

FRENCH BRAID TREE SKIRT
One-Day Workshop
Supplies and Pre-Cutting
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Description: Use this great modification of the French Braid quilt style to make this stunning tree skirt. But be careful—everyone you know will want one.

Book: *French Braid Obsession*, 2009, C&T Publishing. We will be making the version shown on pages 37 and 42. If you prefer to make the version on page 41, please bring ten completed 12" (finished size) blocks to class.

Equipment:

Sewing machine, accessories and basic sewing supplies

Good quality thread for piecing

Rotary cutting supplies

If you have a Setting Triangle Ruler by Little Foot, bring it; it is not necessary to purchase it if you don't already have it.

Fabric requirements:

3/8 yard or 2 fat quarters *each* of fabrics 1-4 and fabric 7

1/4 yard *each* of fabrics 5 & 6—fat quarters okay

1/4 yard for accent squares—fat quarter okay

1 1/4 yards directional or nondirectional for starting triangles OR 1 1/2 yards of a one-way print OR more if you intend to fussy-cut. If you have made blocks, ignore this requirement.

Follow the cutting instructions on page 39 to cut the accent fabric and the starting triangles. Also cut fabrics 1-7, WITH THE FOLLOWING CHANGES: please add 1/2" to each strip. I.e., where it book says to cut 12 1/2", cut 13"; where it says to cut a strip 10", cut 10 1/2", etc.

For later:

Batting: 58" x 58"

Backing: 3 3/8 yards

Binding: 1/2 yard

I will provide each student with 1 freezer paper template to use in class. It is possible to reuse this several times, but if you wish to make more at home, you will need:

Freezer paper at least 18" wide

Long ruler for drafting—a yardstick would be best