

# Tonga Merry

Tree Skirt
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## **Fabric Requirements**

<sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub> yard Tonga-B3554 Joy (1)

<sup>1</sup>/<sub>8</sub> yard Tonga-B3555 Merry (2)

<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> yard Tonga-B3556 Spruce (3)

<sup>1</sup>/<sub>3</sub> yard Tonga-B8212 Snow (4)

1/3 yard Tonga-B8824 Fir (5)

<sup>3</sup>/<sub>8</sub> yard Tonga-B8827 Elf (6)

1/4 yard Tonga-B8827 Gold (7)

1/2 yard Tonga-B9534 Noel (8)

2<sup>7</sup>/<sub>8</sub> yards Tonga-B8828 Tree (backing)

<sup>1</sup>/<sub>3</sub> yard Tonga-B4873 Holiday (binding)

 $50" \times 50"$  batting

# **Cutting**

#### From Fabric 1:

- Cut eight of Template 5.
- Cut eight of Template 7.

## From Fabric 2:

• Cut eight of Template 2.

## From Fabric 3:

• Cut eight of Template 4.

## From Fabric 4:

• Cut sixteen of Template 8.

#### From Fabric 5:

• Cut sixteen of Template 3.

## From Fabric 6:

• Cut eight of Template 6.

#### From Fabric 7:

- Cut four of Template 9.
- Cut eight of Template 2.

## From Fabric 8:

- Cut sixteen of Template 1.
- Cut eight of Template 4.

## From binding fabric:

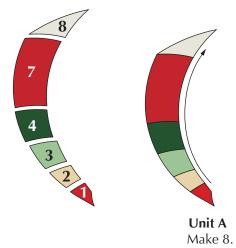
• Cut four  $2^{1/2}$ " × width-of-fabric (WOF) strips.

# **Quilt Top Assembly**

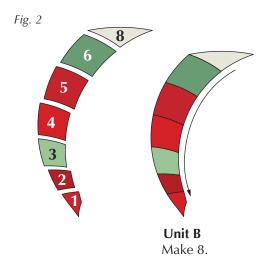
All seam allowances are <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" and pieces are sewn right sides together. Be very careful when sewing the tree skirt pieces together as it's easy to distort the shapes.

- 1. Mark the corner seam allowances on each Template 1-9 piece.
- 2. Following Figure 1 (note that template numbers are shown, not fabric numbers), sew one each of Template 1, Fabric 7 Template 2, Template 3, Fabric 3 Template 4, Template 7, and Template 8 together as shown, carefully matching the seam allowances and gently easing the curves as needed, to make Unit A. Press seams toward the higher fabric number. Make a total of eight Unit A.

Fig. 1

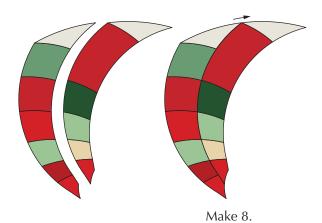


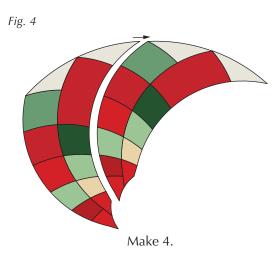
3. Following Figure 2, sew one each of Template 1, Fabric 2 Template 2, Template 3, Fabric 8 Template 4, Template 5, Template 6, and Template 8 together as shown, carefully matching seam allowances and gently easing the curves as needed, to make Unit B. Press seams toward the smaller fabric number. Make a total of eight Unit B.



4. Pin and sew the A and B Units together in pairs, matching adjacent seam allowances. Press seams toward Unit A (*figure 3*). Sew the pairs together to make four quarter sections (*figure 4*).

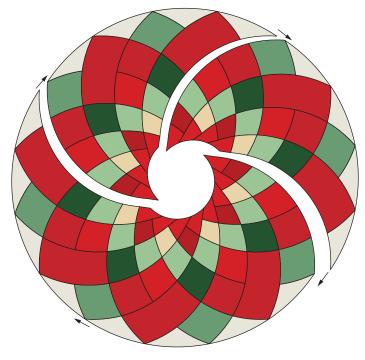






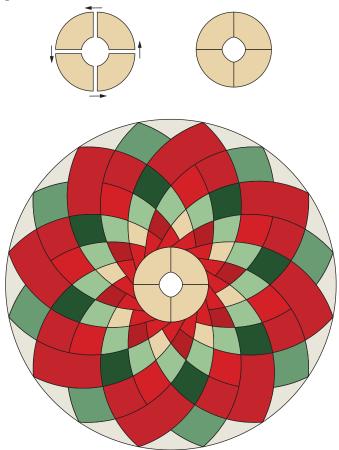
5. Sew two quarters together, matching and nesting all seams carefully, to make a half. Make two halves. Sew the halves together to make the tree skirt top (*figure 5*).

