



## November 2006 Block of the Month

### Block A: Tree

8 inch block (8½ inches unfinished)

#### Fabric preparation:

- Cut 3 2½" x 2½" squares of a green fabric, either the same or different greens for the tree
- Cut 3 2½" x 2½" squares of blue for the sky
- Cut 1 1" x 1" square of brown for the tree trunk
- Cut 2 1" x 1½" rectangles of blue
- Cut 2 1½" x 5½" rectangles of blue
- Cut 4 2" x 5½" strips of green for the sashing
- Cut 4 2" x 2" square of red for the corner stones

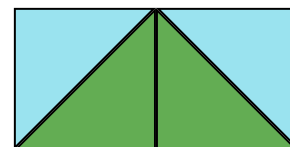
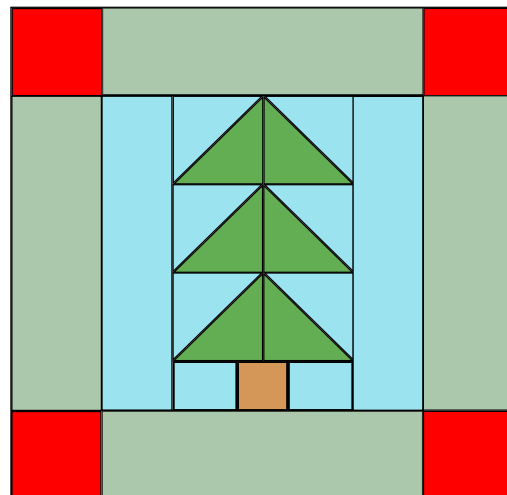


Figure 1

#### Instructions:

- Place together each 2½" green square with a 2½" blue square, right sides together. Draw a diagonal line from corner to corner. Sew ¼" on both sides of the diagonal line. Then cut in half on the diagonal line to form two half square triangles. Press the seam allowance on each piece in opposite directions. Trim each square to a 2" square. Sew together with the greens next to each other and the blues on the outside (Figure 1)
- Sew the three rectangles together to form the tree (Figure 2)
- Sew the 1½" blue strip to both sides of the 1" x 1" brown tree trunk square. Sew this to the bottom of the tree (Figure 3)
- This part of the block should now measure 5½" x 3½". Sew the blue 1½ x 5½ strips to both sides of the block. This changes the block measurement to 5½" x 5½."
- To finish the block, sew a green 2" x 5½" strip to each side of the block. Sew a red 2" x 2" square to both ends of the remaining two green 2" x 5½" strips. Sew these to the top and bottom of the block. This finishes the block at 8½" x 8½."

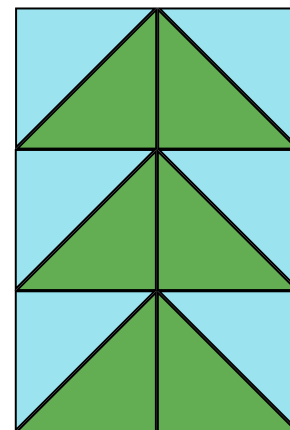


Figure 2



Figure 3