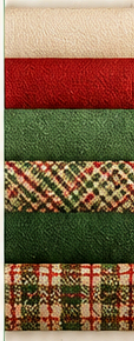




Fabric Christmas Tree Decoration Step by Step Tutorial

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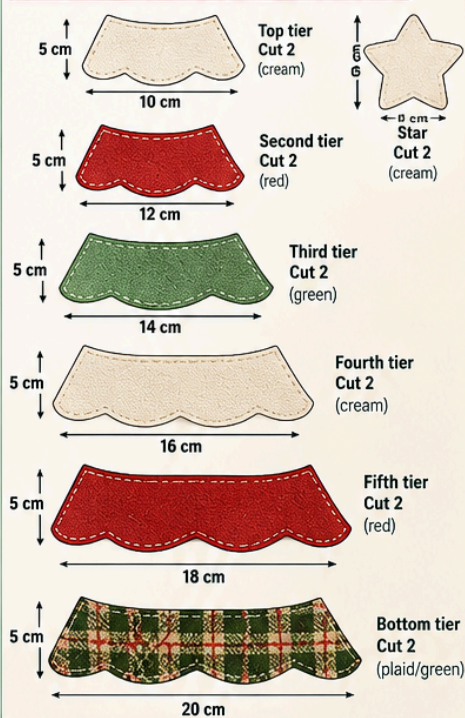


- Cotton fabric (various colors)
- Felt or fabric for star
- Polyester fiberfill (stuffing)
- Buttons (different sizes)
- Embroidery floss or thread
- Jute cord or ribbon
- Hand sewing needle
- Pins
- Fabric scissors
- Chalk or fabric marker

Sewing Methods Used

- Running stitch**
Basic hand stitch for assembly
- Back stitch**
Stronger stitch for details
- Embroidery stitch**
Decorative stitches
- Blanket stitch**
To join scalloped edges
- Bow knot**
To decorate the top

1 Pattern Pieces (with seam allowance)



2 Cut the fabric



Cut all pieces according to the measurements. You will need two pieces of each tier and two stars.

3 Sew the star



Place the star pieces right sides together and sew the edges, leaving a small opening. Turn right side out and stuff with fiberfill. Hand stitch to close.

4 Make a bow



Make a bow with jute cord or ribbon and set aside. It will be attached under the star.

5 Sew each tier



Place two matching scalloped pieces right sides together. Sew around the edge, leaving the top straight part open. Turn right side out and press.

6 Turn and press



Turn the pieces right side out and press with an iron for a neat finish.

7 Prepare all tiers



Repeat the process for all tiers. You will have six scalloped tiers in different sizes.

8 Assemble the tree



Use a cardboard or thick paper cone (12 cm base diameter x 20 cm height). You can also make a fabric cone and stuff with fiberfill.

9 Glue or hand sew tiers



Starting from the top, glue or hand sew each tier onto the cone, overlapping them slightly.

10 Continue adding tiers



Add all tiers from smallest to largest, making sure they are centered and evenly spaced.

11 Add buttons and embroidery



Sew buttons on the tiers and add embroidery stitches for decoration. Use running stitch, back stitch and simple embroidery designs.

12 Attach the star



Glue or hand sew the star on the top of the tree and tie the bow just below it.

