

# Apple Tree



Finished block size: 9"

## CUTTING INSTRUCTIONS:

From the background fabric, cut:

- 1 square 6" x 6" Cut in half diagonally to make 2 triangles
- 2 squares 3 7/8" x 3 7/8" Cut in half diagonally to make 4 triangles (you will only use 3 of them)

From scrappy prints, cut:

- 3 squares 1 7/8" x 1 7/8" Cut in half diagonally to make 6 triangles
- 42 squares 1 1/2" x 1 1/2"

From tree trunk fabric, cut:

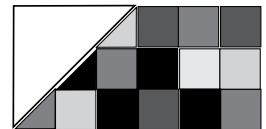
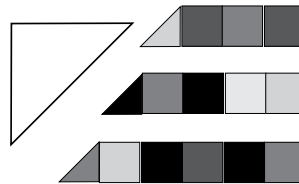
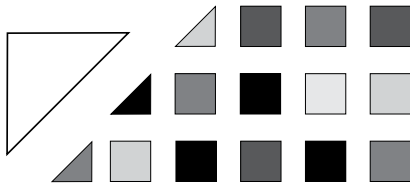
- 1 strip 2" x 10"
- 1 square 3 1/8" x 3 1/8" Cut in half diagonally to make 2 triangles

## SEWING INSTRUCTIONS:

The tree is made in sections. For the first section, you will need:

- 1 small background triangle
- 12 print squares
- 3 print triangles

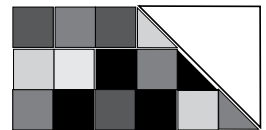
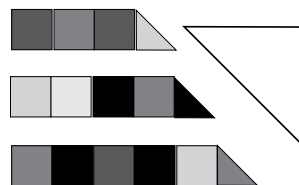
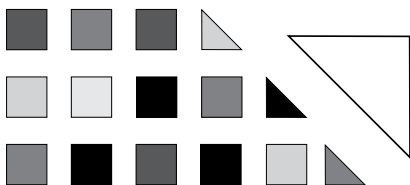
Arrange all these pieces as shown below. Sew the small triangles and the squares together in rows, pressing seams in opposite directions in each row. Sew the rows together, pressing seams to either side. Sew the background triangle to the left end of this unit.



For the next section, you will need:

- 1 small background triangle
- 12 print squares
- 3 print triangles

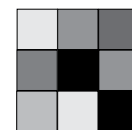
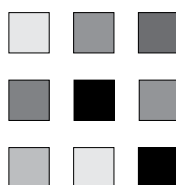
Arrange all these pieces as shown below. Sew the small triangles and the squares together in rows, pressing seams in opposite directions in each row. Sew the rows together, pressing seams to either side. Sew the background triangle to the left end of this unit. Note that this section is the mirror image of the first section.



For the next section, you will need the rest of the print squares.

Arrange 9 of these squares as shown below. Sew them together in rows, pressing seams toward the darker fabrics.

Sew the rows together to complete the unit, which should measure 3 1/2" square, unfinished. Repeat to make 2 of these.



For the final (tree trunk) section, you will need:

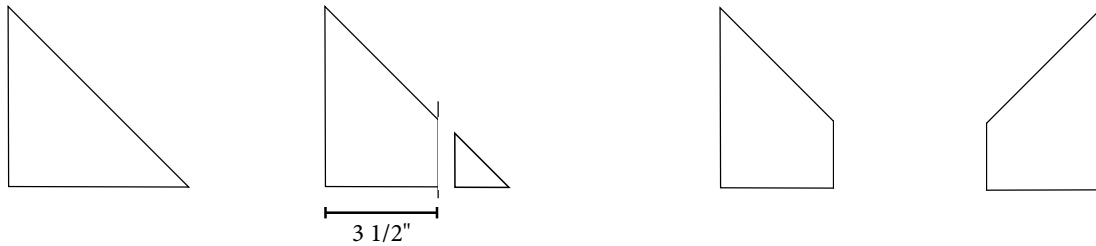
All the tree trunk pieces

One of the 9-patch units

The remaining background triangles

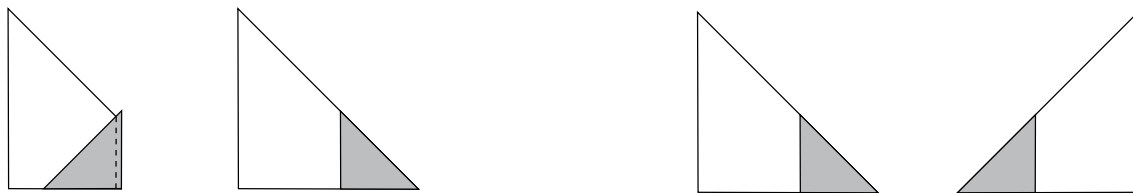
Before you begin sewing, there's a trim you need to make.

Stack the two large background triangles on top of each other, lined up, wrong sides together, as shown. Measure over from the straight edge on the left  $3\frac{1}{2}$ ", and trim the point off the triangles. When you are done, you will have two shapes as shown below right.

