

**PROJECT: Christmas Star Tree Skirt**  
Use basic units to piece a stunning tree skirt.

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**FABRICS** are from the Santa Stops Here collection by Karen Tye Bentley for Northcott ([northcott.com](http://northcott.com)).

**FINISHED TREE SKIRT: 48½" diameter**  
**FINISHED BLOCKS: 12" square**

#### MATERIALS

Yardages and cutting instructions are based on 42" of usable fabric width.

- 7⁄8 yard white star print (blocks 1 and 2, corner units)
- ½ yard red print (blocks 1–3)
- ¾ yard blue reindeer print (blocks 1 and 2)
- 5⁄8 yard green print (blocks 1–3, corner units)
- 18×21" piece (fat quarter) red stripe (block 3)
- ½ yard solid red (binding)
- 3¼ yards backing fabric
- 57"-square batting

#### CUT FABRICS

Cut pieces in the following order.

If you prefer to make triangle-squares larger than necessary and trim them to size, cut 5" squares instead of the 4⁷⁄₈" squares specified here.

#### From white star print, cut:

- 30–4⁷⁄₈" squares
- 6–4⁷⁄₈" squares, cutting each in half diagonally for 12 triangles total

#### From red print, cut:

- 20–4⁷⁄₈" squares

#### From blue reindeer print, cut:

- 12–4⁷⁄₈" squares
- 8–4½×8½" rectangles
- 8–4½" squares

#### From green print, cut:

- 16–4⁷⁄₈" squares
- 4–4½×8½" rectangles
- 4–4½" squares

#### From red stripe, cut:

- 6–4⁷⁄₈" squares

#### From solid red, cut:

- 6–2½×42" binding strips

#### ASSEMBLE TRIANGLE-SQUARES

Measurements include ¼" seam allowances. Sew with right sides together unless otherwise stated.

Press seams in directions indicated by arrows on diagrams. If no direction is specified, press seam toward darker fabric.

**1** Use a pencil to mark a diagonal line on wrong side of each white star print 4⁷⁄₈" square and 12 red print 4⁷⁄₈" squares.

**2** Layer a marked white star print square atop a blue reindeer print 4⁷⁄₈" square. Sew together with two seams, stitching ¼" on each side of marked line (**Diagram 1**). Cut apart on marked line. Press open to make two matching triangle-squares. Each triangle-square should be 4½" square including seam allowances. Repeat to make 24 blue-and-white triangle-squares total.

**3** Repeat Step 2 using green print 4⁷⁄₈" squares instead of blue print to make 20 green-and-white triangle-squares total.

**4** Repeat Step 2 using unmarked red print 4⁷⁄₈" squares instead of blue print to make 16 red-and-white triangle-squares total.

**5** Repeat Step 2 using marked red print squares instead of white star print and red stripe 4⁷⁄₈" squares instead of blue print to make 12 red-and-white-stripe triangle-squares total.

**6** Repeat Step 2 using remaining marked red print squares instead of white star print and remaining green print 4⁷⁄₈" squares instead of blue print to make 12 red-and-green triangle-squares total.

#### ASSEMBLE BLOCKS

**1** Referring to **Diagram 2**, sew together one blue reindeer print 4½" square and two blue-and-white, one green-and-white, and two red-and-white triangle-squares in two rows. Join rows to make Unit A. The unit should be 8½×12½" including seam allowances.

**2** Referring to **Diagram 3**, sew together a blue reindeer print 4½×8½" rectangle and a blue-and-white triangle-square to make Unit B. The unit should be 4½×12½" including seam allowances.

**3** Referring to **Diagram 4**, sew together units A and B to make a Block 1. The block should be 12½" square including seam allowances.

**4** Repeat steps 1-3 to make four total of Block 1.

**5** Referring to **Diagram 5** for triangle-square placement and, repeat steps 1-3 to make four of Block 2.

**6** Referring to **Diagram 6** for triangle-square placement and orientation, repeat steps 1-3 using green print 4½" squares and 4½×8½" rectangles, red-and-white-stripe triangle-squares, and red-and-green triangle-squares to make four of Block 3.

