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LAYERED FABRIC CHRISTMAS TREE ORNAMENT



Beginner sewing • All measurements in CM • Suggested finished size: 12 wide × 16 tall (excluding hanger)

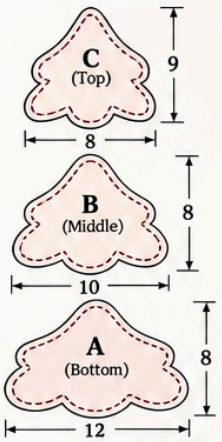
MATERIALS

- Three quilting-cotton prints, 20 × 25 each
- Polyester fiberfill
- Matching all-purpose thread
- Needle
- Sewing machine
- Scissors
- Pins
- Turning tool
- Twine 24 long
- Wooden bead 2 diameter
- Wooden star button 3 wide



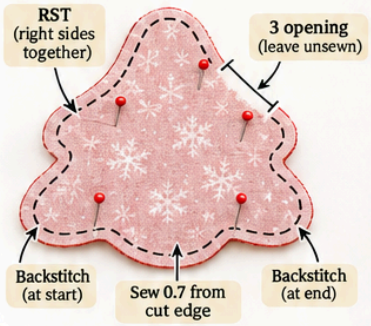
1 DRAW THE TIERS

- Draw finished outlines: A bottom 12 W × 8 H; B middle 10 W × 8 H; C top 8 W × 9 H.
- Add 0.7 seam allowance all around.
- Templates shown are schematic, not actual size.
- Cut 2 mirrored cotton pieces per tier: 6 pieces total.



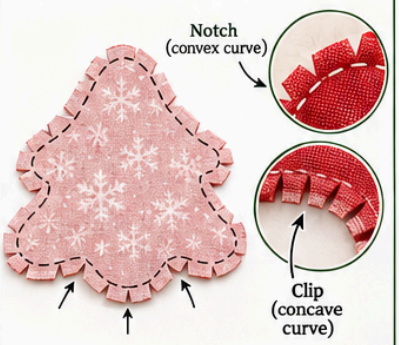
2 SEW EACH PAIR

- Place matching pieces right sides together (RST).
- Sew with a 0.7 seam allowance and 2–2.5 mm stitch length.
- Leave a 3 opening on one upper sloping side.
- Backstitch at both ends.



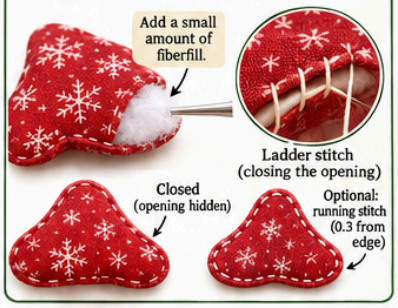
3 CLIP & TURN

- Trim seam allowance to 0.4.
- Clip inward curves (concave areas) and notch rounded edges (convex areas) without cutting the stitches.
- Turn right side out through the opening.
- Gently shape curves; press before stuffing.



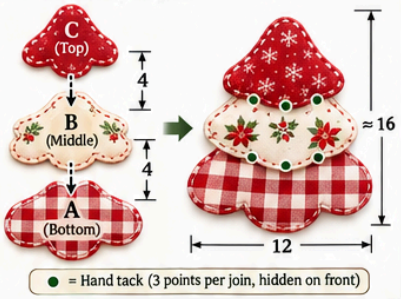
4 LIGHTLY STUFF & CLOSE

- Add small tufts of fiberfill for a soft, flat puff.
- Fold opening edges inward by 0.7.
- Close with ladder stitch.
- Optional: hand running stitch 0.3 from the edge.



5 STACK & SECURE

- Center B over A, 4 higher.
- Center C over B, another 4 higher.
- Adjust to about 16 total height.
- Hand tack through the overlapping layers at 3 hidden points per join.
- Do not rely on glue.

