

Christmas Tree Runner Tutorial

10" x 38"



The table runner is made using 2½-inch strips of fabric and then sub-cutting them to the right size.

Fabrics needed:

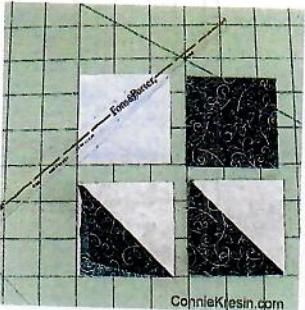
- 4 Fat Quarters – different greens for the Christmas trees or 1/8 of a yard of 4 different greens for the 2½-inch strips
- 3 – Scraps of brown fabric at least 2½-inch square each
- 1½ yards cream for background and backing
- 1/3 yard stripe fabric for blocks and binding



I used **4** different prints for each tree.

You are going to make easy half-square triangles by cutting your background fabric and tree fabric into **2½ inch x 2½ squares** so let's get started on the half-square triangles.

- Cut **2** – 2 ½ x 2½ blocks of **each** tree fabric and **8** – 2½ x 2½ background fabric
- Place the tree fabric right side up and the background fabric right side down on top of it
- Draw a line diagonally across, this will be your stitching line
- Stitch the seam
- Press the seam toward the tree print and trim off the 2 back pieces – this will make one half square triangle block
- Repeat the steps to make one more of each color



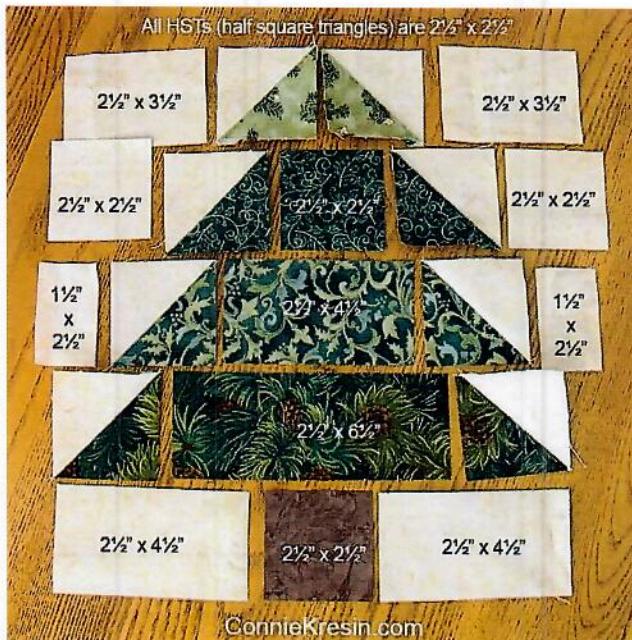
Now that you have your half-square triangles (HST's) we are going to add the rest of the pieces.

I have marked the sizes on the photo below so you can save this to your computer for easy reference. I used a 1/4 inch seam allowance.

Cut the following to complete each tree in the Christmas Tree Runner Tutorial

- Row 1: **add 2** – 2½ x 3½ cream rectangles
- Row 2: **add 2** – 2½ x 2½ cream squares and **add 1** – 2½ x 2½ matching green print square

- Row 3: **add 2** – $2\frac{1}{2} \times 1\frac{1}{2}$ cream squares and **add 1** – $2\frac{1}{2} \times 4\frac{1}{2}$ matching green print rectangle
- Row 4: **add 1** – $2\frac{1}{2} \times 6\frac{1}{2}$ matching green print rectangle
- Row 5: **add 2** – $2\frac{1}{2} \times 4\frac{1}{2}$ cream rectangles and **add 1** – $2\frac{1}{2} \times 2\frac{1}{2}$ brown square for the trunk

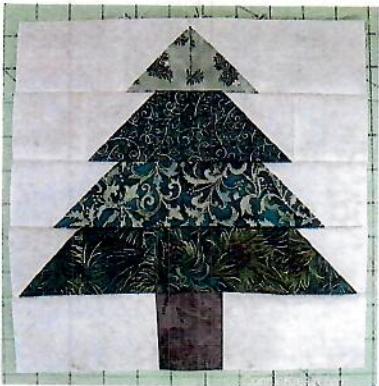


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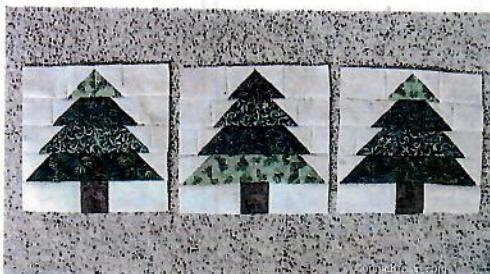


Here are the tree limbs ready to be sewn into a block.

The completed Christmas tree block is $10\frac{1}{2} \times 10\frac{1}{2}$ inches square.

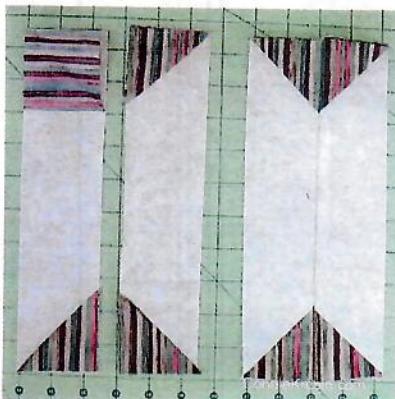


Make 3 blocks, I switched the color order on the middle tree.

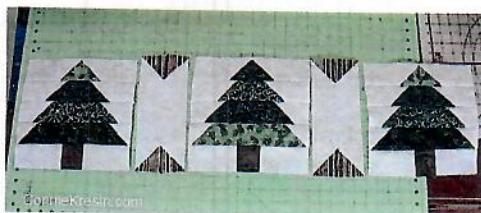


Cut **2** background cream strips $2\frac{1}{2} \times 10\frac{1}{2}$ and **4** – $2\frac{1}{2} \times 2\frac{1}{2}$ squares from the binding fabric – I used a stripe fabric.

Sew the stripe squares to the ends the same way you did the HST's. Then sew them together. You will need 2 sets of these.



Sew them together as shown below.



Sew the sets to both sides of your center block. Now sew the other trees to the centerpiece.



I used premium muslin for the backing and Warm & Natural batting. I did a simple free-motion stipple quilting on the background.



I cut 3 – 2½-inch x 40" strips the width of the striped fabric, I really like the way that turned out and used my [machine binding tutorial](#) for it.