

Christmas Tree Skirt

Final Size: 1m x 1m (39" x 39")

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Materials:

- x2: 20pc Jelly Rolls
- 40cmxWOF (16"x44") fabric for binding (or x5: leftover Jelly Roll strips)
 - 1.2mxWOF (1.5 yards) backing fabric
- 1mx1.2m (1.25 yards) cotton or bamboo batting
- 1.3mx10mm (1.5 yardsx1/2") ribbon or twill tape
- Sewing Machine & Basic Sewing Notions

1/4" seam allowance used throughout
WOF = Width of Fabric (112cm or 44")

Cutting:

From the binding fabric cut:
x5: 2.5"xWOF strips

From the ribbon cut:
x6: 9" lengths

To make the strips sets:

1. Arrange the strips into three sets with nine strips in each, alternating the colours.
2. Sew the strips together one set at a time, pressing the seams in each set in opposite directions.

To cut the triangles:

1. Lay a strip set face down on a cutting mat. Place the 60-degree angle line on the ruler along the top edge and cut down to the bottom corner edge.
2. Place the other 60-degree line on the ruler along the same top edge and cut out a triangle.
3. Place the 60-degree line on the ruler along the bottom edge of the same strip set. Using the cut edge from the previous triangle as one side of the triangle, cut out a second triangle.
4. Repeat steps 1-3 to cut out a total of six triangles.

Finishing Touches:

1. Lay out the six triangles, alternating the colours in the strips.
2. Sew the triangles together, leaving one edge unsewn to use as the opening.
3. Layer the backing, batting and tree skirt and baste together. Trim down the backing and batting, leaving a 2" border around the outside edges.
4. Quilt as desired.
5. Trim away any excess backing and batting along all edges of the tree skirt and then carefully cut out the centre hole, 1¼" in from the seam join of the first two strips.
6. Make the binding by sewing the five 2.5" strips together, creating one long length. Press it in half lengthways.
7. Stitch the binding along the top edge of the tree skirt starting at one opening edge, sewing around all edges until coming back to the start. Turn the binding over to the wrong side and hand stitch into place.
8. Fold over one end of each length of ribbon at a ¼" and sew to the inside edge of the binding along either side of the opening. Sew one pair along the top edge, then at the seam lines between strips 4/5 and 7/8.