

The block of the month for March is a Tree Block taken from the Better Homes & Gardens December 2019 Magazine

QUILT CUTTING INSTRUCTIONS

Here is all the information you'll need to cut out the bits and pieces, front and back, for the Christmas tree fat quarter quilt



JAPANESE FLORAL

• 2 strips 6 1/2 in x width of FQ

Cut 1 strip into 5 tree shapes. Cut 1 strip into 2 pieces 6 1/2 x 10 in for the backing.

• 1 strip 7 in x width of FQ

Cut 2 left-side corner pieces. Cut 2 right-side corner pieces. Cut 4 pieces 2 1/2 x 3 1/2 in



• 2 strips 6 1/2 in x width of FQ

Cut 1 strip into 4 tree shapes. Cut 1 strip into 2 pieces 6 1/2 x 10 in for the backing.

• 1 strip 7 in x width of FQ

Cut 2 left-side corner pieces. Cut 2 right-side corner pieces. Cut 4 pieces 2 1/2 x 3 1/2 in.



• 2 strips 6 1/2 in x width of FQ

Cut these strips into 5 tree shapes.

• 2 strips 7 in x width of FQ

Cut 3 left-side corner pieces. Cut 3 right-side corner pieces. Cut 6 pieces 2 1/2 x 3 1/2 in.



• 2 strips 6 1/2 in x width of FQ

Cut these strips into 9 tree shapes

• 1 strip 7 in x width of FQ

Cut 2 left-side corner pieces. Cut 2 right-side corner pieces. Cut 4 pieces 2 1/2 x 3 1/2 in



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DUSK TO MIDNIGHT

• 2 strips 7 in x width of FQ

Cut 4 left-side corner pieces. Cut 4 right-side corner pieces. Cut 8 pieces 2 1/2 x 3 1/2 in.



• 2 strips 7 in x width of FQ

Cut 3 left-side corner pieces. Cut 3 right-side corner pieces. Cut 6 pieces 2 1/2 x 3 1/2 in.



• 2 strips 7 in x width of FQ

Cut 5 left-side corner pieces. Cut 5 right-side corner pieces. Cut 10 pieces 2 1/2 x 3 1/2 in.



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Cut 2 left-side corner pieces. Cut 2 right-side corner pieces. Cut 4 pieces 2 1/2 x 3 1/2 in.



LINEAL BLENDERS X 2 FAT QUARTER PIECES

• 2 strips 7 in x width of FQ

Cut 3 left-side corner pieces. Cut 3 right-side corner pieces.

Cut:

6 pieces 2 1/2 x 3 1/2 in
1 piece 6 1/2 x 20 in (back)
1 piece 10 x 20 in (back)
2 pieces 10 x 9 1/2 in (back).



• 2 strips 7 in x width of FQ

Cut 5 left-side corner pieces. Cut 5 right-side corner pieces.

Cut:

10 pieces 2 1/2 x 3 1/2 in
1 piece 6 1/2 x 20 in (back)
2 pieces 10 x 9 1/2 in (back).



• 4 strips 2 1/2 in x width of FQ

Cut 36 pieces 1 3/4 x 2 1/2 in for tree trunks.

Cut:

1 piece 20 x 10 in (back)
2 pieces 10 x 9 1/2 in (back)
1 piece 6 1/2 x 9 1/2 in (back).



Cut:

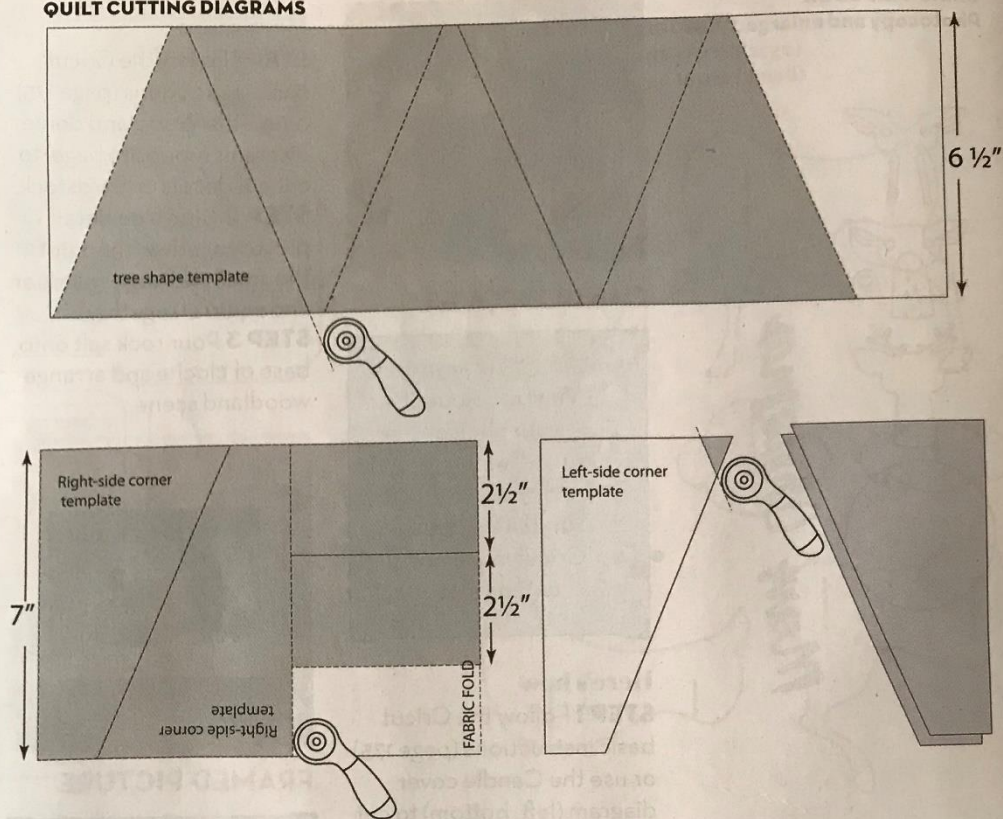
2 pieces 20 x 10 in (back)
2 pieces 10 x 9 1/2 in (back)
1 piece 6 x 9 in (back).



