

Cutting

1. Cut all pieces as indicated in the cutting chart. The pieces for the trees are cut larger than the area they will cover. Stack the cut pieces in order from #1-#10, as needed for piecing.
2. Copy the tree block at 200% and make 20 copies of the left side and 20 copies of the right side. (Note: In order to print out an accurate template, use a larger paper size than 8 1/2" x 11 ".) The unfinished block size is 10 1/2" which includes the dotted line outside the solid edge of the block. Make sure the block measures 10 1/2" before removing paper.

General Information for Foundation Piecing

1. Sew by machine only. Hand piecing is not recommended on paper.
2. Use a slightly smaller stitch than usual.
3. Do not backstitch. Take 2-4 stitches beyond the intersecting lines to secure.
4. When the block is completed, trim with rotary tools on the 1/4" seam allowance indicated by the dashed line around the outside edge. Carefully remove paper by tearing against the stitching lines. It is not necessary to remove every small bit of paper left over after removing the larger pieces of paper.

Constructing the Tree Block

1. Fabrics have been cut large enough for the numbered areas that will be covered, plus a generous seam allowance. (This step has been covered in Cutting #1.)
2. Place the fabric for area #1 on the unprinted side of the paper, right side up. Hold it up to the light and look through the printed side of the paper foundation to check the placement of the fabric. There should be a generous seam allowance extending beyond all edges of the area #1. Place the fabric for area #2 on the unprinted side where it is going to be after the seam is sewn. Then flip it down, right sides together with the fabric from area #1. There should be a generous 1/4" seam allowance extending into area #2. Pin first and then check again for placement. Stitch on the line between areas #1 and #2 on the printed side of the foundation. Stitch directly on the line for accurate results.
3. Trim excess fabric along the stitching line between #1 and #2 to about 1/4" of seam allowance. This can be done with scissors or rotary tools. Flip fabric to cover area #2.
4. Press each seam with a warm dry iron after it is sewn and flipped. Steam can cause paper to become wet. Make sure all the fabric is pressed completely to the side to avoid tucks when adding the rest of the pieces. Continue to add fabric pieces in numeric order by repeating above steps. Complete 20 left sides and 20 right sides of the tree block.

