

Modern Improv Christmas Tree Block Supply List

Basic Sewing Kit:

- Thread: machine piecing thread in a neutral shade to match your fabrics
- Fabric shears
- Thread snips or small scissors
- Seam ripper
- Straight pins

Cutting supplies:

- Rotary cutter with fresh blade
- Cutting mat: 12"x18" is a good size
- Acrylic rulers: I like the following sizes:
 - 6" x 24" - for cutting fabric squares
 - 4" x 14" - for slicing blocks

Design Boards:

Lori Holt's Design Boards are super helpful when stitching these blocks. If you haven't been introduced to them yet, I would encourage you to view her YouTube video and make at least two 10" square design boards to bring along to class. I don't bother gluing the binding to the edges; the boards hold up just fine without it. And, I like to use a low-loft cotton batting for them such as Warm and Natural (polyester batting doesn't work as well). Click [here](#) for the YouTube link.

Sewing Machine and equipment:

- Sewing machine in working order
- 1/4" Patchwork foot (if you have)

Pattern:

Please print out your pattern and bring along with you to class. You may find it helpful to read over it first.

- You can visit the link below and print out Amy's tutorial:
[Modern Christmas Tree Quilt Block Tutorial](#)
- OR, if you prefer a printable PDF version, use this link to purchase it for \$2.00: [Improv Christmas Tree Quilt Block](#)

Fabric requirements:

- For each pair of blocks, you will need two contrasting rectangles of fabric 8-1/2" x 10-1/2". (I like to cut out my fabric into rectangles, then slice off 2" to get the 8-1/2" x 8-1/2" square and 2" x 8-1/2" strip required per the tutorial directions.) If your fabric is a solid or a non-directional print, you should be able to get four rectangles out of a fat quarter or 1/4 yard piece. If you select a directional print, you may only be able to cut two rectangles out of a fat

quarter, and if you are using yardage, you may need to purchase at least 1/3 yard, depending on the direction of the print.

- Trunk fabrics (see cutting instructions in pattern)

Blocks finish at approximately 7" x 9", so you can make the quilt any size you wish! Be sure to select fabrics with plenty of contrast (color, print and/or scale) so that your trees will really stand out. You can go traditional in reds and greens or red and white, go funky, or use fall colors - the possibilities are endless!

Please cut at least some of your fabrics before coming to class so that you will have plenty of time to play! You may want to wait to cut any directional prints until we cover that in class. Both the pattern and tutorial give detailed directions on how to cut your fabrics. Be sure to bring some extra fabric to experiment with before slicing into your project fabric.

This quilt block is very popular on Instagram right now, so be sure to take a look at the multitude of versions that have been made. You can search under:

[#HolidayPatchworkForest](#)

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[#HolidayPatchworkInJulyQal](#)

Also, you can take a look at my Pinterest board for pictures of some of my favorite versions:

[Quilting – Modern Christmas Trees](#)

I can't wait to introduce this super enjoyable, super addicting improv method to you! I'm having way too much fun stitching my blocks, and I know you will too!

Any questions?? If so, be sure to contact me!

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