

# Christmas Tree Skirt



Holiday gift wrapping was the inspiration for this simple tree skirt design. The subtle color variations provide an almost 3D effect for each “gift” around the skirt. This project also includes the “gift tags” that you can add to the skirt, providing an extra touch of realism. The finished size of the tree skirt is approximately 45” (114cm) across.

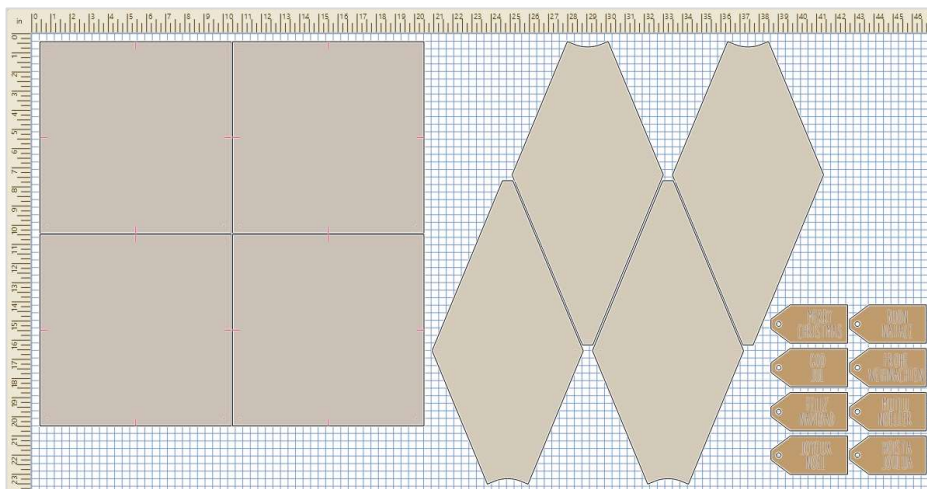
## What you need

- Quilting Fabric in four colors – 2/3 yards each
- Backing Fabric 1 3/8 yards (125cm) 45” (114cm) wide
- Low Loft Fusible Batting
- SnapPap, Kraft Paper Fabric or Similar
- Ribbon in two colors – 4½ yards (4m) each
- Ribbon for Ties – 1 yard (90cm)
- Fabric Grip Mat 24” x 24”
- Standard Grip Mat 12” x 12”
- Rotary Blade

- Basic Blade
- SINGER® momento™ Heat Removable Fabric Pen
- SINGER® momento™ Dual Tip Marker
- Brayer
- Iron and Ironing Board
- Sewing Machine
- Thread
- Straight Pins
- Temporary Fabric Adhesive Spray (optional)
- Scissors
- Ruler
- Chopstick
- Hand Sewing Needle

## Directions

1. Cut your four quilting fabrics to fit onto your Fabric Grip Mat.
2. Open the project in Canvas. Go to the Output Menu and press Send to Machine. Place the fabric for the squares on your Fabric Grip Mat. Use a Brayer to help adhere the material to the cutting mat, eliminating wrinkles or bubbles. Insert the Heat Removable Fabric Pen into the left carriage and the Rotary Blade into the right carriage. Follow the steps to cut the fabric on your crafting machine.