#### ASSEMBLE CORNER UNITS

**1** Referring to **Diagram 7**, sew together three green-and-white triangle-squares and three white star print triangles in three rows. Join rows to make corner unit.

**2** Repeat Step 1 to make four corner units total.

#### ASSEMBLE TREE SKIRT

**1** Referring to **Tree Skirt Assembly Diagram**, lay out blocks and corner units in four rows. Sew together pieces in first two rows. Sew together remaining pieces in pairs, as shown. Press seams in one direction, alternating direction with each row.

**2** Join pairs and rows, leaving half the center seam open, to make tree skirt top (**Diagram 8**). Press seams in one direction. The tree skirt top should be  $48\frac{1}{2}$ " square including seam allowances.

#### FINISH TREE SKIRT

**1** Layer tree skirt top, batting, and backing; baste. Quilt as desired.

**2** Trim away excess batting and backing.

**3** Referring to **Diagram, 8** use a compass or saucer and pencil to draw a  $2\frac{1}{2}$ "-diameter circle in the tree skirt center. Cut on marked line to create center opening.

**4** Bind tree skirt using solid red binding strips.

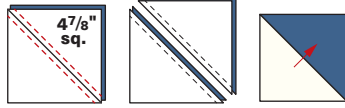
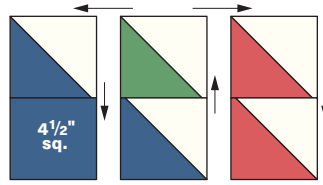
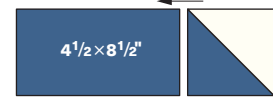


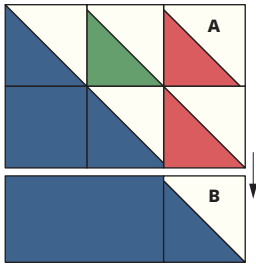
Diagram 1



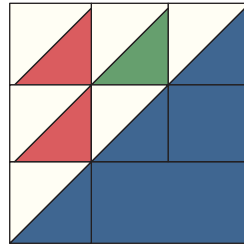
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Diagram 2



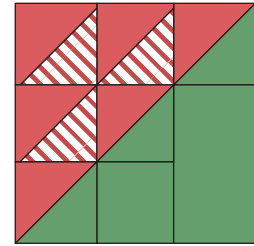
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Diagram 3



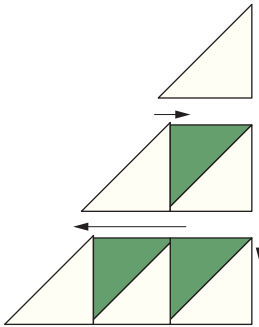
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Diagram 4