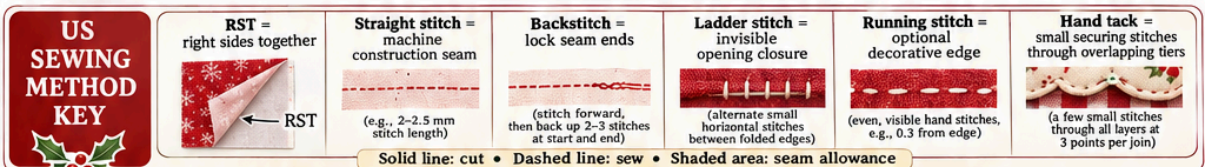


6 ADD HANGER & STAR

- Fold 24 twine in half.
- Pass both cut ends through the bead and tie a secure knot below it.
- Stitch the knot firmly to the BACK of the top tier, with the bead above the tip.
- Sew the star button to the top tier with several passes; knot on back.



US SEWING METHOD KEY



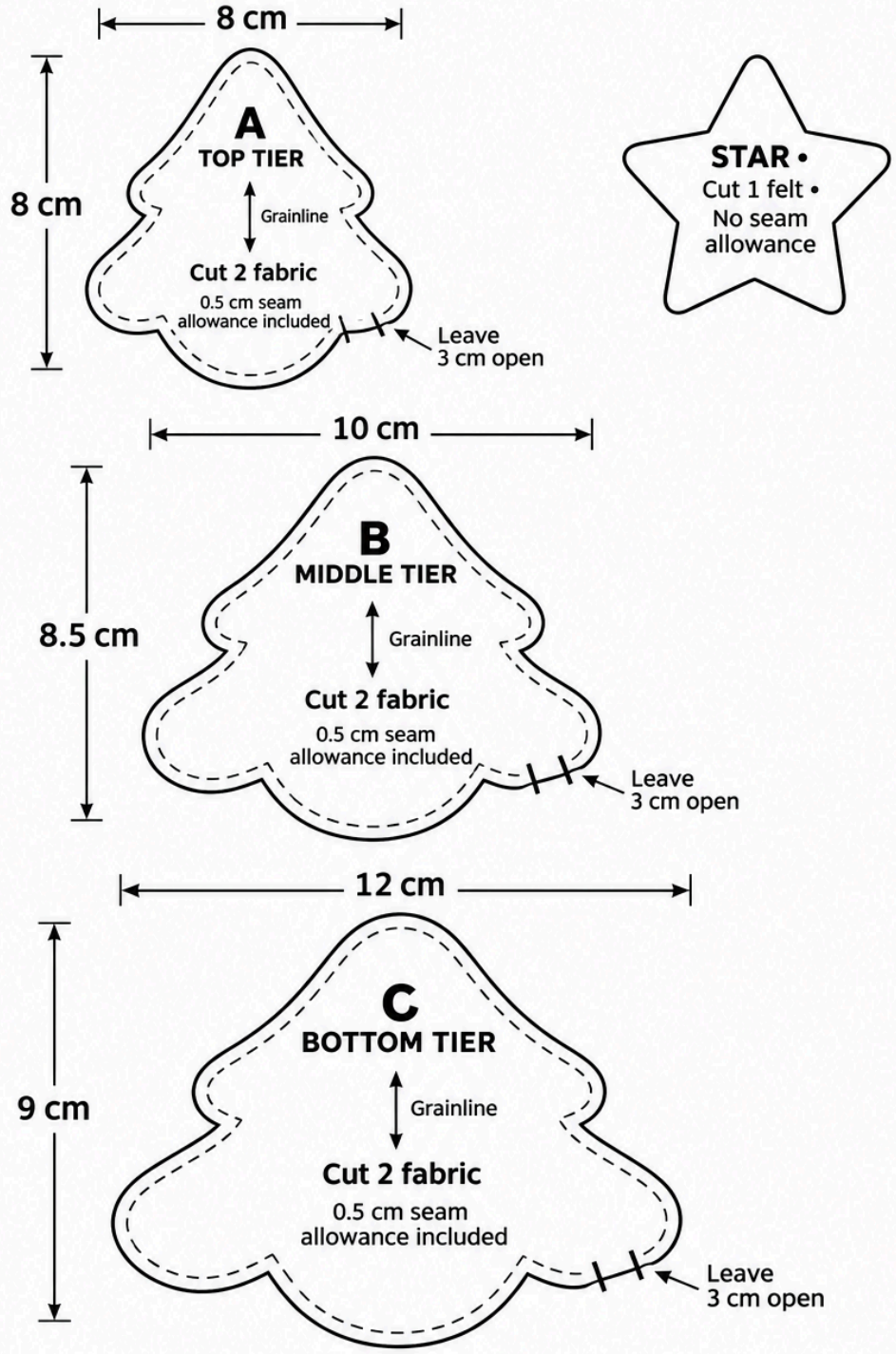
Solid line: cut • Dashed line: sew • Shaded area: seam allowance