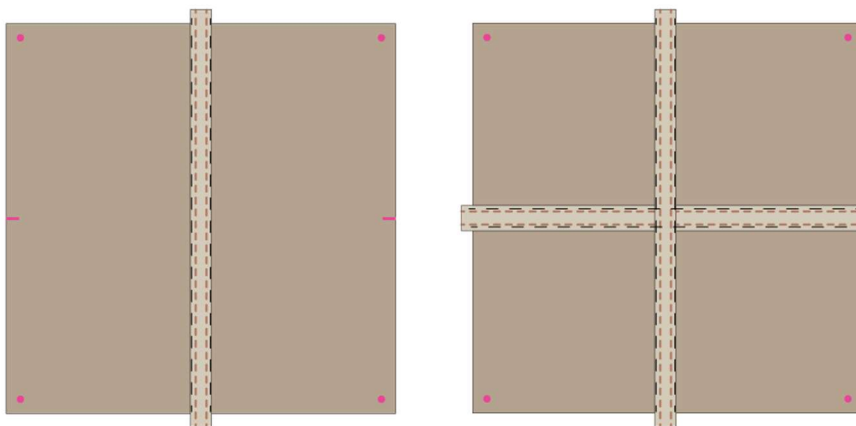


3. Place the second fabric for the next set of squares on the mat and press Repeat Cut on your machine.

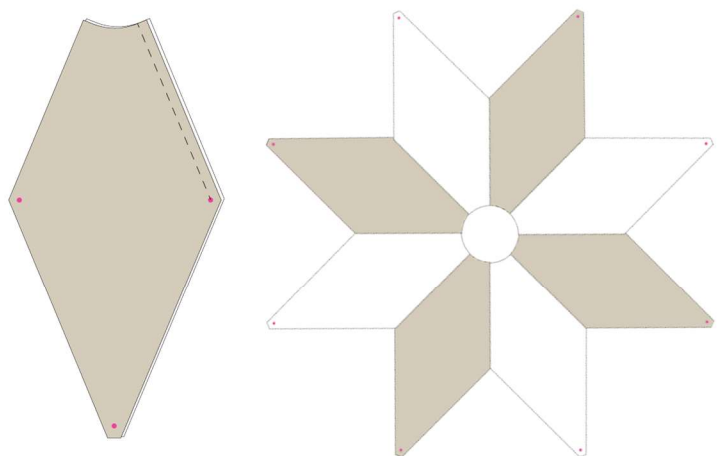
4. Cut the fabric for the diamond shapes. Repeat the cut for the next fabric. You will have eight squares and eight diamond shapes.

*Note: When using more than one material, check all settings and customize inputs for your mat size, material type, material size, and arrangement of pieces before selecting next to begin cutting each layer.*

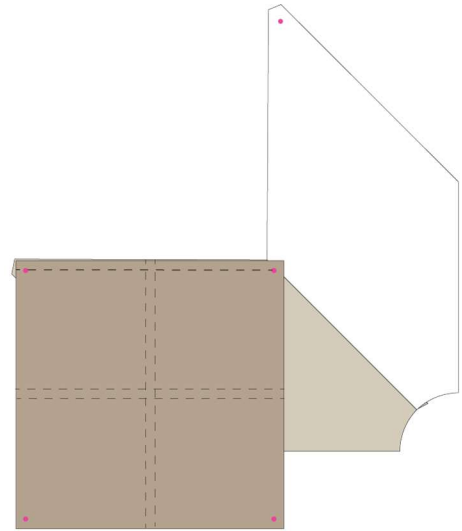
5. Place the SnapPap (or Kraft Paper, or Cardstock) on the Standard Grip Mat. Change to the Basic Blade and the Dual Tip Marker (color of your choice). Follow the steps to draw and cut the paper labels on your crafting machine. Set them aside for now.
6. Sew the "Parcel Strings"; Cut the ribbons in 10" (25cm) long pieces. Cut 8 pieces from each color ribbon.
7. Pin or use Temporary Fabric Adhesive Spray and place a ribbon piece on a parcel square. Use the pen marks to position the ribbons. Set your sewing machine for straight stitch and stitch along both sides of the ribbon. Place a second ribbon piece across and stitch down both sides. Repeat on all squares.



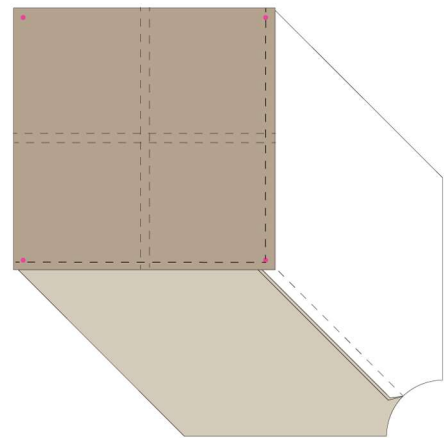
8. Tree Skirt Assembly: Place two diamond shapes in different fabrics, right sides together. Use 3/8" (1cm) seam allowance. Stitch from the curved edge to the dot, 3/8" (1cm) from the end, and back stitch. Sew all diamond shapes together this way, alternating the two different fabrics.



9. Move the diamond seam allowance to the right. With right sides together, pin the side of the square to the diamond, matching dots. Sew from bottom end to the dot. Backstitch at start and stop.



