

Christmas Tree Skirt

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A beautiful Christmas tree skirt is the finishing touch for every glittering evergreen. The skirt is reversible, so you can pick both a pretty print and a rich solid to complement your holiday decor.

Fabric Requirements (as shown)

- 1¾ yards Cuddle®, Luxe Cuddle® Marble Scarlet for exterior
- 1¾ yards Cuddle®, Digital Cuddle® Snowfall Scarlet for flip side

Suggested Notions

- 2 yards decorative ribbon, for ties
- 90/14 stretch machine needle
- Polyester thread
- Felt tip marker or ballpoint pen
- Rotary cutter and mat
- Micro-serrated scissors
- Craft knife
- Long, flower head pins
- Fabric clips
- Point turner
- Walking foot



For more information on sewing with Cuddle®, scan the QR code or go to:
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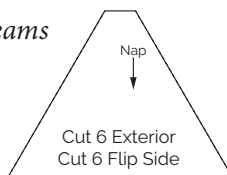
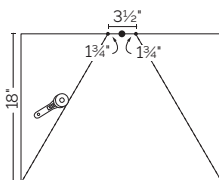
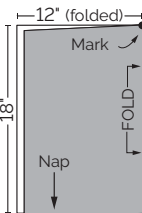
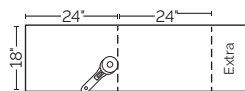
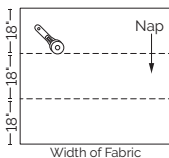
DIRECTIONS

- Read *Cuddle® Basics* before beginning.

Cutting

1. Cut both fabrics into 3 (18" x WOF*) strips.
2. From each strip, cut 2 (24" x 18") rectangles, creating 6 Exterior and 6 Flip Side rectangles.
3. Fold the top edge of each rectangle in half to find the center point. Mark the point on the wrong side.
Note: The nap should run down from the top edge.
4. Measure and mark $1\frac{3}{4}$ " on both sides of this center point.
5. Draw a line from each mark to the lower corner on that side.
6. Cut on the lines.

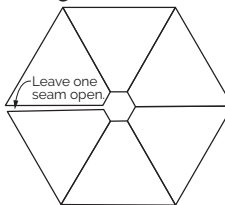
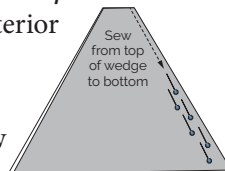
Note: This creates 6 wedges from each fabric. Handle all edges with care, as they stretch. Pin the angled seams more frequently.



Assembly

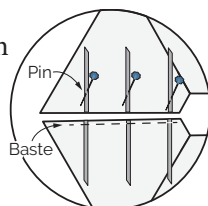
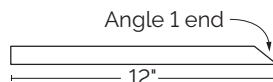
Complete the Exterior + Flip Sides

1. Double pin 2 Exterior wedges together.
2. Starting at the narrow edge, sew the seam.
3. Continue adding wedges to complete the skirt. Do not sew the first and last wedges together.
4. In the same manner, assemble the Flip Side.



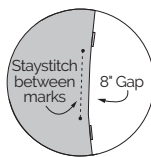
Add the ties

1. Cut the ribbon into 6 (12") lengths. Trim 1 end of each tie at an angle to minimize fraying.
2. On both sides of the opening, pin the first ribbon 1" from the top edge. Space the other 2 ribbons as desired.



Finishing

1. On the wrong side of the Exterior, mark an 8" turning gap between the first and second ribbons.
2. Staystitch between the marks.



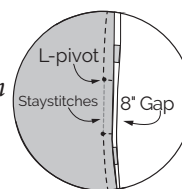
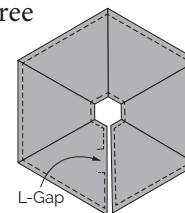
Note: Also mark and staystitch a corresponding 8" gap on Flip Side.

3. Right sides together, double pin the Exterior to the Flip Side. Match the seam lines and check that the ribbons are tucked inside.

Note: Use even more pins than usual. Pin, then pin some more. Adding fabric clips will also help.

4. With a $\frac{1}{2}$ " seam allowance, sew around the entire tree skirt, leaving the 8" gap open.

Note: Sew an L-pivot at the gap secures the seam ends when the skirt is turned and helps the seam allowance turn in for hand sewing.

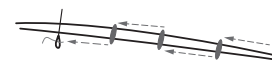


5. Trim the corners at the base of the opening. Clip a few stitches at each side seam and trim at an angle to allow the skirt to turn smoothly.

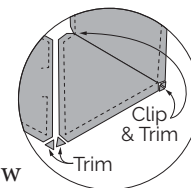
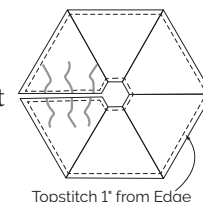
Note: Do not clip past the stitching.

6. Turn right side out. Push out the corners with a point turner.
7. Pin the gap closed. Hand stitch with a ladder stitch.

Ladder Stitch: Using polyester thread and a hand sewing needle, catch one side of the opening, then the other. Pull to tighten every few stitches.



8. Topstitch around the entire tree skirt 1" from the edge.



Cuddle® Basics

1. Mark measurements on reverse side of Cuddle® with a felt tip marker or ballpoint pen.
2. Cut Cuddle® with a rotary cutter, craft knife, or scissors.
3. Shake cut pieces or put in a no-heat dryer with a damp washcloth for a few minutes to remove loose fibers.
4. Sew with polyester thread in the top and the bobbin.
5. Reduce presser foot pressure when sewing multiple layers.
6. Increase stitch length to 3–4 mm.
7. Double pin by using 2 rows of pins—the first row every $1\frac{1}{2}$ " along the seam line and a second row 1" to the left and parallel to the cut edge.
8. Backstitch at the beginning and end of each seam.
9. Seam allowances are $\frac{1}{2}$ " unless otherwise noted.
10. Use an even-feed or walking foot, if possible. It makes a difference!



* Width of Fabric