

“O Christmas Trees” by Christa Watson

Get into the Christmas spirit by piecing cute trees into a 9 block wall quilt measuring 36” x 41”. You may personalize your quilt by decorating your trees, or just leave them plain. These blocks are simple enough to make that you could whip-up a bed-sized quilt in no time. This pattern is so versatile that you could make a smaller wall-hanging from just one block or stitch up a few blocks into festive placemats.

Note: Tri-Recs specialty rulers are required.

Kits are available and include a copy of these instructions and all fabrics to make the quilt top, including binding. Backing fabric sold separately. The Tri-Recs rulers are also available for purchase at www.ChristaQuilts.com.

Supplies

Fabrics

9 assorted green 8” squares for trees
 (or ½ yard of one fabric)
 ¼ yd brown for trunks
 ¾ yd cream background fabric
 ¾ yd dark green for sash squares and binding
 ¾ yd tan multi-print for sashing around blocks
 ½ yd red for inner border and border corners
 ¾ yd green Christmas print for outer border

Measuring/Cutting Tools

Rotary Cutter, Acrylic Rulers & Mat
 Tri-Recs specialty rulers
 (one set contains both the
 “Tri” and “Recs” rulers)

To Finish You Need:

40” x 45” piece of batting
 42” x 50” piece of fabric for backing
 (about 1 ½ yd)

Questions? Email Christa anytime at christa@christaquilts.com.

Cutting

Note: All strips are 40 - 42” long

For help on using the Tri-Recs rulers, please see the instructions included with the rulers.

Green Trees

Using the “Tri” ruler as a template, cut out 9 different 6 ½” triangles from your 8” squares (note: a 6 ½” square will be too small)

Make sure the top corner is blunted, just like the ruler

Tip: if you want to use the same green, cut out 2 – 6 ½” strips, then flip the ruler back and forth to cut your trees.

Cream Background Fabric

Cut 2 – 2 ½” strips
 Crosscut into 18 – 2 ½” squares
 Cut 1 – 6 ½” strip
 Using the “Recs” ruler, cut into 18 half rectangles (9 pairs of left & right)
 ⇒ Keep the strip folded as you cut to get a pair
 ⇒ Don’t forget to cut off the little corner at the tip

Brown

Cut 1 – 2 ½” strip
 Crosscut into 9 – 2 ½” squares

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Coordinating Sashing Fabric

Cut 6 – 2 ½” strips
Crosscut into 12 – 2 ½” x 6 ½” rectangles
and 12 – 2 ½” x 8 ½” rectangles

Dark Green Fabric (Sash Squares & Binding)

Cut 1 – 2 ½” strip
Crosscut into 16 – 2 ½” squares for sash squares

Cut 5 – 2 ¼ or 2 ½” strips for straight grain binding. Bind using your favorite method.

Red Inner Border & Border Corners

Cut 4 – 1 ½” strips (trim later)
Cut 1 – 4 ½” strip
Crosscut into 4 – 4 ½” squares

Green Christmas Border

Cut 4 – 4 ½” strips

Sewing the Blocks

These blocks will finish 6” x 8” (6 ½” x 8 ½” unfinished)

Using the “magic spot” for matching the rectangles with the triangles, sew background triangles to trees

- ⇒ Press toward the background fabric (You’ll see x’s on the back)



Sew the 2 ½” background squares to either side of the brown squares

- ⇒ Press toward the brown squares



Sew tree tops to tree trunks to create 9 blocks

- ⇒ Press toward the trunks



Sewing the Rows

Sew 4 rows of short sash units:

Square-sash-square-sash-square



Sew 3 rows of long sash/tree units:

Sash-tree-sash-tree-sash-tree-sash



- ⇒ Press toward the sash units
- ⇒ Pin at intersections and join rows

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Adding the borders

Measure across the length of the quilt (should be 32 ½”).

Trim 2 inner border strips this length.

Sew long inner borders to either side of the quilt top and press toward the inner border fabric.

Measure across the width of the quilt top with the inner side borders added (should be 28 ½”).

Trim 2 inner border strips this length, and sew to either side of the quilt top. Press toward borders.

Measure the length of the quilt top with the first border added (should be 34 ½”).

Trim 2 long side borders to this measurement.

Measure the width of the quilt top with just the first border added (should be 28 ½”).

Trim short top & bottom borders to this measurement

Sew side borders to either side of the quilt top and press toward the border fabric.

Sew 2 cornerstones onto each top and bottom border and press toward the border fabric

Add top and bottom borders to complete the top.

Give the quilt top a final pressing, then baste, quilt and bind to finish.

On the next page is what your completed quilt top should look like.

Please email me a picture of your quilt!

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