10. Move the diamond seam allowance to the left and sew the second side of the square to the diamond. (Do not sew through the seam allowance). When finished, the back (wrong side of fabric) of the parcel square section will appear, as illustrated. Sew all the parcels to the diamonds, alternating the two different fabrics.

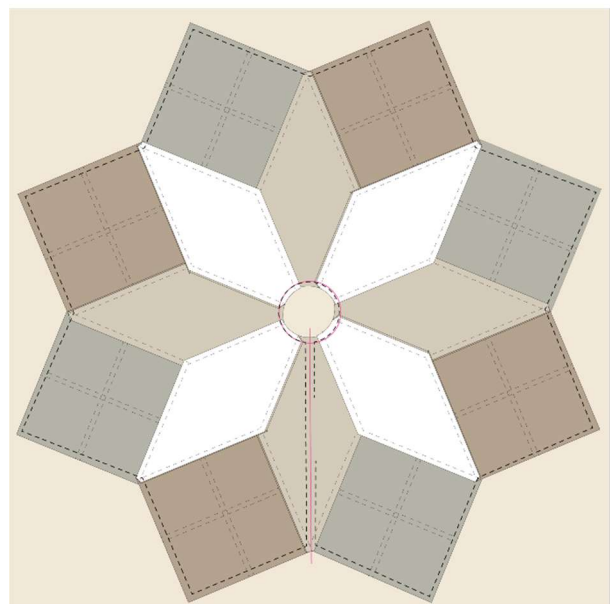


11. Press the parcels seam allowance back onto the parcels and the diamond seams towards the darker fabric.

12. Backing and Batting: Cut the backing fabric and the batting slightly larger than the tree skirt. Fuse the batting to the wrong side of the backing fabric, following the manufacturer's instructions.

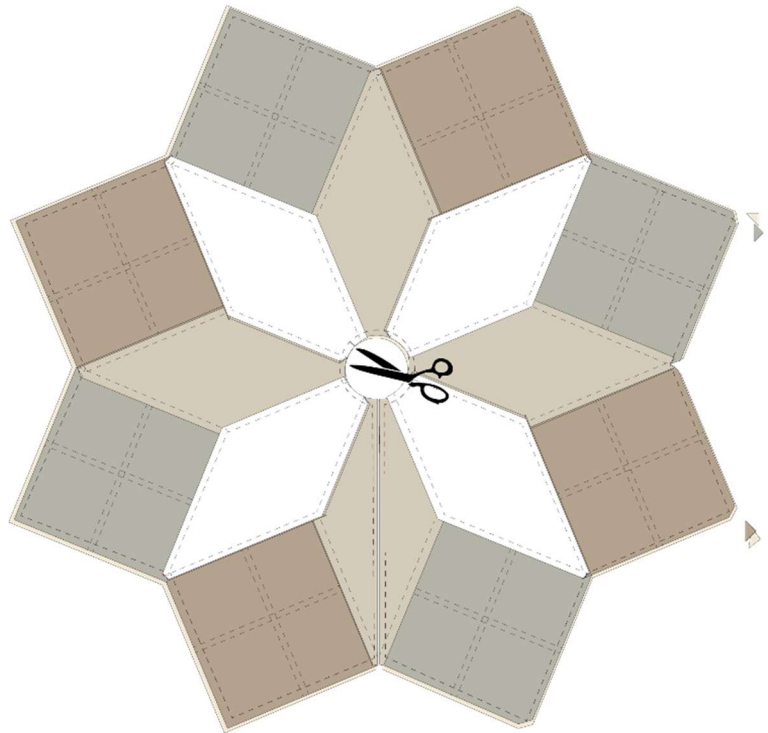
13. Lay the backing out flat, right side up. Center the tree skirt on the backing, right sides together. Smooth out the layers and pin them together.

14. With a ruler and Heat Removable Fabric Pen, draw a straight line through the center of one diamond shape. Use a round object with a diameter of approximately 4½" (11cm) to draw the seamline for the inner circle.