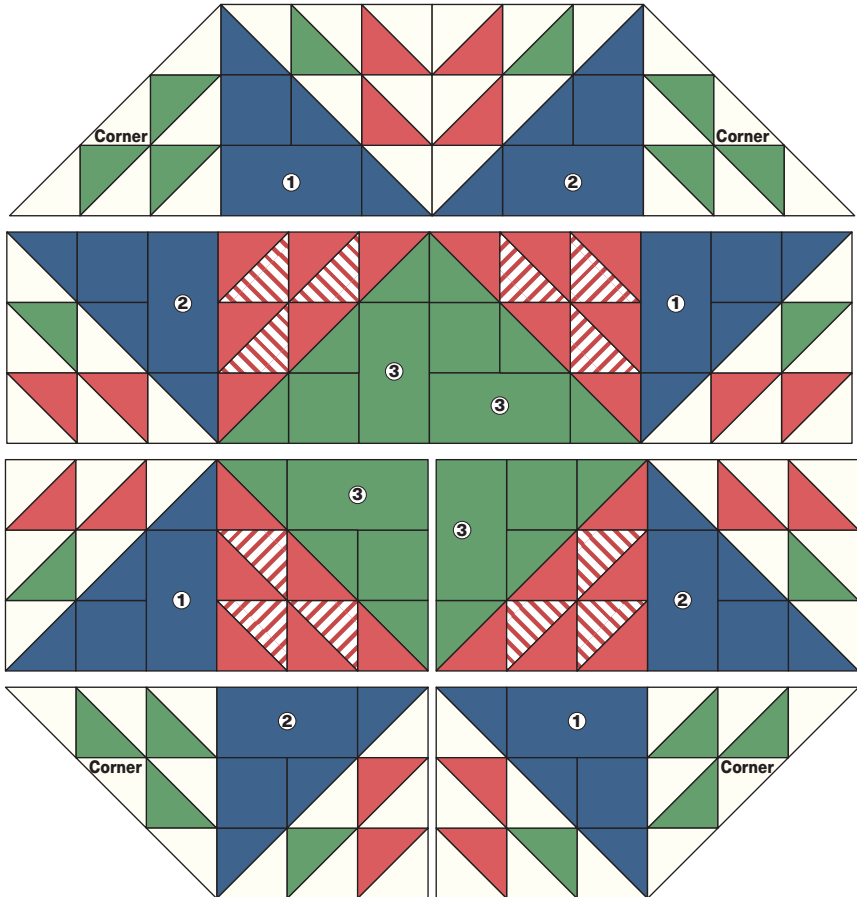
Block 2  
Diagram 5



Block 3  
Diagram 6



Corner Unit  
Diagram 7



Tree Skirt Assembly Diagram

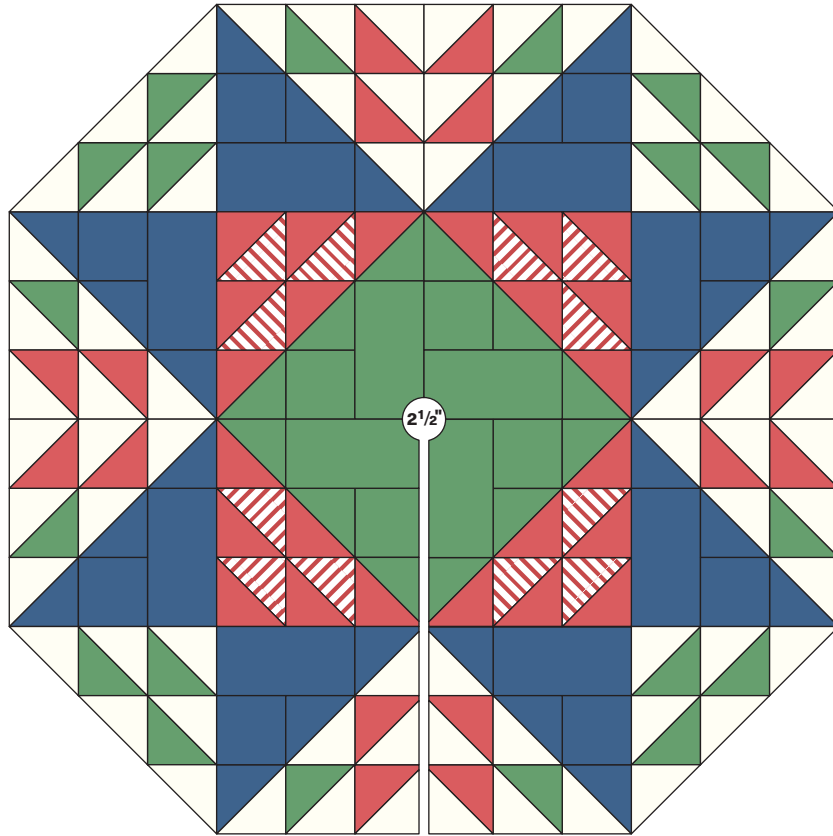


Diagram 8