

“Whimsical Christmas Tree Skirt”



This year, skip the traditional red and green by adding a burst of color to your Christmas decorations. Create an adorable tree skirt that will add extra holiday magic and a touch of whimsy to your living room.

Skill Level: Intermediate

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Supplies:

Baby Lock Ellisimo (BLSO) Sewing & Embroidery Machine
Assorted colors of decorative embroidery thread
All-purpose thread to match fabrics

Tree skirt pattern with six sections

(The yardage below is give for a skirt with a finished size of 42" round. If a larger skirt is made more fabric will be needed.)

1 yard of rose velvet

1 yard of dark teal velvet

1 yard of light teal velvet

1 yard of purple velvet

Lining fabric, see pattern for amount

Baby Lock Cut Away Soft stabilizer

Creative Notions Hot fix crystal applicator wand (optional)

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Temporary Spray Adhesive

Pattern paper

Ruler

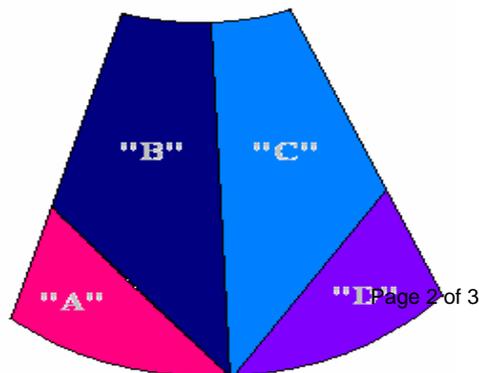
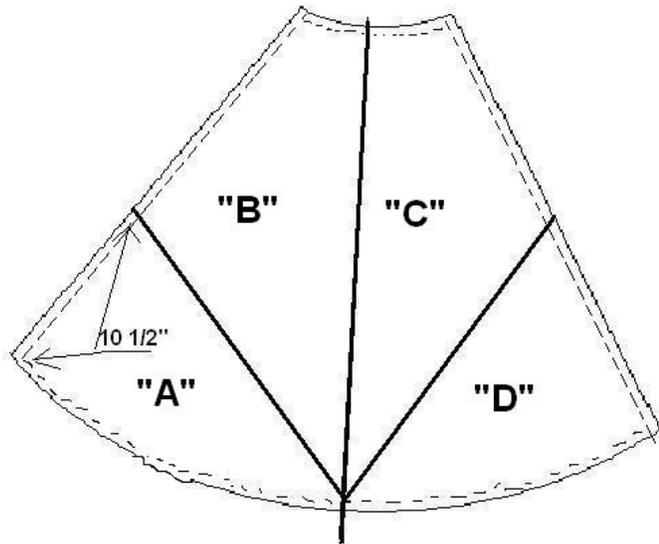
Fabric Marking Pen/Chalk

Iron and Ironing Board or Steamer

Basic sewing supplies

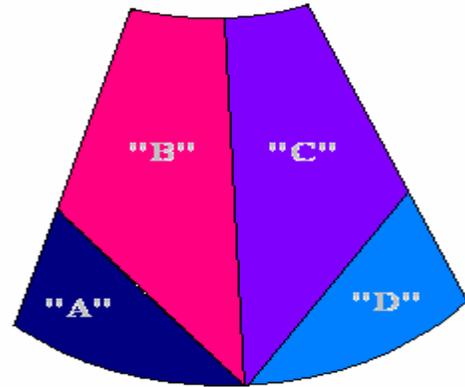
Tree Skirt Instructions:

1. To mark the sections of the tree skirt pattern:
Mark the center of the section vertically.
Measure from the bottom of the pattern up each side and place a mark at 10 1/2"; this includes the seam allowance. Use the ruler to draw a line from this mark to the bottom of the center line just to the seam allowance.
Mark the sections as shown.
2. Use pattern paper to trace each section, add the same seam allowance as given on the pattern to the edge of each section that does not have a seam allowance. Be sure that "A" and "D" sections and "B" and "C" sections are the same size.
3. Use section "A" to cut three Rose and three dark teal pieces.
4. Use section "B" to cut three Rose and three dark teal pieces.
5. Use section "C" to cut three purple and three light teal pieces.
6. Use section "D" to cut three purple and three light teal pieces.
7. Sew section "A" rose to section "B" dark teal, sew section "C" light teal to section "D" purple.
8. Sew "AB" and "CD" sections together to form one section of the tree skirt. Make two more sections



following the above instructions. Lightly steam the seam allowances on each piece.

9. Sew section "A" dark teal to section "B" rose.
10. Sew section "C" purple to section "D" light teal.
11. Sew section "AB" to "section "CD" to form one section of the tree skirt. Make two more sections following the above instructions. Lightly steam the seam allowances on each piece.
12. Sew tree skirt sections together alternating sections, leave one seam line open for back of skirt.
13. Use silver thread or thread color of your choice and Decorative stitch 3-17 in your machine. Increase the width to 7.0mm and the length to 3.5mm and stitch on the center of each seam line.
14. Embroider Nancy Zieman holiday mittens and sock designs from the Ellisimo exclusives section at random in sections "A" and "D" of the skirt.



15. To embroider the designs: hoop stabilizer and spray with a temporary spray adhesive, press skirt section in place and embroidery designs. (Note: Velvet fabric should not be hooped because it leaves "burn" marks on the fabric.) Be sure to support skirt fabric so it does not "pull" on the fabric that is being embroidered. The colors of designs can be changed to match fabric; they can also be enlarged in the machine by 20%.
16. Cut out and stitch the lining using the instructions on pattern.
17. Cut four strips of skirt scraps 2 ¼" wide by 12" long for the skirt ties. Fold and press the edges of the strips to the center then press the strips in half again to create the ties, straight stitch on the folded edge. Hem the ends of each of the ties.
18. Pin the ties to desired location on the skirt. Place the right side of the lining on the right side of the skirt, pin in place and straight stitch around all the edges, leaving a 12" opening for turning the skirt.
19. Turn the skirt, sew the opening together by hand, top stitch ¼" from the edge of the skirt. Lightly press the skirt from the wrong side or steam the skirt.
20. Place hot fixed crystals in desired location on skirt (optional).

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