

Block of the Month 7: Christmas Tree

This block contains four $3\frac{1}{2}'' \times 6\frac{1}{2}''$ flying geese. There are several ways to make flying geese; the instructions below are for two at a time. I prefer this method because mine seem to come out right. There is a good tutorial online at:

<https://kristinesser.com/2018/07/12/how-to-make-a-flying-geese-block-5-different-ways/>

Fabric needed:

Tree top: two $7\frac{1}{2}''$ squares green and six $4\frac{1}{4}''$ background squares.

Tree trunk: $2'' \times 8\frac{1}{2}''$ brown rectangle and two $2\frac{3}{4}'' \times 8\frac{1}{2}''$ background

Make 4 green flying geese: $3\frac{1}{2}'' \times 6\frac{1}{2}''$ ($3'' \times 6''$ finished).

Place 2 background squares on opposite corners of each green square.

Draw a line diagonally from corner to corner and sew $\frac{1}{4}''$ on both sides of the line.

Cut on the marked line.

Draw a diagonal line on the two remaining background squares.

Place the marked background square in the exposed green corner and sew $\frac{1}{4}''$ both sides of the line.

Cut on the line and iron back the background corners.

Square the flying geese to $3\frac{1}{2}'' \times 6\frac{1}{2}''$.

Sew the flying geese together vertically to form the top of the tree.

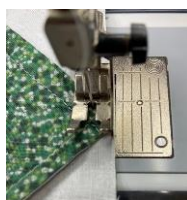
Hint: sew with green side up and make sure you stitch a couple of threads up from where the seam crosses. This will insure you keep your point.

Tree top should measure $6\frac{1}{2}'' \times 12\frac{1}{2}''$.

Make the tree trunk.

Sew a $2\frac{3}{4}'' \times 8\frac{1}{2}''$ background rectangle on either side of the brown one to form the trunk.

Sew the top of the tree to the trunk section. Tree block should measure $6\frac{1}{2}'' \times 20\frac{1}{2}''$.



This can be embellished to look like a Christmas tree.