

# Tip Sheet for Christmas Tree Applique Wallhanging

It is helpful to watch “Freezer Paper Prepared Applique” tutorial under “Kit Information” at [allaboutcolorquilting.com](http://allaboutcolorquilting.com)



## Supplies

### Pattern

Background fabric (Grunge – White Paper)

Circle fabric (Kaffe Fassett Spot)

Applique fabric (Kaffe Fasset Large Print)

Fine point permanent marking pen

Scissors – Fabric shears, paper, applique

Pins – Applique (short)

Rubber thimble

Needles – Favorites: Clover Black Gold Needles –

Applique Sharps No. 12, Appliquick Applique needles

Glue Sticks (washable) – Favorites: Fons & Porter, Dritz

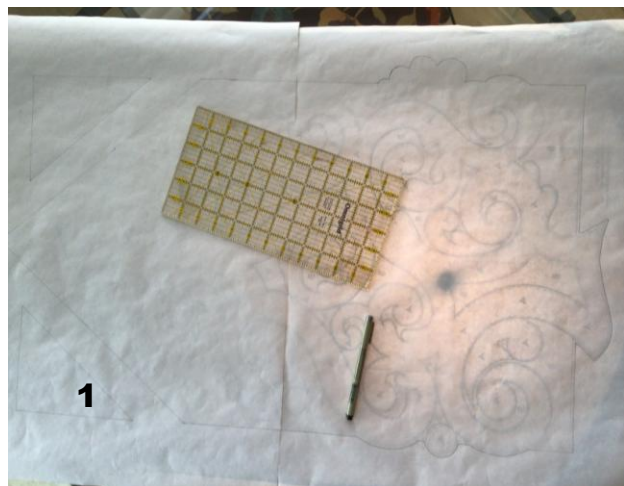
Water Soluble glue stick

Thread – Invisafil 100 wt (color to match background fabric)

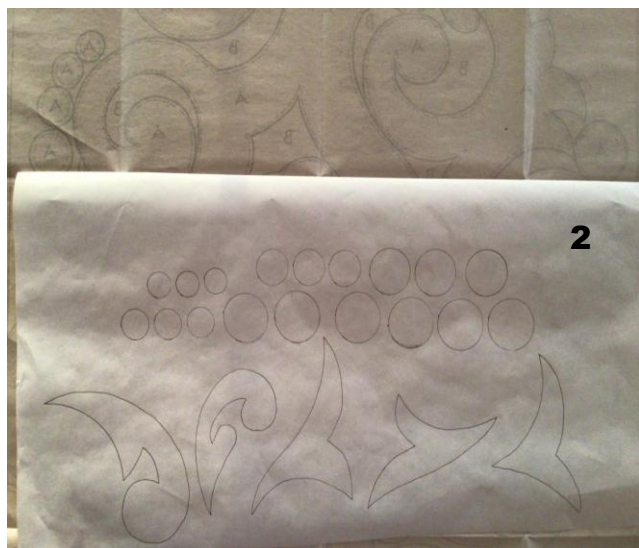
Circle templates – Karen Kay Buckley Perfect Circles®

Acrylic rulers

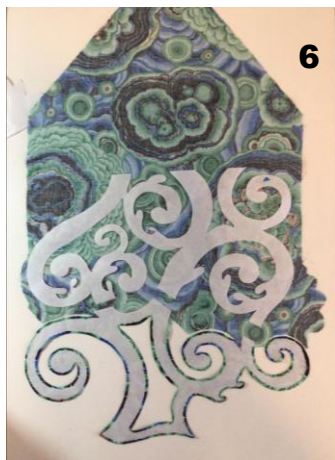
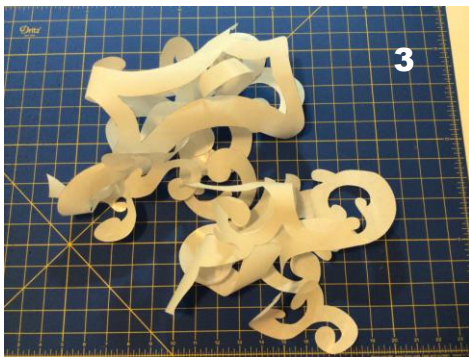
Freezer paper



1. Pattern needs to be reversed for freezer paper prepared appliqué method. Turn tree pattern face down on light box or glass topped table with lamp underneath.
2. Trace design pattern in sections. **TRACE OUTSIDE DASHED LINES!** NOTE: Tree design does not have generous seam allowances, so trace outside dashed lines. We used 2 sheets of freezer paper laid horizontally because freezer paper isn't wide enough to use perpendicularly. (Photo #1)
3. Trace small accent pieces and circles separately (Photo #2).
4. Cut out tree, small tree pieces and circles. As pattern suggests, it's helpful to put markings in void spaces, so you don't accidentally cut into tree design. Try turning the freezer paper rather than the scissors when you cut, especially on circles to achieve smooth cut lines. Look at the cut out designs from backside (shiny, no drawn lines) and smooth out any rough edges with scissors. This will pay off in the final piece! Be patient. Cutting takes time, but you will be able to applique more quickly and you'll achieve a better end result.







5. If your freezer paper tree cut-out looks something like this (photo #3), you did it correctly.
6. Border: Turn pattern face down on light box. Tape together 2 pieces of freezer paper. Trace border using dashed lines (Photo). Remove tape.
7. Cut out border. Lay border on back side of applique fabric, shiny side down. Press, lifting iron section by section. REMEMBER – CENTER FABRIC WILL BE USED FOR TREE DESIGN. Also, you will need fabric for binding, if you choose to bind piece in same fabric (Photo #4).
8. Cut center fabric from border using 3/16" seam allowance (Photo #5).
9. Lay tree pattern on back side of fabric (Photo #5.5 ...blue tape is where 2 sheets of freezer paper were pieced together.) Lightly iron tree to fabric. Draw registration marks or trace around entire tree on back side of fabric. Choose a pen that will not bleed to front of fabric. Now is the time to be sure you have large enough seam allowances for applique. Trim tree pattern as needed to add more seam allowances.
10. Cut tree pattern into 3 sections. Iron lower section of tree to fabric back. Trim. Glue seam allowances. Add next tree section and repeat (Photo #6).
11. Glue seam allowances under on border. Applique to background fabric.
12. Applique tree to background fabric (Photo #7). It will look wrinkly until freezer paper is removed.
13. Trim background fabric leaving about 3/16" seam allowance from back side. Remove freezer paper using an inexpensive artist's paint brush and a small amount of water on seam allowances to dissolve glue. Wet a small area at a time and then return to gently remove freezer paper. Press damp seam allowances flat with your fingers.
14. Gently press finished piece from front side. DO NOT PRESS APPLIQUE DESIGN FLAT. Photo #8
15. We quilted our Christmas Tree with a wool batting on top of a thin cotton batting. Each appliqué was stitched in the ditch with Superior's Bottom Line monofilament thread. The background was heavily quilted with Glide thread giving the finished wallhanging it's dimensional appearance.
16. Trim to size. Bind.