

Row of the Month
Row #4 - Trees

The block for this month is the tree block. This block will measure 6" wide x 7" tall, finished (6.5" x 7.5" unfinished). You will need to make 7 tree blocks to make up this row.

This block will be made using the paper foundation method. I've included 2 options. The first option should be used if you would like to use 1 piece of fabric to make up the tree top. The second option should be used if you wish to use strips to make up your tree top.

Tip #1: Lightly spray starch your fabrics for these blocks; you will be working with bias edges. This will help stabilize your fabric.

Tip #2: Place templates on the fabric's grain line as indicated by the arrows on the templates. This will result with the grain line of the fabric to be parallel with the block's outer perimeter.

Happy Stitching Everyone!
Irene

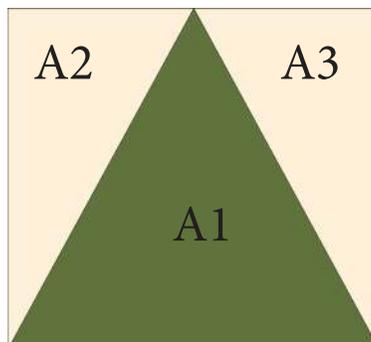
Tree Top Unit Method #1:

Cutting Instructions: (For **ONE** block) - these sizes are just recommendations

1. For the Tree Top, choose 1 fabric; a piece approximately 6.5" x 7" (A1)
2. For Background you will need 2 pieces approximately 3.5" x 6.5" (A2 & A3)

Piecing Instrucitons:

1. Copy the Tree Top Method #1 Pattern 7 times, making sure that you set your copier to 100% or Actual Size. Ensure you have an accurate 5.5" tall x 6" wide block, finished size, on the copies.
2. For general instructions on Foundation Paper Piecing refer to the following link:
<http://aprilrosenthal.com/2017/09/14/quilting-basics-foundation-paper-piecing-101/>
3. Follow the piecing order on the block pattern (A1, A2, A3).
4. Once completed and using the outside trim lines on the template, trim each Tree Top block to 6" x 6.5". Do not remove the paper foundation.



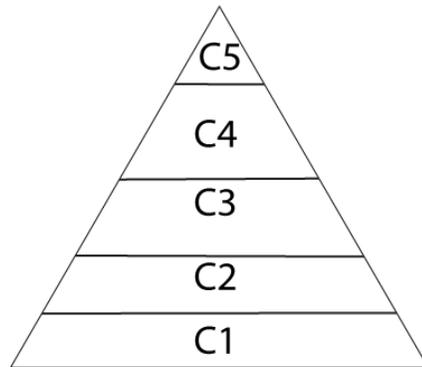
Tree Top Unit Method #2:

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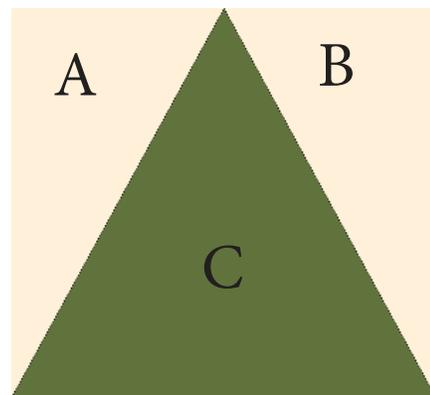
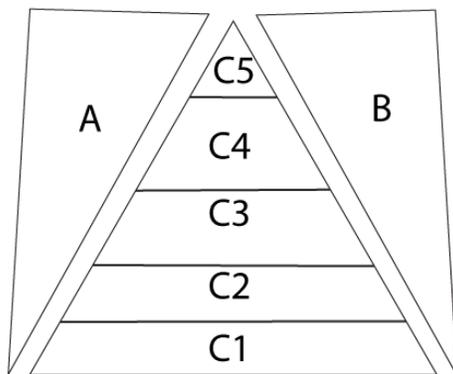
1. For the Tree Top, use as many fabric strips as you wish, each strip long enough to fit across the template (C)
2. For Background you will need 2 pieces approximately 3.5" x 6.5" (A & B)

Piecing Instructions:

1. Copy the Tree Top Method #2 Pattern 7 times, making sure that you set your copier to 100% or Actual Size. Ensure that Template C is 5.5" tall, finished size, on the copies.
2. For general instructions on Foundation Paper Piecing refer to the following link:
<http://aprilrosenthal.com/2017/09/14/quilting-basics-foundation-paper-piecing-101/>
3. For Foundation Piece C, randomly draw horizontal lines where you would like the seams for the different strips. Label the sections C1, C2, C3, etc, from bottom to top.
4. Follow the piecing order on the block pattern (C1, C2, C3....).
5. Once completed, trim each Unit C using the outside trim lines. Do not remove the paper foundation.



6. Make a total of 7 C Units.
7. Attach Template A to the back side of Fabric A. Trim fabric to the trim lines. Repeat and make 7 A Units.
8. Attach Template B to the back side of Fabric B. Trim fabric to the trim lines. Repeat and make 7 B Units.
9. Add a Unit A to one side of Unit C. Press seams toward Unit A.
10. Add a Unit B to the other side of Unit C. Press Seams toward Unit B.



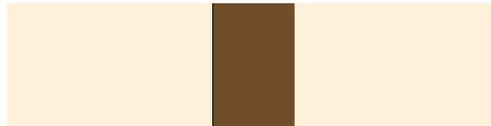
Tree Trunk Unit:

Cutting Instructions: (For *ONE* block)

1. Tree Trunk Fabric: 1 @ 1.5" x 2"
2. Background Fabric: 2 @ 3" x 2"

Piecing Instructions:

1. Lining up the 1.5" sides, right sides together, sew one background piece to one side of the tree trunk piece. Press seam toward the tree trunk fabric.
2. Sew the second background piece to the other side of the tree trunk piece. Press seam toward the tree trunk fabric.
3. Your unit should measure 1.5" x 6.5". Trim if required.
4. Repeat, making a total of 7 Tree Trunk Units.



Completing The Tree Block:

1. Select 1 tree top unit and 1 tree trunk unit. With right sides together, line up the bottom of the tree top unit with the top of the tree trunk unit. Sew Them together. Press seam toward the tree trunk unit.
2. Your block should measure 6.5" x 7.5". Trim if required.
3. Carefully remove all paper foundations.
4. Repeat, making a total of 7 tree blocks.



Assemble the Row:

Lining up seams, sew blocks together to make your row. Press seams to one side, or press open, it's up to you!

Your row should measure 7.5" x 42.5"