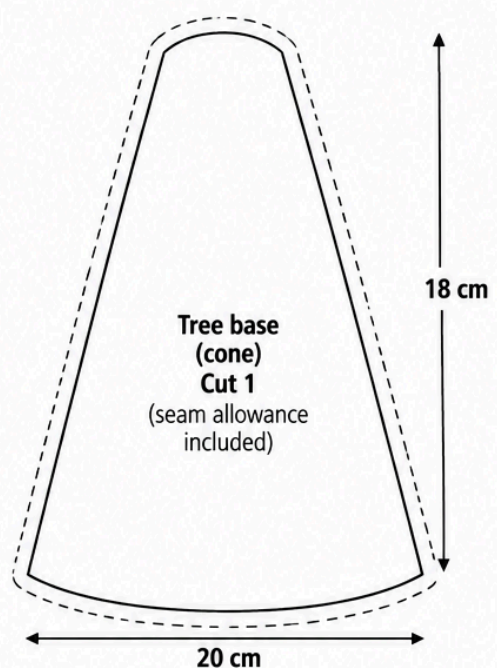
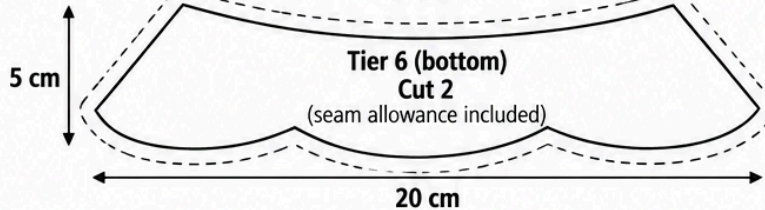
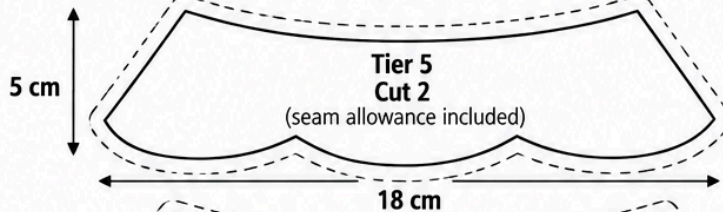
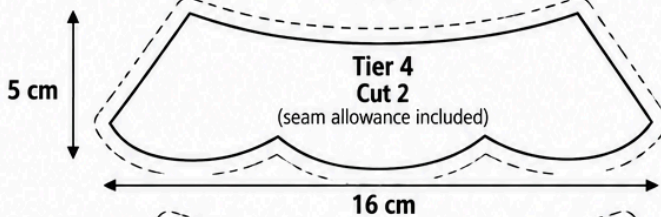
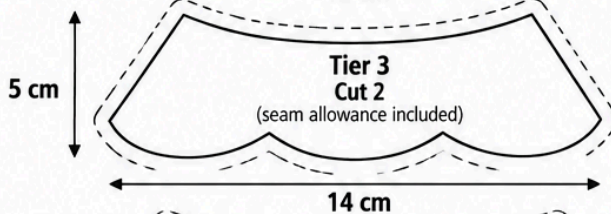
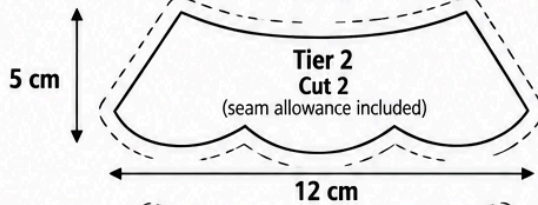
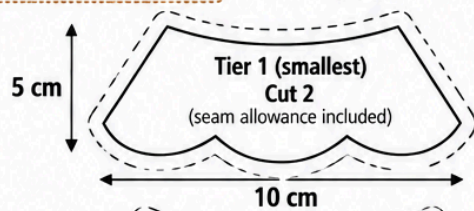
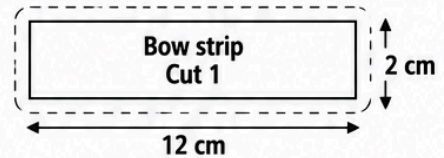
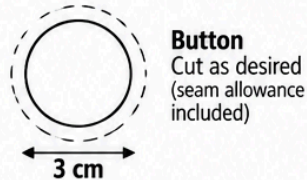
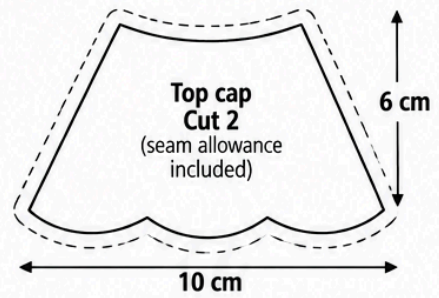
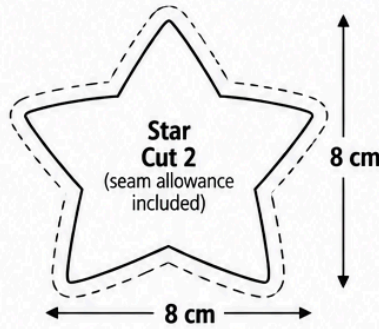
13 Final touches



