

PJ's Tree Skirt Quilt Layout

Approx. Size 54" x 54"

Christmas Treasure by PJ

This is a versatile pattern and can be used to make a small or large Christmas tree skirt for either artificial or real tree. It can also be used to make a festive table topper, placemats, or pillows.

For Large Christmas Tree Skirt 54x54:

(16) 1st Saturday blocks or equivalent 12½" (12" finished) blocks

Arrange blocks in desired order with 4 blocks in each of the 4 rows. Sew using ¼" seam allowance.

I used the following blocks: Row 1: Aug 1st block, Oct 2nd block, Dec 2nd block, Aug 1st block

Row 2: Feb 1st block, March 2nd block, Apr 1st block, Jan 1st block

Row 3: June 1st block, Nov 1st block, July 1st block, May 1st block

Row 4: Aug 1st block, Oct 1st block, Sept 1st block, Aug 1st block

(4) 3½" (3" finished) blocks of your choice

I used a pinwheel block with left over half square triangles which were trimmed to 2" before being sewn together.

2/3 yard of solid fabric for outer border

Cut into (8) 3½" x WOF. Sub cut into (8) 3½ x 24½" strips.

Using ¼" seam allowance sew 2 strips together. Repeat with remaining pieces to form 4 strips for your outer border. Sew 2 of these strips on for your side border. Attach one 3½" block to each end of the two remaining strips and sew on for your top and bottom border. Quilt as desired.

½ yard fabric for binding (may require additional fabric if using ties)

1 2/3 yard 60-inch-wide fabric for backing or equivalent 40" wide yardage

For a small tree skirt 42x42:

(9) 1st Saturday blocks or equivalent 12½" (12" finished) blocks

Arrange blocks in desired order with 3 blocks in each of the 3 rows. Sew using ¼" seam allowance.

(4) 3½" (3" finished) blocks of your choice

1/2 yard of solid fabric for outer border

Cut into (4) 3½" x WOF. Sub cut into (4) 3½ x 36½" strips.

Sew 2 of these strips on for your side border. Attach one 3½" block to each end of the two remaining strips and sew on for your top and bottom border. Quilt as desired.

¼ yard fabric for binding (may require additional fabric) if using ties

1 1/3 yard 60-inch-wide fabric for backing or equivalent 40" yardage

Finishing your Tree Skirt:

For artificial tree: After quilting is completed using a circle template (size is dependent upon the size of your tree trunk/pole) cut a circle out of the center of your quilt. Bind the circle and outer edges of your quilt.

For a live tree: After quilting is completed you will want to draw a line from the bottom edge to the center of your quilt on the side you want for the back of your tree skirt. Then using a 5-10" circle template trace a circle in the center of your quilt. Stay stitch ¼" on the outside of the line and around your circle. Cut on the line and around your circle.

To bind: Beginning at the circle opening sew binding down one side of your cut edge following around the outer edges of your quilt and ending on the opposite circle opening.

To bind the circle edge: measure your binding so there is a 12" tail on each side of the opening. You will use this to tie your skirt closed. Begin at one end of your 12" tail sew using a ¼" seam allowance ending at the end of the opposite 12" tail. Make 4 additional 12" ties and tack in place at the bottom edge of your opening and half way up.

For a table topper: Omit the step to cut out a center circle and bind the outer edges.

If you have orphan blocks, they can be quilted individually to make festive place mats or pillows.

