

December Block of the Month Snowy Tree

Cut:

- 1 – 8" white square*
- 1 -- 8" green square*
- 2 -- 4" green squares
- 2 – 4" white squares
- 2 -- 3 ½" x 2" white rectangles
- 2 – 3 ½" x 5" white rectangles

Using the 8" white square, draw 2 diagonal lines from corner to corner. With right sides together with the green 8" square, sew ¼ inch on either side of the lines and then cut along the lines. Cut again, criss-crossing the 8 inch square at 90 degrees from the outside edges. You now have 8 half square triangles (HQTs).

Trim all 8 blocks to 3 ½ inch squares using the diagonal line on the cutting board to keep the diagonal seam on a perfect 45-degree angle.

Assemble the 8 blocks into 4 triangles and sew together to form the center of the block.

With the 4" blocks, make 4 HSTs, (2 at a time) by putting the right sides together (one white and one green), drawing a diagonal line, then sewing 1/4" seam on either side of diagonal line, then cut on the line.

Trim blocks to 3 ½ inch squares.

Sew the white 5"x 3 1/2" rectangles to 2 of the completed HSTs- one left and one right. Add another HST below the one just sewn-one left and one right. Add 2" x 3 1/2" rectangles to bottom of each side, as in the diagram. Add left and right sections to the sides of the center as shown.

The block should be 12 ½ inches square.

*NOTE: Since the resulting blocks must be trimmed to 3 ½ inches and you will be stitching on the diagonal of the fabric, it might be easier if you start with 8 ½ inch blocks. That gives a little more "fudge factor" and less worry about perfect ¼ inch seams.