Check the details, adjust the tiers and add extra embroidery or buttons as desired.

Finished Fabric Christmas Tree





Important:

- All pieces include seam allowance (0.5 cm).
- Cut the pieces in the indicated amount.
- Use cotton fabric, felt or linen.
- You can adjust the size as desired, maintaining the proportions.
- The measurements are in centimeters (cm).

Fabric Christmas Tree Decoration – Complete Step-by-Step Sewing Tutorial



This Fabric Christmas Tree Decoration is a charming handmade Christmas project made from layered scalloped fabric pieces in traditional red, green, cream, and plaid. Buttons, simple embroidery, visible hand stitching, a stuffed fabric star, and a rustic bow give the finished tree its cozy handmade appearance.

The tutorial below follows the measurements and construction shown in the graphic. The finished decoration is approximately 20 cm tall and 12 cm wide. It can be sewn primarily by hand, although a sewing machine can be used for the main seams.

For the closest result, choose cotton fabric, linen, or felt with enough body to hold the scalloped shapes. Small fabric scraps are perfect for this project, making it a useful way to turn leftover Christmas fabrics into seasonal décor.

Step 1 – Gather the Materials

Before cutting anything, prepare all the supplies so you can complete the project without interrupting the sewing process.

You will need:

- Cotton fabric in cream, red, green, and Christmas plaid
- Cream fabric or felt for the star
- Polyester fiberfill
- Assorted decorative buttons
- Embroidery floss or strong sewing thread
- Jute cord or narrow rustic ribbon
- Hand-sewing needle

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- Pins or sewing clips
- Fabric scissors
- Chalk or a removable fabric marker
- Iron and ironing surface
- Cardboard or thick paper for the inner cone
- Optional sewing machine
- Optional fabric glue

For a vintage-style Christmas tree, slightly muted reds and greens work particularly well. Mixing solids with plaid fabric creates the patchwork appearance visible in the tutorial.

The buttons do not need to match. In fact, combining different sizes and neutral, red, and green shades helps create the handcrafted look.

Step 2 – Prepare the Pattern Pieces

The tree consists of six scalloped fabric tiers that gradually become wider toward the bottom.

According to the tutorial graphic, prepare the tiers approximately as follows:

Top tier: 10 cm wide × 5 cm high — cut 2 pieces.

Second tier: 12 cm wide × 5 cm high — cut 2 pieces.

Third tier: 14 cm wide × 5 cm high — cut 2 pieces.

Fourth tier: 16 cm wide × 5 cm high — cut 2 pieces.

Fifth tier: 18 cm wide × 5 cm high — cut 2 pieces.

Bottom tier: 20 cm wide × 5 cm high — cut 2 pieces.

Each tier has a gently curved upper edge and a decorative scalloped lower edge. The scallops are important because they create the recognizable layered Christmas-tree silhouette.

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The measurements can be adjusted if you want a larger or smaller tree, but keep the same gradual increase between the tiers so the finished project remains proportional.

Step 3 – Cut the Fabric

Trace the six tier patterns onto your chosen fabrics with tailor's chalk or a removable fabric marker.

For the color arrangement shown in the tutorial, you can alternate cream, red, green, cream, red/plaid, and dark green. There is no strict requirement, however, so this is an excellent project for coordinating Christmas scraps.

Cut two matching fabric pieces for every tier. The paired pieces will be sewn together to create a neat front and back.

