

# TT Tamarack Grove Tree Skirt

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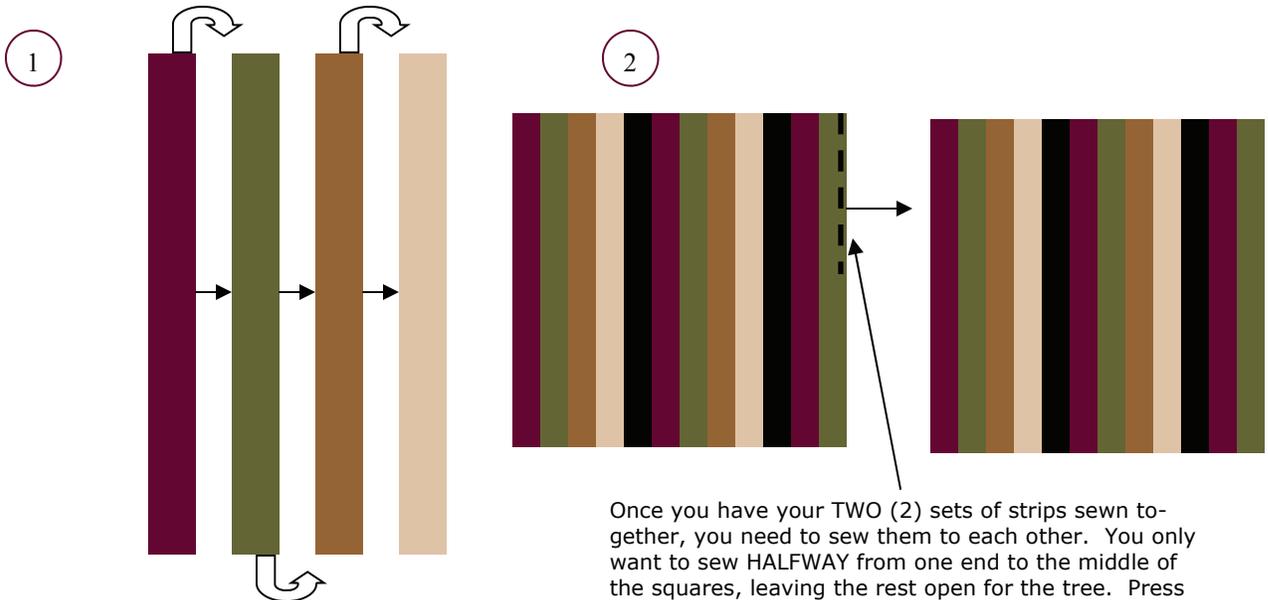


A Plush way to Welcome Your Christmas Tree to Your Holiday Home!  
Finished quilt will measure 37" in Diameter  
Fabric Yardage - from AbbiMays.com

## Fabric For Tree Skirt - "Tamarack Grove" by Holly Taylor from Moda fabrics



**No cutting of fabrics involved if you've purchased the quilt kit from AbbiMays.com!** If you have not purchased the kit, you'll need TWENTY (20) 2 1/2" x WOF strips, approximately SIXTY (60) 5" squares and approximately TEN (10) 3" squares. You'll also need enough 2 1/2" x WOF strips of fabric pieced together for the binding and 1 yard of fabric for the backing.



Begin by sewing TWO (2) sets of TEN (10) jelly roll strips together. Use your imagination and creativity in choosing the color scheme that you want to use. Remember to sew the strips in opposite directions, to avoid the curving of the fabric. Press in the direction of the arrows.

Once you have your TWO (2) sets of strips sewn together, you need to sew them to each other. You only want to sew HALFWAY from one end to the middle of the squares, leaving the rest open for the tree. Press the seam open.

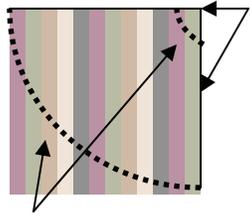
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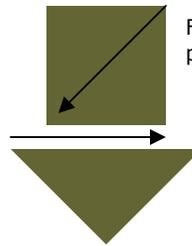
Fold Fabric

Draw 1/4 circles  
and cut all layers.

Now, you want to fold your pieced block into FOURTHS, right sides together, and secure the layers with pins so they do not move -- then, you want to create a quarter of a circle from the folded edges to the folded edges. Repeat this procedure for the center -- cutting away about a 8" diameter. Once done, cut all four layers on the lines you drew.

