

# Sew Easy 60° Triangle Christmas Tree Skirt

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Add glamour and elegance to your Christmas decor with this stylish starry tree skirt.

## You need:

Sew Easy 12" 60° Triangle (NL4173)

\*Four Fat Quarters (F/Q's) in different colours

\*20 x 44" (50 x 112cm) or Two F/Q's in same colour

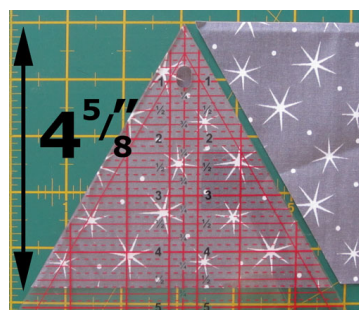
One 42 x 36" backing fabric

One 42 x 36" wadding

Thread to match fabrics

Microstitch Tool (MS11187-0)

\*Winter Wonderland Six F/Q pack - Craft Cotton Co. used here



## Cut:

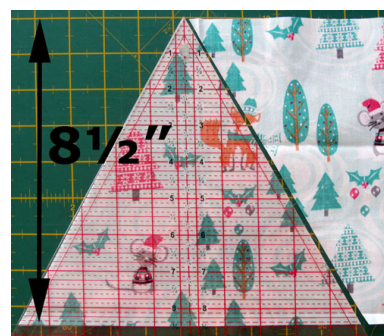
From White Tree F/Q: One  $4\frac{5}{8}$ " x 21" strip, cut into six 60° triangles.

From Grey F/Q: Two  $4\frac{5}{8}$ " x 21" strips, cut into twelve 60° triangles.

From Red F/Q: Two  $8\frac{1}{2}$ " x 21" strips, cut into six 60° triangles.

From 20 x 44" (50 x 115cm) or two Turquoise F/Q's: Two  $8\frac{1}{2}$ " x 42" or four  $8\frac{1}{2}$ " x 21" strips, cut into twelve 60° triangles.

From Green F/Q: Six  $2\frac{1}{4}$ " x 21" strips.



## Start Stitching

Seam Allowance: 0.65mm/1/4"

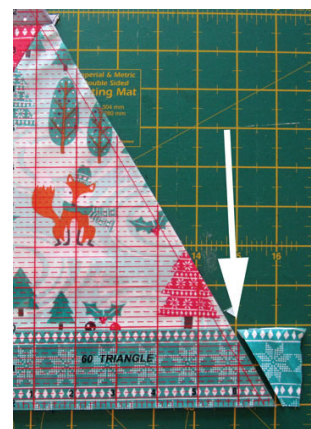
1. Sew two Grey and one White Tree triangles together to form a row. Ensure straight grain side of triangles is top and bottom of strip - where indicated. Press seams open and flat. Repeat with remaining Grey and White Tree triangles to make six rows in total.

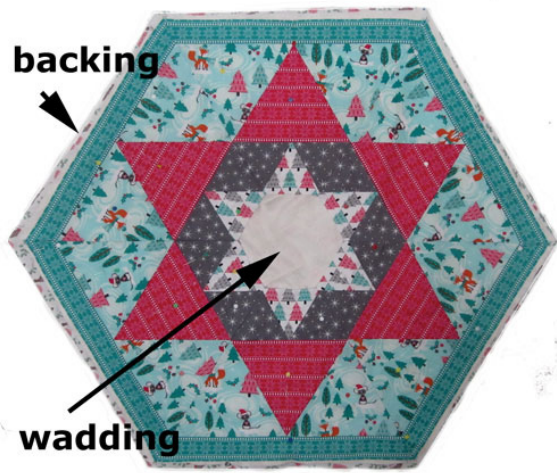


2. Sew one Red and two Turquoise triangles to make a row. Ensure straight grain is where indicated. Repeat with remaining triangles making six rows in total.

3. Sew one of each of the rows together to make a wedge shape.

4. Take one Green  $2\frac{1}{4}$ " x 21" strip, centre strip to base of wedge shape. Sew in place. Trim excess fabric from both sides of wedge shape using 60° triangle.





5. Repeat Stages 3 - 4 making six sections in total.

6. Sew all sections to make hexagon. Press seams open and flat.

7. Lay hexagon on wadding and backing fabric. Pin layers or baste layers together with Microstitch tool.

8. Quilt layers by either stitching in the 'ditch' or sew ¼" away from seams, sewing inside selected parts of the design. On completion of quilting stitch round outside of hexagon.

10. Sew round inside of centre section. Trim wadding and backing fabric from this stitching line to form a hole through all the layers.

