



Advent Calendar



Approx. finished size: 24" by 34"

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Fabrics requirements:

Tree: assorted greens or other Christmas fabrics - 54 squares @ 4" x 4"

Background: 1m

Binding: 25cm (includes hangers)

Backing 70cm

Cutting Instructions

From the background fabric cut 37 squares 4 x 4

From the background fabric cut 5 squares 6½ x 6½"

From the background fabric cut 2 squares at 4 x 4"

Workshop Notes

Tree pockets: use 46 tree squares 4 x 4 to create 23 pockets –

Fold a tree square in half across the diagonal, wrong sides together and press

Place the folded triangle onto the bottom half of another tree square and tack into place along the bottom two edges. Make 23.



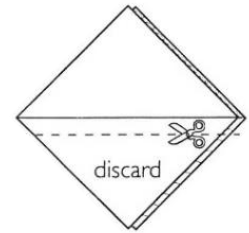
Pocket at the top of the tree (marked with a X on the picture below):

Take two background squares and make as for the tree pockets – you could make this in gold if you wish or add an appliqué star.

Tree edges:

Use a background square and a tree square – place them right sides together; sew across the diagonal and trim off excess leaving a ¼" seam allowance.

Make 8.



Setting triangles:

From the background fabric cut 5 squares 6 ½" and cut on both diagonals to give you a total of 20 quarter square triangles.

Corner Triangles:

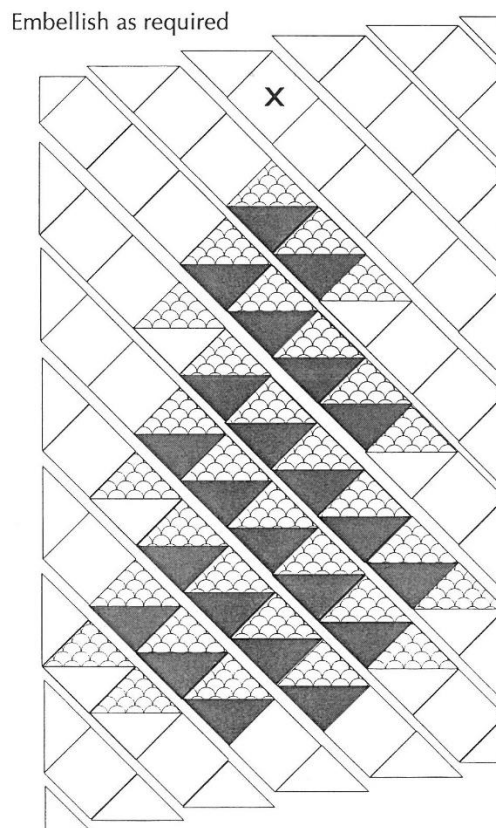
From the background fabric cut 2 squares at 4" and then cut on one diagonal to give you 4 half-square triangles.

Optional Tree Trunk (see 2nd photo overleaf):

Take one of the background squares and cut in half on the diagonal, sew these to either side of a rectangle 5½" by 2½", press seams and trim to 4" square.

Construction:

This calendar is sewn with diagonal rows: following the diagram sew each row separately and then sew them together - adding the setting triangles as you go but leaving the corner squares until last.



Layer and quilt and add hangers or ribbon and binding.

Embellish as desired.

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