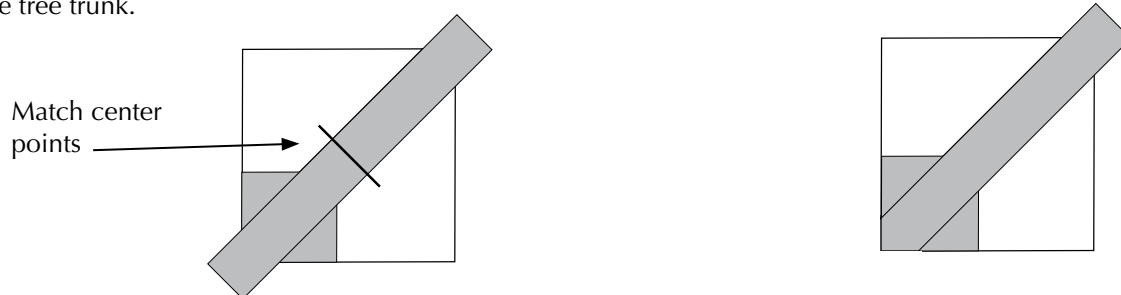


Position one short side of a tree trunk triangle on the cut edge of a large background triangle, right sides together, as shown. Sew them together, and press the triangle out to form a large triangle.

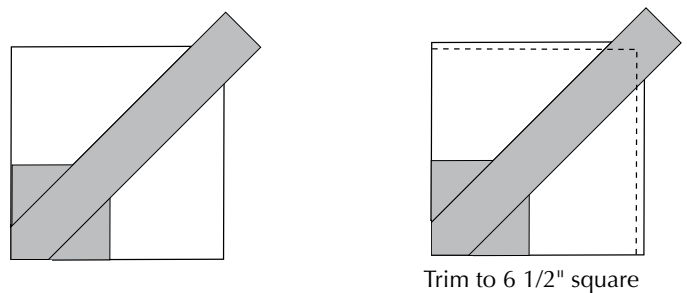
Repeat with the other triangle, so that you have two of these. They should be mirror images of each other.



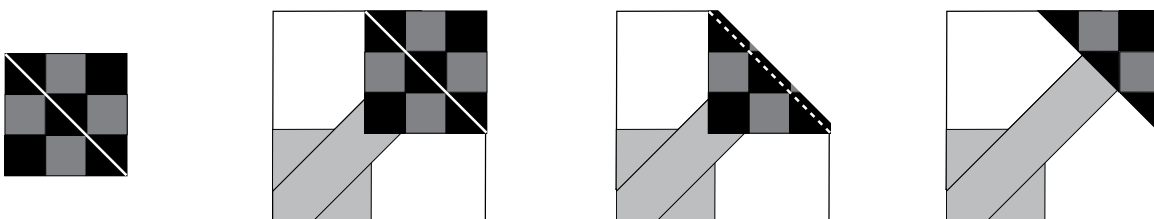
Mark the center point of the long side of each triangle. Also find the center point of the tree trunk strip and mark it. Matching up these center points, sew the tree trunk strip in between these two triangles, as shown. Press seams toward the tree trunk.



Trim the bottom edges of the tree trunk strip even with the triangles to square off the corner. Make sure this unit measures  $6\frac{1}{2}$ " square. If necessary, trim ONLY off the top and right sides to make this unit measure  $6\frac{1}{2}$ " square, making sure to keep the tree trunk strip centered. (Do not trim off the bottom or left edge.)

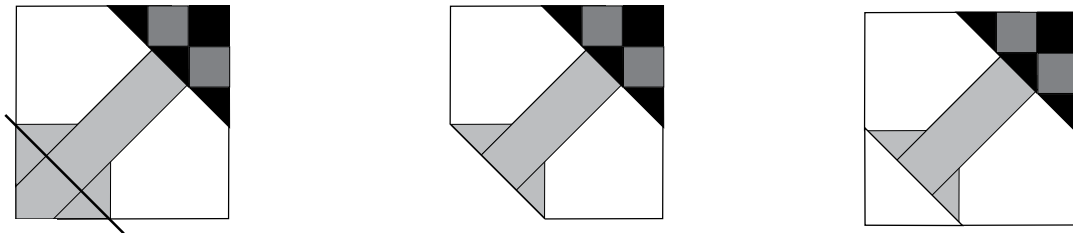


On the back side of one of the nine-patch units, draw a diagonal line with a marking pencil. Line this unit up on the top right corner of the tree trunk unit, right sides together, with the drawn line running as shown. Stitch ON the drawn line, then trim  $\frac{1}{4}$ " outside the drawn line. Press the seam toward the tree trunk; half of the nine-patch now forms the corner of the unit.



There's one last thing to do to complete this unit.

Trim off the bottom left corner, very carefully, trimming diagonally across the square formed by the triangles, as shown. Then sew the remaining background triangle to the bottom of this unit to make it square. It should measure 6 1/2" square, unfinished size.



Now it's time to put it all together!

Arrange the sections as shown. Sew the units together into two sections as shown, pressing seams in opposite directions. Then join the two sections together, pressing the seam to one side, or open, if you prefer. The block should measure 9 1/2" square, unfinished size.

