

Oh Christmas Tree...

This is a PDF version of the tutorial I shared on my blog on October 28th, 2015. You can find the original post on my website, www.cakestandquilts.com



{finished just in time for Valentine's Day or fabulously early for next Christmas: you decide ;-)...}

I couldn't resist making a Christmassy version of *Homely Joys* complete with little Christmas trees. If you're tempted too, here's how I did it...



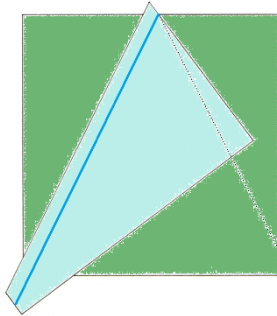
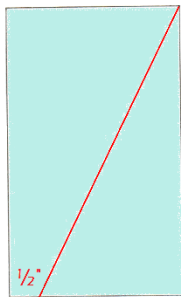
For each tree you will need three 4½" squares, six 3" x 5" pieces of background fabric, plus a 1" x 2½" piece for your trunk and two background pieces of 2¼" x 2½"...



Make three triangle-in-a-square units – as described overleaf - and join a piece of the background fabric to each side of your trunk, using a ¼" seam...

Using the prepared template from your *Homely Joys* pattern, mark placement lines on the three 4½" squares.

Place the three pairs of 3" x 5" pieces right sides together and – offsetting the diagonal by ½" from one corner on the shorter side – trim, discarding the smaller portion, giving you three pairs of mirror-image pieces:-



Position one side on the placement line and stitch a ¼" away before flipping 'open' and pressing (the stitching line is marked in blue). Repeat on the other side.

Turn all three triangle-in-a-square units to the wrong side and trim to size, using the background square as your guide. You can also trim down the background square if preferred.



Cut 2" from the top of the unit chosen for your bottom branches...



Cut 1" from both top and bottom of the unit chosen for your middle branches...



Cut 2" from the bottom of the unit chosen for your top branches...



You should have four 2½" x 4½" units ready to assemble...



Using a ¼" seam, assemble your tree, pressing seams towards the top branches (your block should measure 4½" x 8½") Now have a mince pie: you've earned it...

If you are working from the Homely Joys pattern you will need to make the following alterations:-

MATERIALS

You will need an additional 3 10" squares from your Layer Cake (35 in total) or - if there aren't many greens - a Fat Quarter, which will yield 16 4 1/2" squares. You will also need 1 3/4 yds of fabric for your 'Garden' blocks, rather than the 1 1/4 yds listed in the pattern.

STEP 3

You will need to choose 6 layers - or your additional Fat Quarter - for the trees...

STEP 6

OMIT cutting the 1" x WOF strip from your 'Garden' fabric and, instead, cut 6 3" x WOF strips and subcut them into 48 3" x 5" pieces...

OMIT STEPS 22 & 24 and make 24 triangle-in-a-square units as shown above (and described in STEPS 14-17 in your pattern)...

Finish your 'Garden' blocks as described in STEPS 27 & 28...



{A progress shot of my Christmassy version of 'Homely Joys' made with the gorgeous 'Little Joys' by Elea Lutz for Penny Rose Fabrics mixed with my favourite 'Tilda' basics}

Nicola xx