Take extra care when cutting around the scallops. Smooth curves are easier to sew and will produce a much cleaner finished edge.

Keep each pair together after cutting so that pieces of similar sizes are not accidentally mixed.

Step 4 – Make the Fabric Star

Cut two matching star shapes from cream cotton, linen, or felt. A star approximately 8 cm across works well with the proportions of this project.

Place the two star pieces with their right sides facing each other.

Sew around the star, leaving a small opening for turning and stuffing. Use approximately a 0.5 cm seam allowance.

Clip carefully around the inner corners and trim excess fabric near the points without cutting through the stitches.

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Turn the star right side out. A blunt turning tool can help gently push the five points into shape.

Add a small quantity of polyester fiberfill. The star should look softly padded rather than heavily stuffed.

Close the opening with small hand stitches.

Step 5 – Make the Rustic Bow 🎀

Cut a piece of jute cord or narrow ribbon approximately 12 cm long.

Form two loops and tie the center into a small bow.

Adjust both loops until they are approximately equal in size.

Do not permanently attach the bow yet. It will eventually sit directly beneath the stuffed star at the top of the tree.

A rustic jute cord works especially well because its natural texture complements the linen-style fabrics and visible stitching.

Step 6 – Sew Each Scalloped Tier 🧵

Take the two matching pieces for the smallest tier and place them right sides together.

Pin or clip around the curved and scalloped edges.

Sew around the outside using approximately a 0.5 cm seam allowance, leaving an opening along the upper portion.

When sewing around the scallops, work slowly. Shorter stitches make curved sections easier to control.

Clip small notches into the seam allowance around concave curves. On convex curves, trim some excess seam allowance.

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These small adjustments help the scallops lie smoothly after turning.

Repeat the same construction method for all six tiers.

Step 7 – Turn and Press the Pieces

Carefully turn every sewn tier right side out through its opening.

Use a blunt point turner, knitting needle, or similar tool to gently shape each scallop. Avoid using anything extremely sharp because it can puncture the fabric.

Finger-press the scallops first.

Then press each piece lightly with an iron suitable for the fabric being used.

The goal is to produce clearly defined scalloped edges without flattening the fabric excessively.

Repeat until all six graduated tiers have clean, symmetrical shapes.

Step 8 – Add Decorative Edge Stitching

The visible stitching is an important part of this project's handmade character.

Use embroidery floss in cream, red, green, or another contrasting color.

A running stitch can be worked around the scalloped edges. Keep the stitch length reasonably consistent for a tidy folk-art appearance.

You can also use a blanket stitch around selected edges, particularly when working with felt.

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The graphic also incorporates backstitch and simple decorative embroidery.

There is no need to make every stitch mechanically perfect. Slight variations can enhance the intentionally handmade character of the decoration.

Step 9 – Create the Inner Tree Base

The layered pieces need an internal structure to maintain the Christmas-tree shape.

Make a cone from cardboard or thick paper measuring approximately 20 cm high with a 12 cm base diameter.

Roll the material into a cone and secure the overlapping edge firmly.

Before attaching any fabric, place the six tiers loosely around the cone to test their positions.

Another option is to create a fabric cone and fill it with polyester fiberfill. This produces a softer decoration.

Whichever method you choose, make sure the base can stand upright before proceeding.

Step 10 – Assemble the Fabric Tiers

Begin positioning the tiers on the cone.

Following the tutorial, arrange them from smallest at the top to largest at the bottom.

Each new tier should overlap the upper edge of the tier below or be positioned so that the underlying construction is hidden.

Check the tree from the front after positioning each layer.

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Keep the scalloped sections centered and distribute the points evenly around the body.

The gradual progression from 10 cm to 20 cm wide produces the tapered tree shape.

Step 11 – Secure the Tiers

Once you are satisfied with the arrangement, secure each fabric tier.

For a traditional handmade construction, use small hidden hand stitches to connect the fabric to the underlying structure or adjacent tier.