Cut:

2 pieces 10 x 9 1/2 in (back)
10 strips 2 3/4 in x width of FQ for binding.

QUILT CUTTING DIAGRAMS



Gather your supplies

BHG Shop fabric kit, includes 4 fat quarter bundles of fabric for the front, back and binding; 45" x 53" piece of batting

You'll also need

Rotary cutter; ruler; cutting mat; sewing machine and basic sewing supplies

O CHRISTMAS TREE FAT QUARTERS QUILT

Measurements

Finished quilt 109 x 130cm
Block size 6 1/4 x 8 1/4in

NOTE Seam allowance of 1/4in is included in all measurements.

Here's how

STEP 1 Print out diagrams (page 180) for tree shape, and left-side and right-side corners of the block.

STEP 2 Cut tree shape from 6 1/2in x width of fat quarter (FQ) strips as illustrated (above).

STEP 3 Cut left-side corner and right-side corner pieces from 7in strips (see above). Fold 7in strip in half lengthwise. Cut right-side corner shapes. Arrange 4 cut pieces into groups with right side facing you. Using

left-side and right-side corner diagrams (page 180), trim corners on 2 left-side corner pieces. Use remaining fabric to cut 2 1/2 x 3 1/2in pieces for bottom of tree block.

Cutting

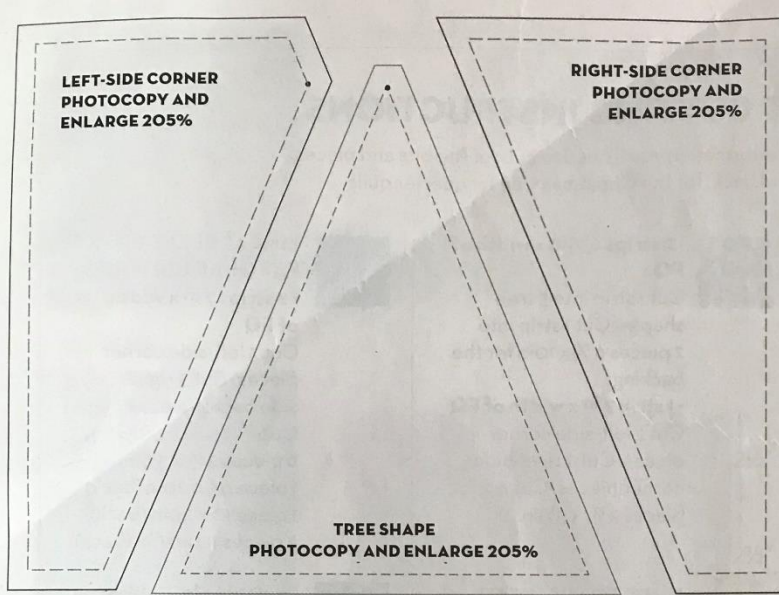
You will need 36 tree blocks. Refer to Quilt cutting instructions (opposite page).

Block assembly

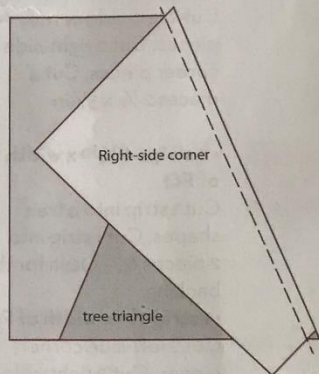
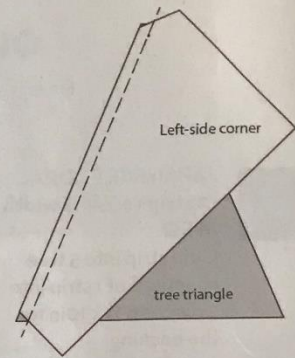
STEP 4 With right sides together, lay tree triangle shape with left-side corner piece as shown in Quilt back construction diagram (page 180) and sew them together.

