

Sparkling Spruce

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Finished Size: 12" square

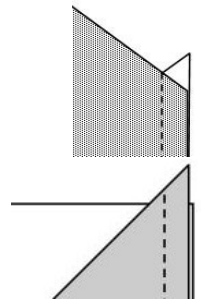
Skill level: Confident beginner/intermediate

◻ = cut once diagonally

Fabric	Cutting Instructions
A – wine (stars)	◊ Cut (2) 2 $\frac{7}{8}$ " squares ◻ (A1) and (4) 1 $\frac{7}{8}$ " squares (A2).
B – rose (stars)	◊ Cut (4) 2 $\frac{7}{8}$ " squares (B1) and (2) 1 $\frac{7}{8}$ " squares ◻ (B2).
C – dark teal (tree trunks)	◊ Cut (2) 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " pieces (C).
D – medium teal (short tree)	◊ Cut 1 piece using Template 1 (T1).
E – light teal (tall tree)	◊ Cut 1 piece using Template 3 (T3).
F – cream (ground)	◊ Cut 1 piece using Template 2 and 1 piece using Template 2reverse (face down). ◊ Cut 1 piece using Template 4 and 1 piece using Template 4reverse (face down). ◊ Cut (1) 5 $\frac{1}{4}$ " square (F1), (1) 3 $\frac{3}{8}$ " square (F2), (1) 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ " square (F3), (4) 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " squares (F4), (4) 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " squares (F5), (2) 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " pieces (F6), (2) 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 2" pieces (F7) and 1 piece using Template 5.

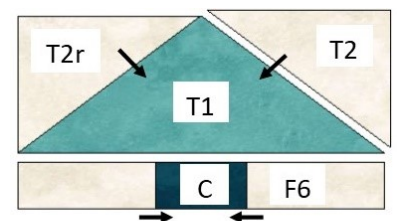
Piecing: All seams are $\frac{1}{4}$ " unless noted. Press seams toward darker fabric unless noted.

Tip for aligning patches for sewing: When you have 2 patches to be sewn together and they are sloped at opposite 45° angles, they are correctly aligned when they meet at the $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam line as shown at right. When you have 2 patches to be sewn together and only one is sloped at a 45° angle, they are correctly aligned when they meet $\frac{3}{8}$ " from the edge as shown below. However, sew them together with a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam.



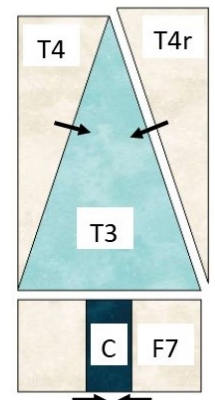
Tree blocks:

1. Sew a Template 2 and Template 2r piece to angled edges of the Template 1 piece; press seams toward Template 1.



2. Sew an F6 piece to each short edge of a C piece; press seams toward C. Add to bottom edge of Template 1 unit.

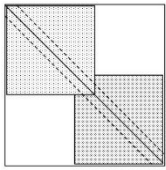
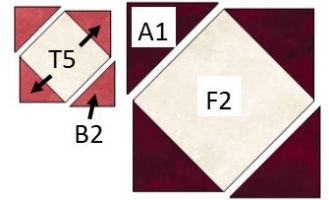
3. Sew a Template 4 and Template 4r piece to angled edges of the Template 3 piece; press seams toward Template 3.



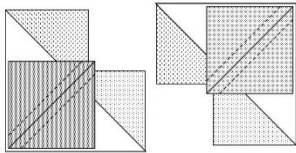
4. Sew an F7 piece to each long edge of a C piece; press seams toward C. Add to bottom edge of Template 3 unit.

Star blocks:

1. Following diagram, center and sew an A1 triangle onto edges of F2 and a B2 triangle onto edges of Template 5 piece; press seams toward corners.

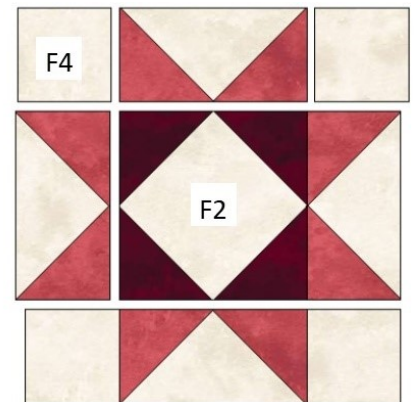
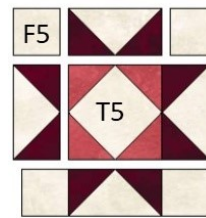


2. Lay a B1 square face down in 2 opposite corners of F1. Draw a diagonal line through B squares as shown; sew 1/4" each side of drawn line and cut along line. Press seam toward B. Repeat with the A2 and F3 pieces.



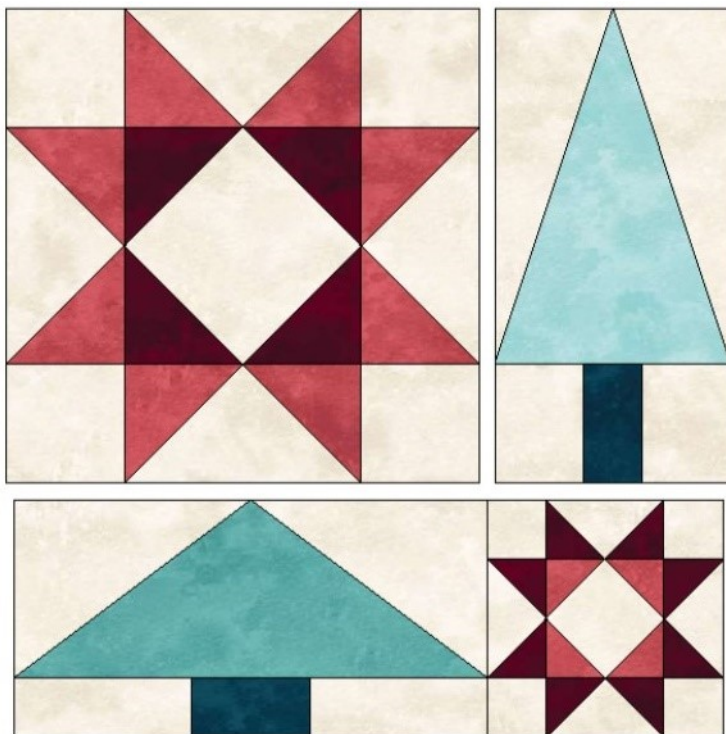
3. Lay a B1 square face down in remaining corners of each unit. Draw a diagonal line through B as shown and sew 1/4" each side of drawn line. Cut along line and press seam toward B. Repeat with the A2 pieces and F3 units.

4. Arrange the units above with the F4 and F5 squares as shown; sew into rows, then sew rows together.



Putting it all together:

Arrange the tree blocks and star blocks as shown; sew into rows then sew the rows together.



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