

Modern Christmas Tree Pillow



Liven up your home for the holidays with this brightly colored tree pillow. This modern take on Christmas decor will really stand out with 3-D texture made from folded circles.

Skill Level: Beginner

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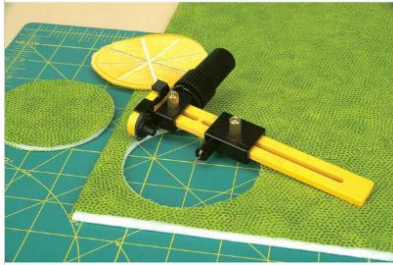
Supplies:

- Baby Lock sewing machine
- 14" Pillow form
- 1/2 yard red felt or flannel fabric
- 1/3 yard dark green felt or flannel
- 1/3 yard holly green felt or flannel
- 1/3 yard lime green felt or flannel
- Remnant of brown felt or flannel
- Remnant of white felt or flannel

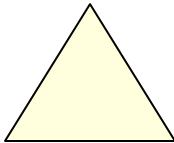
Small button for bird's eye
Olfa Rotary Circle Cutter
Rotary cutter, mat and ruler
Fabric glue
All-purpose thread to match fabrics

Instructions:

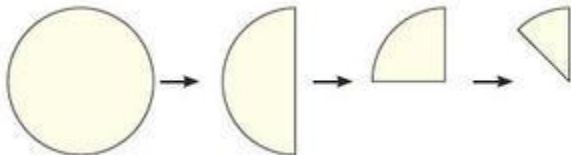
1. Using the circle cutter and mat, cut 2" circle from all three green color fabrics. You will need approximately 120 circles (40 from each color).



2. Cut two 14" squares from the red flannel for the pillow front and back.
3. From the brown fabric cut a shape for the tree trunk approximately 3" wide by 2" tall.
4. Position the tree trunk on the pillow front and applique in place.
5. Measure and chalk an outline shape 6 1/2" tall by 8" wide at the tree base for the tree circles to be positioned.



6. From the white fabric, cut a small paisley shape and a tiny triangle for the beak.
7. Position the bird shape at the top of the chalk line tree and applique in place.
8. Select a straight stitch.
9. Fold each of the circles in half and then in half again, then once more to create eighths.



10. Stitch catching the point of each folded circle and connecting the circles into a long trim, alternating the colors randomly.
11. Stitch the circles to the pillow front within the chalked line. Fill in the shape by adding rows of folded circles.
12. If you have areas that appear to have gaps or missing circles, fill them in by gluing additional circles in between the stitched rows using a quality washable fabric glue. Let the glue dry.
13. Sew the button in place for the bird eye.
14. Pin the pillow front to back. The pillow front will have to be shifted to align properly since the 3-D texture does not allow the pillow to lay flat when

- inside out, so pinning is necessary. Once the front is pinned, stitch together using a 1/2" seam allowance and leaving an opening in the lower edge of the pillow.
15. Turn the pillow right side out and insert the pillow form.
 16. Hand-stitch the opening in the pillow closed.



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