Fabric glue can also be used where appropriate, especially with a cardboard cone, although stitching provides a more traditional textile finish.

Start with the lowest tier if that makes alignment easier, or follow the graphic's top-down assembly method while continually checking the overlap.

Avoid pulling the stitches too tightly. Excessive tension can distort the scallops.

When finished, all six tiers should appear evenly spaced and form one continuous tree silhouette.

Step 12 – Sew on the Buttons

Now the simple tree begins to acquire its decorative personality.

Arrange assorted buttons across the different tiers before sewing them permanently.

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Use several sizes rather than identical buttons. Natural wood tones, cream, muted green, and red coordinate especially well with this design.

Sew each button securely using strong thread.

Avoid placing every button in a straight line. A slightly irregular arrangement creates a more natural handmade composition.

You can also place buttons near embroidered details to create small decorative groupings.

Step 13 – Add the Embroidery ❄️

Use embroidery floss to add simple motifs across the tiers.

The graphic demonstrates several easy possibilities, including snowflakes, stars, crosses, diamonds, and geometric lines.

For a simple snowflake, begin with three intersecting straight stitches and add small branches if desired.

Create diamond motifs using straight stitches arranged into a grid.

A small star can be formed with several straight stitches crossing through the same center point.

Use running stitch for decorative outlines and backstitch when you need a stronger continuous line.

Keep the embroidery relatively simple. The combination of fabric patterns, buttons, scallops, and visible stitching already provides plenty of visual detail.

Step 14 – Attach the Star and Bow ★

Position the padded fabric star at the very top of the tree.

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Check that it is centered when viewed from both the front and sides.

Attach it securely with hand stitches. Fabric glue can provide additional stability if your construction method requires it.

Place the jute bow immediately underneath the star.

Stitch or tie the bow securely around the upper section.

The combination of the neutral star and rustic bow provides a soft transition between the colorful tree and its topper.

You can also embroider a small red star or snowflake onto the cream fabric below the bow, as shown in the design.

Step 15 – Add the Final Decorative Details ✨

Place the completed tree upright and examine it from several angles.

Check whether any tiers appear uneven.

Adjust the fabric gently until the scallops are centered and evenly distributed.

Look for areas that appear visually empty. A small button or simple embroidered star may be enough to balance the design.

Trim loose threads and make sure every button is firmly attached.

Reshape the stuffed star and bow if necessary.

Your finished Fabric Christmas Tree Decoration should measure approximately 20 cm tall and 12 cm wide, depending on seam allowances, stuffing, and how tightly the tiers overlap.

Main Sewing Methods Used

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The running stitch is the simplest technique in this project. Bring the needle repeatedly from front to back through the fabric to produce a dashed decorative line. It works particularly well around the scalloped borders.

The backstitch produces a stronger and more continuous line. It is useful for small embroidered geometric details and areas where additional strength is desirable.

Simple embroidery stitches create the snowflakes, stars, diamonds, crosses, and other Christmas motifs. These decorations can be customized freely.

The blanket stitch is especially useful along scalloped edges. It creates a visible decorative border while simultaneously helping secure fabric edges.

Finally, basic hand sewing is used to attach the buttons, connect the tiers, close the stuffed star, and secure the bow.

Finished Fabric Christmas Tree

Once assembled, the finished project combines six overlapping scalloped tiers with buttons, embroidery, visible decorative stitching, a stuffed star, and a rustic bow. The alternating cream, red, green, and plaid fabrics give it a traditional Christmas appearance while still allowing plenty of customization.

You can display the finished tree on a mantel, shelf, entryway table, craft-room cabinet, or as part of a larger Christmas arrangement. Because the project works well with small pieces of fabric, it is also an excellent Christmas scrap-fabric sewing project.

For a coordinated collection, make several trees using the same pattern but change the fabric combinations. One could

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use traditional red and green, another could feature farmhouse neutrals, and another could use pastel Christmas prints. As long as you maintain the graduated scalloped tiers and basic measurements, the construction process remains the same.