Fig. 5



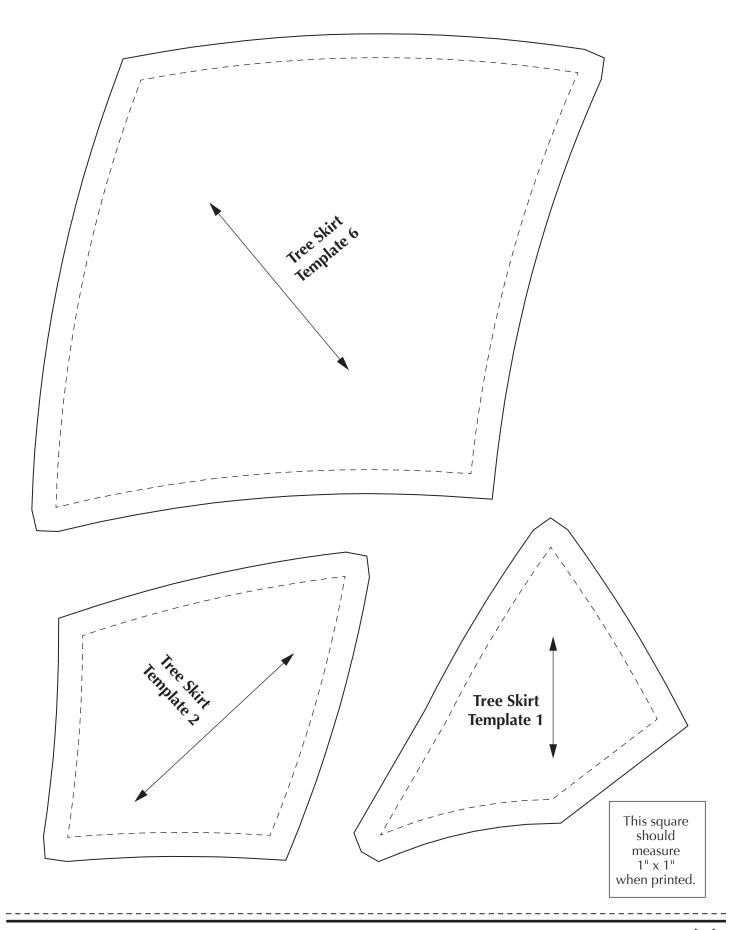
6. Sew the Template 9 pieces together as shown to make a ring (*figure 6*). With right sides together, sew the quilt top to the circle, gently easing around the curves and matching quarter seam allowances. Press seam allowances toward the ring.

Fig. 6

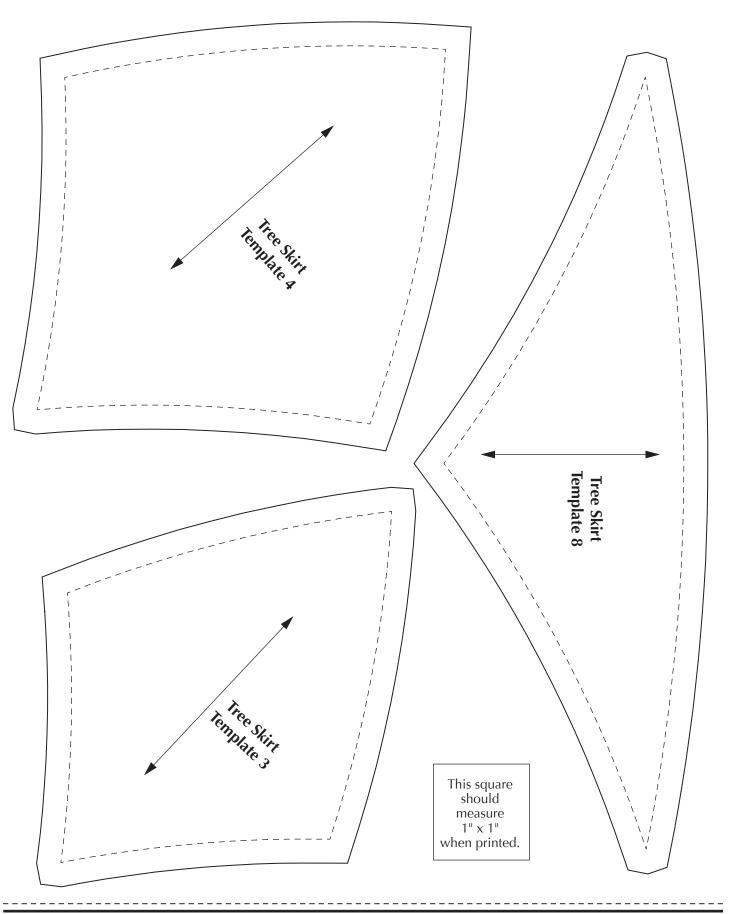


# **Finishing**

- 7. Layer the quilt top, batting, and backing, and quilt as desired.
- 8. Stitch the binding strips together end to end using diagonal seams. Fold and press the resulting long strip in half lengthwise with wrong sides together. Stitch to the tree skirt front perimeter, matching raw edges. Repeat for the inner circle perimeter.
- 9. Fold the binding to the quilt underside and hand-stitch the folded edge to the quilt back.
- 10. To use the tree skirt, set up the base of your tree. Set the tree skirt over the base, matching the center openings for the tree. Insert the tree.









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