STEP 5 Make sure the bottom side tip of tree triangle extends 1/4in beyond top edge of side triangle. Open up and press seam allowance to one side.

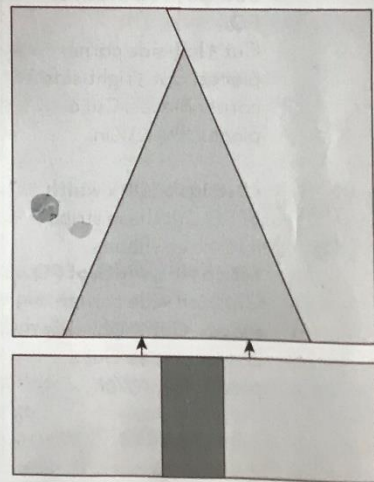
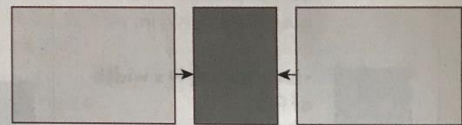
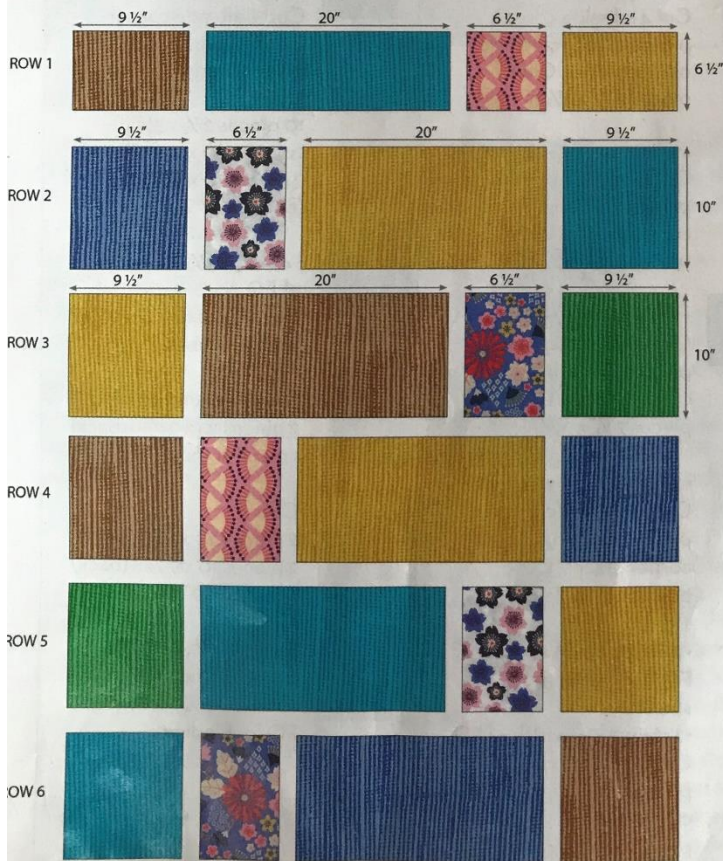
STEP 6 Sew the right-side corner to the other side of



**QUILT BLOCK
CONSTRUCTION DIAGRAM**



QUILT BACK CONSTRUCTION DIAGRAM



the tree triangle. Press seam allowance to one side. Square off the top and bottom edges, if required.

STEP 7 Take 2 pieces ($2\frac{1}{2} \times 3\frac{1}{2}$ in) in corresponding background colour and stitch them to the trunk piece ($\frac{3}{4} \times 2\frac{1}{2}$ in). Press seams toward the brown.

STEP 8 Stitch 2 parts of the block together.

STEP 9 Repeat and make a total of 36 tree blocks.

Quilt top assembly

STEP 10 Stitch blocks together into rows of 6 tree blocks. Stitch rows together.

Back assembly

STEP 11 Stitch pieces together into rows as shown

in Quilt back construction diagram (opposite page). The measurements for backing include extra allowance to overlap the quilt front piece.

Basting

STEP 12 With wrong sides facing, layer backing, batting and quilt top. Align centre of backing and quilt top.

STEP 13 Smooth all creases and carefully baste layers together. Quilt as desired. Quilt, as shown, has been quilted with vertical lines.

Binding

STEP 14 Stitch $2\frac{3}{4}$ in strips together. Press seams and fold it in half lengthwise.

STEP 15 Sew binding to the longest sides of the quilt with

a $\frac{1}{4}$ in seam allowance. Cut excess length. Fold to the back and slip stitch in place.

STEP 16 Pin binding to the shorter sides, overlapping approximately 1" on each side. Cut excess length. Fold over 1" allowance on each side, pin and stitch along the edge with a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance. Fold to the back and slip stitch in place. ■



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