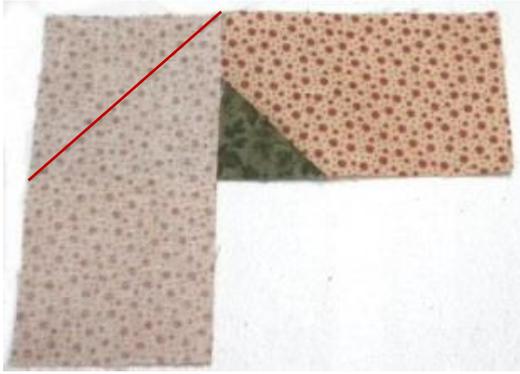
Flip the right tree top background piece over tree top green piece. Draw a diagonal line from corner to corner. Pin. Stitch a hair to the right of the line.

Take care to draw the line correctly and to sew the two pieces together.



Trim excess fabric $\frac{1}{4}$ " from stitching line.

Press open being careful not to stretch fabric.



Align tree top left background piece on left. Draw a diagonal line from corner to corner. Pin.

Stitch a hair to the left of the line.



Press open being careful not to stretch fabric. Notice there is a $\frac{1}{4}$ " of background fabric above the tip of the tree.

Repeat the above steps for the next three rows.

For last row, sew background piece to each side of tree stump. Press seams towards background fabric.



Sew rows together. Press seam towards bottom of tree. Square block to 8" square.

Repeat to make a total of four tree blocks.

Cutting Square in a Square Blocks:

Red fat quarter

cut one 4 ¼" x 22" strip for center square
subcut four – 4 ¼" squares



Tan scroll fat quarter

cut one 5" x 22" strip for small triangles
subcut four 5" squares
cut across both diagonals of squares to yield sixteen triangles



Green trees fat quarter

cut two 6 ½" x 22" strips for large triangles
subcut four 6 ½" squares
cut across both diagonals of squares to yield sixteen triangles



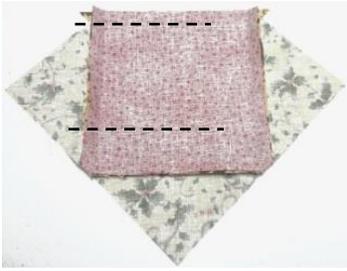
Piecing Square in a Square Blocks – Make Four:



With right sides together, place a red square on top of a small tan scroll triangle making sure triangle extends an equal distance on both sides of square. Sew. Press seam toward triangle.



Repeat on opposite side of square.



Do the same thing on remaining two sides of the square.



Press seams toward triangles.

Repeat the above process with remaining three squares.



Add the larger green triangles in the same manner as above to create four, Square in a Square blocks.

Square blocks to 8".

Cutting Center Star Block:

Red fat quarter

cut one 3" x 22" strip for star background

subcut four 3" squares

cut one 3 1/2" x 22" strip for half-square triangles

subcut two 3 1/2" squares

Tan scroll fat quarter

cut one 3 1/2" x 22" strip

subcut two 3 1/2" squares for half-square triangles

subcut one 3" square for star center

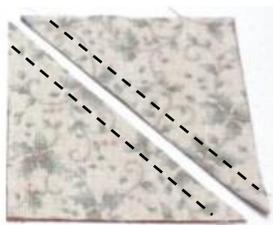
Brown fat quarter

cut one 1 7/8" x 22" strip for center

subcut four 1 7/8" squares

subcut four 1 1/2" squares

Piecing Center Star Block – Make One:



Half-square triangles:

Draw a diagonal line from corner to corner on wrong side of 3 ½" tan scroll print.

With right sides together, place tan square on top of 3 ½" red square. Stitch ¼" from each side of drawn line.



Cut on line, press seam to red. Repeat with remaining 3 ½" squares.

Square blocks to 3".



Fold 1 ½" brown square in half, wrong sides together.

Place in corner of a half square triangle (note the position).

Raw edges should be even. Baste 1/8" from edges. Repeat with remaining half-square triangles.



Square in a Square:

Draw a diagonal line from corner to corner on a 1 7/8" brown square. Place in upper left hand corner of 3" tan scroll print square. Stitch a scant amount from the drawn line towards the corner.



Trim ¼" away from stitching. Press seam towards triangle.



Repeat for remaining corners by adding a square, trimming, and pressing a corner at a time.



Arrange squares as shown.

Sew top row together. Press seams toward middle square.

Sew middle row together. Press seams toward outside squares.

Sew bottom row together. Press seams toward outside squares.

Sew top row to middle row. Press seam towards top row. Sew bottom row to middle row. Press seam toward bottom row.

Arrange finished blocks as shown on front page. Sew mat together.

Cut backing fabric to 27" x 27". Pin backing, batting, and top together. Quilt.

Sew binding strips together. Bind mat.



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