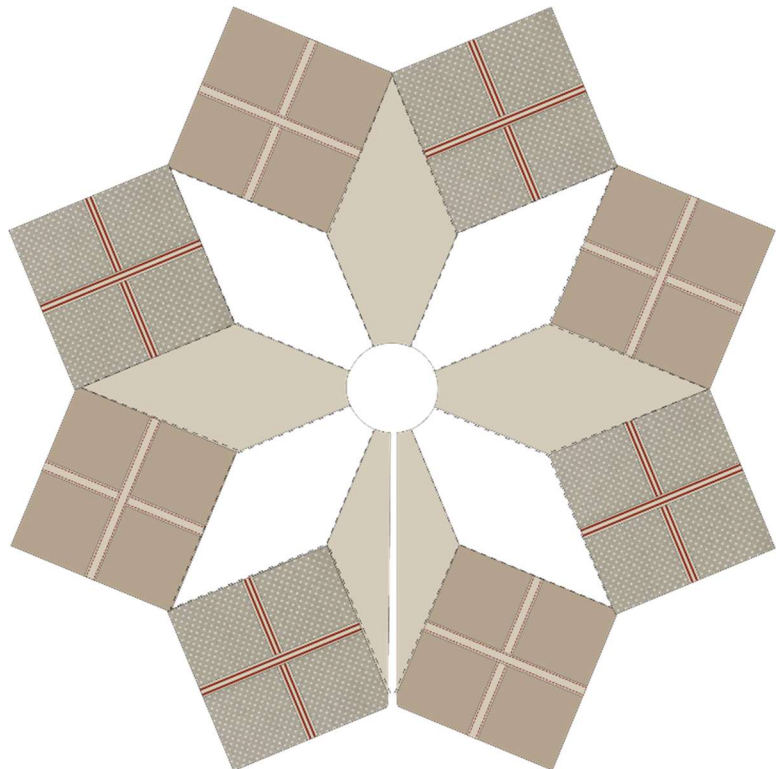
15. Stitch around the edges of the tree skirt using  $\frac{3}{8}$ " (1cm) seam allowance. When you come to the drawn line, stitch along each side of the line and around the inner circle. Leave an opening along one side of the drawn line to turn right side out.



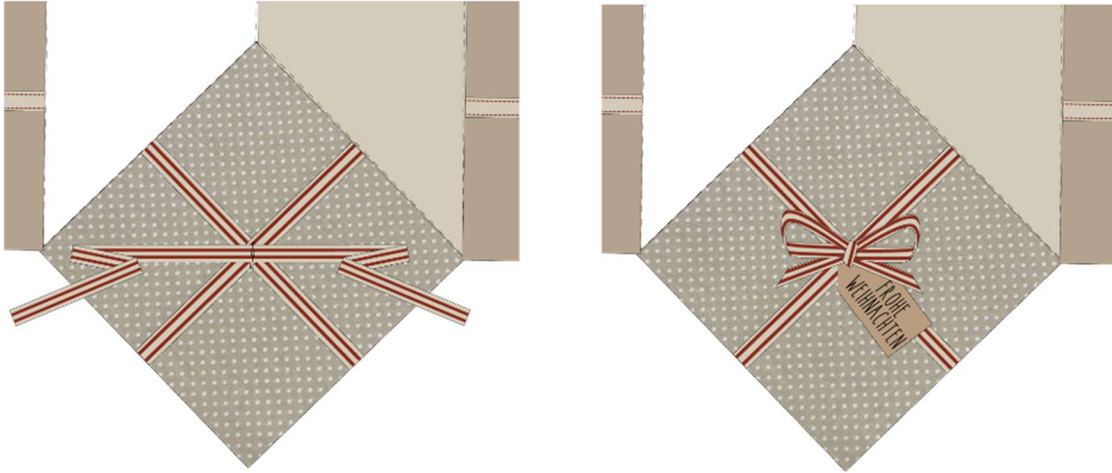
16. Cut along the drawn line, between the seams. Trim the backing to size and the batting close to the seam. Clip the corners and the curves.

17. Turn right side out. Use a chopstick or similar tool to push the corners out. Press. Sew the opening closed using a hand sewing needle and thread.

18. Quilting the Layers Together; Stitch in the ditch, positioning your needle so the quilting stitch goes right into the ditch and sew along the seams of the pieced blocks. Or quilt as desired.



19. Cut the ribbons (two colors) into 20" long pieces, 8 in total. Sew a ribbon to the center of each parcel.
20. Thread a label onto the ribbon on each parcel and tie a neat bow. Trim the ribbon ends.



21. Cut the ribbon for the ties in half. Sew one to each side of the opening on the back of the tree skirt.