Check all joins and hanger stitches before hanging. Decorative ornament only.

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Printable sewing pattern • Measurements in cm



Solid line: cut | Dashed line: stitch

Overlap tiers after stuffing; join at center.

2 x 2 cm test square

Print at 100%. Measure test square before cutting; resize if needed.

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Layered Fabric Christmas Tree Ornament Tutorial

Create a softly padded Layered Fabric Christmas Tree Ornament using three coordinating cotton prints, a wooden star button, and a twine hanger. Each tier is sewn and lightly stuffed separately, then stacked to create the layered Christmas tree shown in the tutorial graphic.

This beginner-friendly project uses common U.S. sewing methods, including straight stitching, backstitching, ladder stitch, and hand tacking. All measurements are in centimeters.

The suggested finished size is approximately 12 cm wide × 16 cm tall, excluding the hanger. The final dimensions may vary slightly depending on stuffing, shaping, and placement of the tiers.

Step 1: Gather Your Materials and Tools

Prepare the following supplies:

- **Three coordinating quilting-cotton prints, approximately 20 × 25 cm each.**
- **Polyester fiberfill for light stuffing.**
- **Matching all-purpose sewing thread.**
- **Hand-sewing needle.**
- **Sewing machine.**
- **Fabric scissors.**
- **Pins.**
- **Turning tool with a blunt tip.**
- **Twine, 24 cm long.**
- **Wooden bead, approximately 2 cm in diameter, with a hole large enough for both twine ends.**
- **Wooden star button, approximately 3 cm wide.**

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- Paper, pencil, and a ruler for drawing the templates.
- Fabric-marking pencil or another removable marking tool.
- Iron and ironing surface.

To recreate the arrangement in the graphic, use red-and-white gingham for the bottom tier, cream Christmas-print fabric for the middle tier, and red snowflake fabric for the top tier.

Choose tightly woven quilting cotton so the curved edges hold their shape after turning and stuffing.

Step 2: Understand the Measurements and Seam Allowance

The ornament consists of three rounded, tree-shaped tiers:

Tier	Position	Finished width	Finished height
A	Bottom	12 cm	8 cm
B	Middle	10 cm	8 cm
C	Top	8 cm	9 cm

These measurements describe the finished outlines. Add a 0.7 cm seam allowance around every template before cutting the fabric.

The finished outline becomes your stitching line. The cutting line sits 0.7 cm outside that outline.

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The template illustrations in the graphic are schematic. They show the shapes and proportions, but they are not actual-size printable patterns. Draw your templates using the measurements above rather than tracing the displayed image at its current size.

Each tier requires two fabric pieces, making six fabric pieces in total.

Step 3: Draw the Three Tier Templates

On paper, draw a vertical centerline for each tier. Use that line to keep the shapes symmetrical.

For Tier A, mark a finished area 12 cm wide × 8 cm tall. Draw a rounded tree silhouette with a raised central point, outward-curving branches on each side, and a softly scalloped lower edge.

For Tier B, draw a similar shape within a finished area 10 cm wide × 8 cm tall.

For Tier C, draw a narrower, taller shape within a finished area 8 cm wide × 9 cm tall. This tier forms the visible top of the assembled tree.

Keep the branch tips rounded. Avoid extremely narrow indentations, which are harder to turn smoothly.

