

Star of Wonder Tree Skirt Instructions

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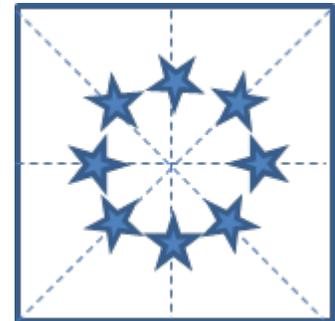
Materials Needed for 42-inch Diameter Skirt:

- 1-1/4 yards Background Fabric (based on 44-inch wide fabric. If your fabric width is narrower, your tree skirt will be slightly smaller unless you choose to piece two sections together.)
- 1-1/2 yards Backing Fabric
- 5/8 yard Print Fabric for Stars (one color or assorted colors—each star measures
- 1 yard Lightweight Fusible Web
- 50-inch square of batting
- 2/3 yard Binding Fabric (bias binding)
- Sturdy string for marking circle
- Marking Pen

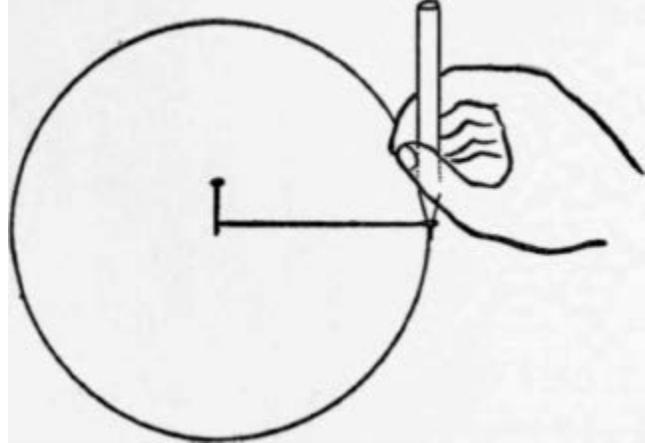


Construction

- Open up background fabric yardage and press flat. Fold the fabric in half and in half again, forming a smaller square. Press the folds with an iron to form reference creases. Now bring the two folded edges together to form a triangle (like you're going to cut a paper snowflake.) Align the edges and press the folds again with an iron to make a crease (see Diagram A). Set aside.
- Trace 8 star patterns on paper side of fusible web product. Cut out each star shape about 1/4-inch OUTSIDE the drawn line.
- Fuse the web to the *wrong side* of your chosen star fabric(s) according to fusible web instructions. Now cut each star out right ON the drawn line.
- Peel off the fusible web's paper backing and use the 8 pressed reference lines on the background fabric to space your stars around the midpoint as shown in Diagram A. Adjust the stars in or out along the reference lines according to your liking. Fuse in place according to the manufacturer's instructions.
- Choose any finishing method you wish to secure the star edges such as a satin stitch, blanket stitch, zig zag stitch, or leave the edges raw—it's up to you.
- If quilting on a longarm frame, load the backing and batting as normal square quilt. Quilt as desired.
- If quilting on a sit-down machine, layer the quilt pieces together and baste with safety pins. Quilt as desired.



- When you are finished quilting, cut the circle's outer dimension using your string, a pin and your marking pen to create a large compass. Tie the string securely to your marking pen. Use the center creased intersection of the skirt and measure out 22 inches from the center junction along one of your previously creased reference lines. Place the marking pen on that 22-inch mark; pull the string's loose end to the center of the circle and secure with a pin. Mark the circle as shown.



- Repeat the process and draw an inner circle to fit the diameter of your Christmas tree.
- Cut along the outer and inner circles with a scissors. If desired, cut a slit between two of the stars from the inner circle to the outer circle so you can slide the skirt on to the tree.
- Finish the raw edges using bias binding.