

Walking in a Winter Wonderland Forest Row

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Paper Pieced Row for the Winter Wonderland
Row Robin found at
<http://www.patchworkposse.com/blog/>



To familiarize yourself with the project, read through the entire instruction packet before you begin to cut fabric or stitch.

Refer to the photo for additional clarification. Seam allowance is 1/4".

Materials Needed:

5/8 yard Background fabric

Cut (2) 3" x 7-1/2" rectangles, and (6) 2" x 7-1/2" rectangles

Use the rest for paper piecing the background of the tree and trunk units

1/4 yard edge border fabric (I used Green)

Cut (3) 1-1/2" x Width of Fabric Strips

Scraps for Trees ~ Various colors at least 6" square (I used 13 different prints)

Scraps of Brown for Tree Trunks (I used two different prints)

8 copies of the paper template (7 to stitch, and 1 to cut up for size reference)



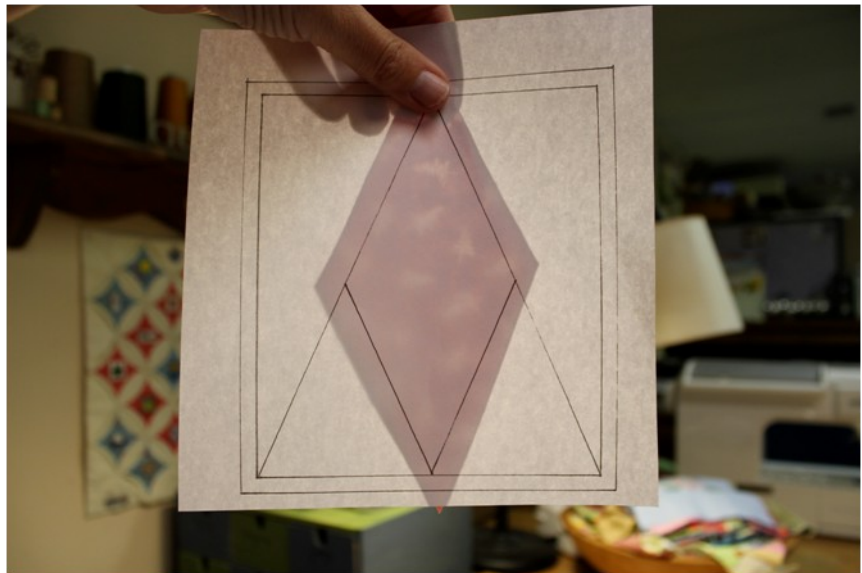
Paper Piecing your Trees ~

First, cut out the shapes from One of the printed paper templates to use as a size reference for choosing your scraps. (For example I use these to lay on my scraps and make sure that my fabric is plenty big enough all the way around the shape. This saves me from having to precisely measure if I'm just using fabric scraps anyway).



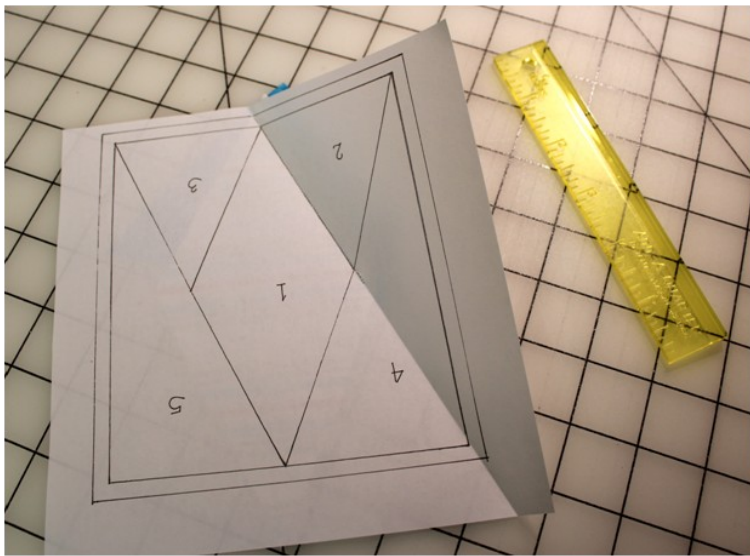
With the front of the paper template (side with printing on it) toward yourself, hold the paper template up to a light, and position the first fabric piece behind the Diamond spot (#1), making sure that the fabric covers all the lines around the edge of the shape. Fabric should be placed back side of fabric to back side of paper. A pin is helpful to hold this first fabric piece in place on the paper.

(These will be constructed by making the tree unit, then the tree trunk unit and then sewing the units together)



Next, lay fabric piece #2 right side down on fabric #1, making sure that the edges by the seam line between piece numbers 1 & 2 are at least $\frac{1}{4}$ " past the line, and that piece #2 will cover the entire shape after it is sewn and pressed out. (Again use your light source to look through the paper and see the overlap).





Using a shortened straight stitch on your sewing machine, sew on the line on the front side of the paper between piece numbers 1 & 2. After sewing on the line, fold the paper back on the sewn line.

Trim the excess fabric away leaving a quarter inch seam allowance. I like using the [Add a Quarter Ruler](#) for this because it has a little "ledge" that can be put against the paper and automatically cuts a quarter inch away ~ Quick and Easy :)

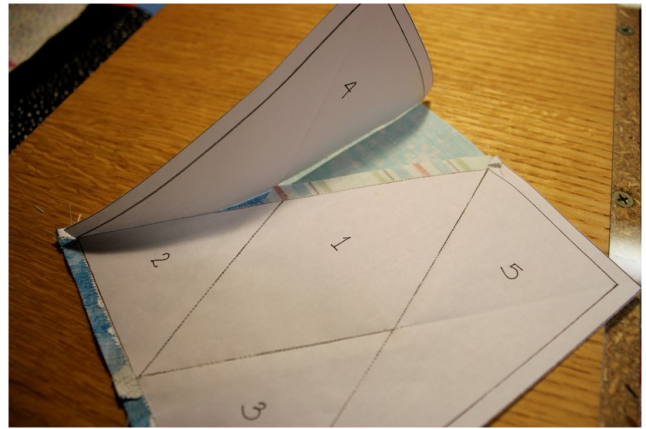


Then from the back side of the paper, press piece #2 out.

Repeat this process, working in numerical order, for the remaining pieces through #5 for the tree unit, and for pieces 1 - 3 for the tree trunk unit.



After sewing all of the fabric pieces to the paper template, use a ruler and rotary cutter and trim around all the outer most edges of the unit to square it up. Then fold back the paper sections on all the seam lines and tear on the perforations that your smaller stitch length created to remove all the paper from the back side of your block units.



Sew the Tree Trunk units to the bottom side of the Tree units. Press the seam allowances toward the tree trunk.

Sew a 2" x 7-1/2" rectangle of background fabric to the right side of six trees. Sew them together side by side. Then sew a 3" x 7-1/2" rectangle to the ends of the tree row. Press the seams toward the background rectangles. Measure and trim the ends of the tree row so it measures 48-1/2" long.

Sew the (3) 1-1/2" x Width of Fabric Green Strips together end to end and press the seam allowances open. Cut this long strip into two 1-1/2" x 48-1/2". Sew a green strip to the top and bottom of the tree row. Press toward the green strips.