For an easy way to make symmetrical templates:

1. Fold the paper along the vertical centerline.
2. Draw half of the finished shape.
3. Cut through both paper layers.
4. Unfold and check the full width and height.

Once each finished shape is correct, draw a second outline 0.7 cm outside it. Cut the paper along this outer line.

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Label the templates A—Bottom, B—Middle, and C—Top.

Step 4: Cut Two Fabric Pieces for Each Tier

Press the fabric before cutting so wrinkles do not distort the shapes.

Fold each fabric with right sides together. The right side is the printed side intended to show on the finished ornament.

Place the appropriate template on the doubled fabric, pin it securely, and cut around its outer edge. Cutting through the folded fabric produces the mirrored pair needed for each tier.

Cut:

- Two Tier A pieces from the bottom-tier fabric.
- Two Tier B pieces from the middle-tier fabric.
- Two Tier C pieces from the top-tier fabric.

If your prints have a clear upright direction, check their orientation before cutting.

Transfer the finished outline onto the wrong side of one piece in each pair if you would like a visible stitching guide. This line should sit 0.7 cm inside the cut edge.

Mark a 3 cm turning opening on one upper sloping side of each tier. Choose a relatively smooth section instead of a branch tip or deep inward curve.

Step 5: Sew Each Matching Pair

Keep each matching pair right sides together, with all cut edges aligned. Pin around the perimeter.

Set the sewing machine to a straight stitch with a 2–2.5 mm stitch length.

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Starting at one end of the marked opening:

1. Backstitch a few stitches to secure the seam.
2. Sew around the shape using a 0.7 cm seam allowance.
3. Stop at the other end of the opening.
4. Backstitch again.

Leave the marked 3 cm opening unsewn. You will use it to turn and stuff the tier.

Sew slowly around the scalloped branches. Where you need to change direction, stop with the needle down in the fabric, lift the presser foot, rotate the piece slightly, lower the foot, and continue sewing.

Repeat for all three tiers.

Before trimming, check that the seams are continuous and that no fabric has slipped out of alignment.

Step 6: Trim, Clip, and Notch the Curves

Trim the sewn seam allowance to approximately 0.4 cm around each tier. At the turning opening, retain the original 0.7 cm allowance so you can fold the edges inward neatly later.

The rounded shapes need two different treatments:

- Clip inward curves: Make small straight cuts into the seam allowance at the concave areas between branches.
- Notch outward curves: Remove small triangular wedges from the seam allowance around the convex branch tips and other rounded edges.

Clipping lets inward curves spread after turning. Notching removes excess fabric from outward curves so they lie smoothly.

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Do not cut through the stitching. Stop each clip or notch just short of the seam.

Use the tip of the scissors carefully, especially around the narrow indentations between branches.

Step 7: Turn and Press Each Tier

Gently turn each tier right side out through its 3 cm opening.

Use a blunt turning tool to ease out the rounded branch tips and the top point. Work gradually rather than pushing hard against the seams.

Smooth the curves between your fingers. If an area puckers, check whether the seam allowance needs another small clip or notch.

Press each tier before adding stuffing. Use an iron setting suitable for your cotton fabric.

At the opening, fold both raw edges inward by 0.7 cm. Press the folds so they continue the surrounding seam line.

The unstuffed tiers should now have smooth outlines and neatly shaped branches.

Step 8: Add a Small Amount of Fiberfill

Pull the polyester fiberfill into small, loose tufts before inserting it.

Add a little at a time through the opening. Begin with the branch tips and top point, then distribute a small amount through the center.

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The graphic calls for a soft, flat puff, so keep the stuffing light. Each tier should remain flexible enough to overlap the next tier comfortably.

Avoid packing the center tightly. Too much stuffing can make the ornament bulky, pull the curves out of shape, and make hand tacking difficult.

Gently massage each tier to distribute the filling evenly. Keep loose fibers away from the folded opening edges.

Step 9: Close the Openings with Ladder Stitch

Thread a hand-sewing needle with matching thread and knot the end.

Use ladder stitch to close each opening invisibly:

1. Hide the starting knot inside the folded seam allowance.
2. Take a small stitch along the inside fold on one side.
3. Take a matching stitch along the opposite fold.
4. Continue alternating sides.
5. Gently tighten the thread every few stitches.