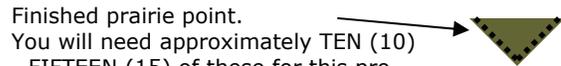
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The prairie points are simple to make. Let's start with the 3" squares. These prairie points will encircle the center cut-out of your tree skirt. Fold the square in half, matching corner-to-corner and press down. Then, fold it in half again, corner-to-corner and press down. Using your sewing machine, stitch 1/8" from the two short edges.



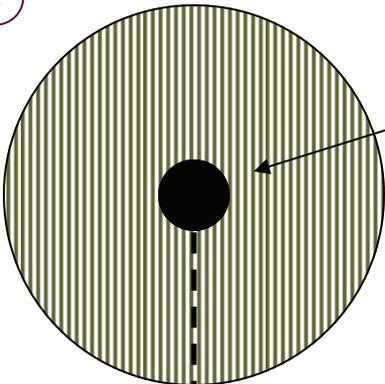
Fold Fabric corner-to-corner and press in place.

Fold Fabric again, corner-to-corner, and press in place.



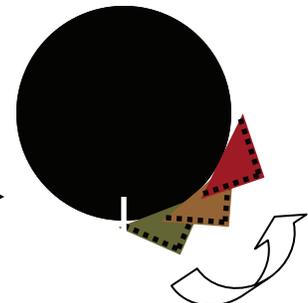
Finished prairie point.  
You will need approximately TEN (10) - FIFTEEN (15) of these for this project - perhaps more, perhaps less, depending on how you lay them out when done.

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These prairie points that you made in #4 above will be stitched around the center hole with the points facing toward the outside edges. You want to overlap the edges of the points by about half (depending on your preference).

Match the CENTER of the point on the unstitched side with the edge of the center hole, beginning where your fabric is split. Pin in place and continue around, overlapping the sides. Make sure your points do not exceed 1/8 of an inch from the edge of your circle. You should end with a prairie point ending at the split in your fabric. Once you are satisfied with the points, baste them in place by hand or with your sewing machine.



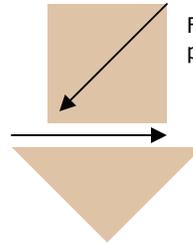
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- 6 Now, repeat the prairie point process with the 5" squares. These prairie points will encompass the outer edge of your tree skirt. Fold the square in half, matching corner-to-corner and press down. Then, fold it in half again, corner-to-corner and press down. Using your sewing machine, stitch 1/8" from the two short edges.

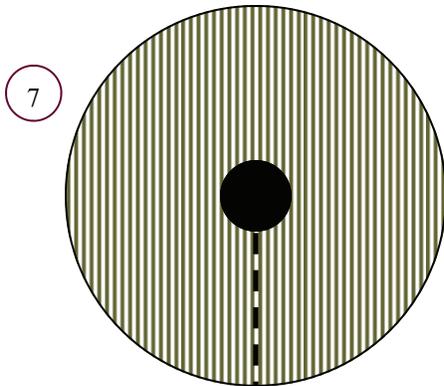


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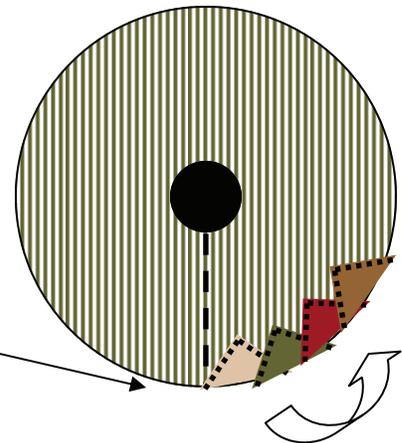


Finished prairie point. You will need approximately SIXTY (60) of these for this project - perhaps more, perhaps less, depending on how you lay them out when done.



These prairie points that you made in #6 above will be stitched around the outside edge with the points facing inward. You want to overlap the edges of the points by about half (depending on your preference).

Match the CENTER of the point on the unstitched side with the edge of the outside, beginning where your fabric is split. Pin in place and continue around, overlapping the sides. Make sure your points do not exceed 1/8 of an inch from the edge of your circle - in fact, some of your points may go over the edge. You should end with a prairie point ending at the split in your fabric. Once you are satisfied with the points, baste them in place by hand or with your sewing machine.



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Your tree skirt is nearly finished! Create your quilt sandwich with your backing and batting, baste together, cut them all to-size and begin quilting. Once done with your quilting, piece enough of your jelly roll strips together for binding. You will want one long piece to go around the outside, up the split, around the inside and back down the strip. Remember that you want to secure your points down with the binding, so take extra care in making sure you're doing that as you sew the quilt sandwich together!