### Bind Outside Edge

1. Cut six 1¼ x 21" straight cut strips from White Tree fabric. Join strips together to make long band.



2. Using 0.65mm/¼" S/A sew binding to R/S of tree skirt. On corners, fold and crease binding in a triangle. Sew to edge of crease. Flip triangle over and commence stitching on other side of crease. Join ends of binding in your preferred way.



3. Fold edge of binding over to W/S of tree skirt. On corners, fold binding at similar angle to that on R/S. Fold raw edge under and hand slip stitch in place.



### Bind Inside Edge

1. From remaining Grey F/Q and working on the bias, cut sufficient strips 1¼" wide to make a band approximately 30" in length. Sew these bias cut strips together to make long strip. Press seams open and flat.

2. Sew the bias binding to R/S of quilt top. Stretch bias round the angled corners - this is a little awkward but with a fiddle can be done!

3. Fold edge of binding over to W/S of tree skirt. Fold raw edge under and hand slip stitch in place.

Place skirt under Christmas tree, Arrange the presents and enjoy the festivities.

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# Sew Easy 60° Triangle Christmas Table Centrepiece

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Enhance the festive dinner table with this pretty centre piece.

## You need:

Sew Easy 12" 60° Triangle (NL4173)

\*Six Fat Quarters (F/Q's)

One 27 x 24" wadding

Thread to match fabrics

\**Winter Wonderland Six F/Q pack - Craft Cotton Co. used here*

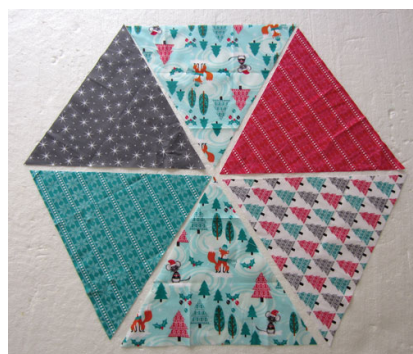


Seam Allowance: 0.65mm/¼"



1. Place Sew Easy 60° triangle on fabric, cut round. Turn template and cut second triangle. Repeat with each F/Q to make twelve triangles in total.

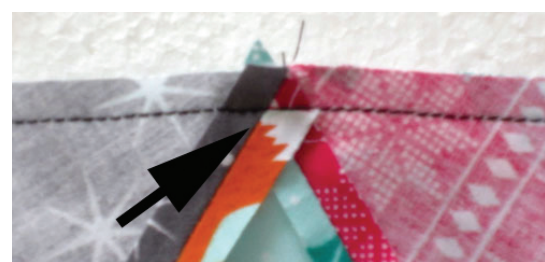
2. Arrange six triangles in hexagonal shape.



3. Sew three triangles together to form one half of the design. Press seams open and flat. Repeat with the other three triangles.



4. Sew both halves together to form a hexagon. Try to sew through junction where the seams meet to achieve accurate points at the centre BUT panic not as a button/some beads can be sewn on at the end to both enhance and conceal any misalignment!



5. Place hexagon on wadding. Pin both layers. Quilt both layers together by sewing 0.65mm/¼" from each seam. Increase stitch length to prevent work puckering. On completion, sew round outside edge, keep stitching close to raw edge.

6. Sew remaining six 60° triangles to form a second hexagon. Press seams open and flat.

7. Place this hexagon R/S down on quilted section. Match raw edges - this may require a bit of a pull as the quilting stitching might have caused shrinkage. Pin all layers well.

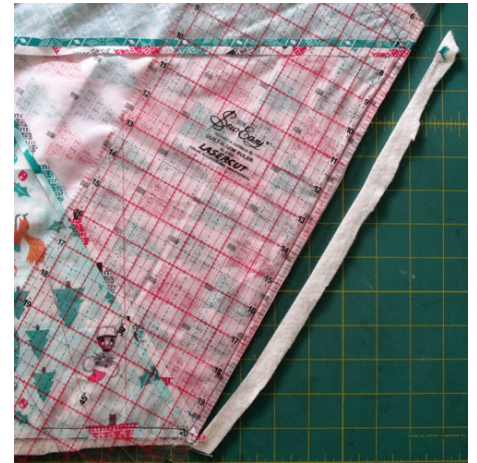


8. Sew round outside edge leaving a short gap on one side.

9. Trim all excess wadding from edge of seam - use Sew Easy 24 x 6½" ruler (NL4188). Trim any excess fabric from points of hexagon.

10. Turn work R/S out through gap. Ease out the points. Press well.

11. Sew gap closed with small hand stitches.



12. Top Stitch round outside edge. Increase stitch length to prevent puckering.



Lay the completed table centre piece in place, enhance this pretty centre with a flower arrangement or a candle or two or even just a bowl of seasonal fruits,.

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