The thread should draw the folded edges together without gathering the fabric.

At the end, secure the thread with a small knot close to the seam. Pass the needle into the tier and bring it out a short distance away. Trim the thread so the tail slips back inside.

Repeat for the other two tiers.

Step 10: Add the Optional Decorative Running Stitch

The graphic includes an optional line of hand running stitch approximately 0.3 cm from the finished edge.

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To add it, use evenly spaced stitches around each tier. Bring the needle in and out of the fabric, creating a visible dashed line that follows the scalloped outline.

Use contrasting thread for a clearly defined handmade edge, or matching thread for a subtle finish.

Keep the thread relaxed enough that the edges remain smooth. Pulling too tightly can pucker the fabric.

Complete this decorative stitching before joining the tiers so you can easily reach the entire perimeter.

Step 11: Arrange the Three Layers

Place Tier A, the widest piece, on your work surface with its right side facing upward.

Center Tier B over Tier A, positioning its top point approximately 4 cm above the top point of Tier A. The lower portion of Tier B should overlap the upper portion of Tier A.

Next, center Tier C over Tier B, placing its top point approximately 4 cm above the top point of Tier B.

These measurements indicate the upward offset between tiers, rather than an empty gap.

Keep all three tiers aligned along a shared vertical centerline. The layers should overlap sufficiently for secure hand stitching.

Check the overall silhouette. Aim for approximately 16 cm in total height and 12 cm across the widest bottom tier. The graphic’s positioning measurements are approximate, so adjust the overlap slightly to achieve the intended finished size.

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Pin the layers together once you are satisfied with the arrangement.

Step 12: Hand Tack the Layers Securely

Use matching thread to secure Tier B to Tier A at three hidden points across their overlap.

At each point, make several small stitches through the overlapping fabric layers. Place the stitches beneath the front tier so they remain hidden when the ornament is viewed from the front.

Repeat to attach Tier C to Tier B at three hidden points.

Position the three attachment points across each join to help prevent the layers from twisting or separating.

Avoid pulling the thread so tightly that it dents the stuffing or distorts the front fabric.

Do not rely on glue to hold the tiers together. The graphic specifies sewn attachment points for the layered construction.

Remove the pins and gently lift the ornament to check that the tiers stay centered.

Step 13: Prepare and Attach the Twine Hanger

Cut a 24 cm length of twine and fold it in half.

Pass both loose ends through the wooden bead, leaving the folded section above the bead as the hanging loop.

Tie the two loose ends together in a secure knot beneath the bead. Check that the knot cannot pull through the bead’s hole.

Position the hanger at the back of the top tier, with the bead sitting above the tree’s top point.

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Using a needle and strong matching thread, stitch the knot and the twine immediately below it firmly to the back fabric. Make several securing passes, catching enough fabric to hold the hanger without pulling the front out of shape.

Keep the attachment concealed on the back.

Step 14: Sew on the Wooden Star Button

Place the 3 cm wooden star button on the front of the top tier, following the placement shown in the graphic.

Thread the needle and secure the thread in the fabric where the star will cover it.

Sew through the button holes with several passes. Keep the star centered and flat against the padded fabric.

Finish with a secure knot on the back of the top tier, then bury the thread tail inside the ornament.

Check that the button is firmly attached and that the stitching has not compressed the tier excessively.

Step 15: Check and Finish the Ornament

Inspect the ornament from the front and back.

Confirm that:

- All three turning openings are securely closed.
- The branch curves are smooth.
- The stuffing is light and evenly distributed.
- Each overlapping join has three secure hand-tacked points.
- The hanger is firmly stitched to the back.
- The wooden bead and star button are secure.
- All pins and loose thread ends have been removed.

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Gently lift the ornament by its loop over your work surface to check that it hangs straight. Adjust the layers with your fingers if needed.

Your Layered Fabric Christmas Tree Ornament is ready to hang, measuring approximately 12 cm wide × 16 cm tall, excluding the hanger.

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