O Christmas Tree Block
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Fabric Requirements

- Scraps of 10-12 greens
- Scrap of 1 brown
- 1 - 14”x14” neutral tone on tone fabric for background
- (Optional) 18-20 - 5mm hot set glass jewels

Cut the Fabrics

- From the neutral tone on tone print, cut a 12 1/2” x 12 1/2” square.
- From the green scraps, cut a total of 17 - 2 1/2” x 2 1/2” squares.
- From the brown scrap, cut a tree trunk using the pattern diagram.

Sew the Patchwork

Your 2 1/2” x 2 1/2” green squares will be sewn into patchwork as shown in the diagram below. Row 1 has 1 square, rows 2 & 3 have three squares each, and rows 4 & 5 have five squares each. Press even rows to the right, odd rows to the left.

Applique the Block

Using the O Christmas Tree Diagram, cut the green patchwork unit into a triangle for applique. This pattern can be done using fusible or freezer paper applique. Please note that if you are using fusible, you will cut the pieces on the line. For all other types of applique you will need to add 1/4” around the perimeter of the diagram for cutting.

Center the tree trunk along the bottom edge of the neutral background, lining up the bottom edges. Applique the trunk leaving the top and bottom edges raw, as the top will be under the tree and the bottom will be caught in the seam allowance. Centering the tree over the tree trunk, ensure that you overlap the trunk by 1/4 inch, then applique to the background using your favorite technique.

Embellish the Block (Optional)

If choosing to embellish your block, we recommend that you do so after top quilting. Also, you must use glass jewels when following this technique as plastic jewels will melt!

Hot set jewels can be applied with a specialty setting tool or a simple household iron. If using an iron, place the jewels on the tree in a pleasing arrangement. Lay a very thin towel or pillowcase over the jewels. Set your iron to its hottest setting. Place the iron on the towel/pillowcase and press, holding over each spot for 5-7 seconds. Do not slide the iron back and forth as it will slide the glue off of the jewels! Continue to iron the jewels to the block in this fashion until all the jewels are securely attached. Once the jewels are set, they will be permanently affixed to your table runner. We recommend hand washing and air drying your block for best results.

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O Christmas Tree Block Diagram

Tree - Section A

Tree - Section B

Tree Trunk