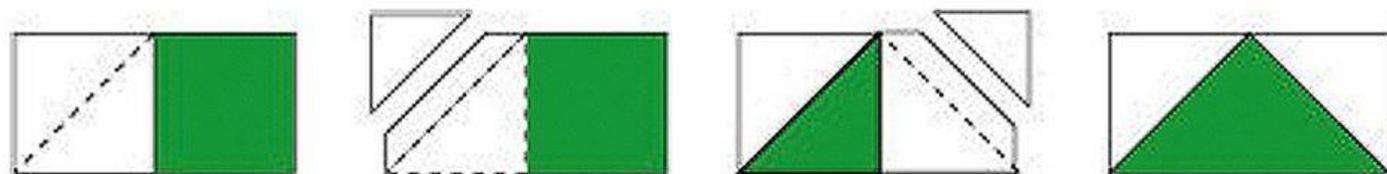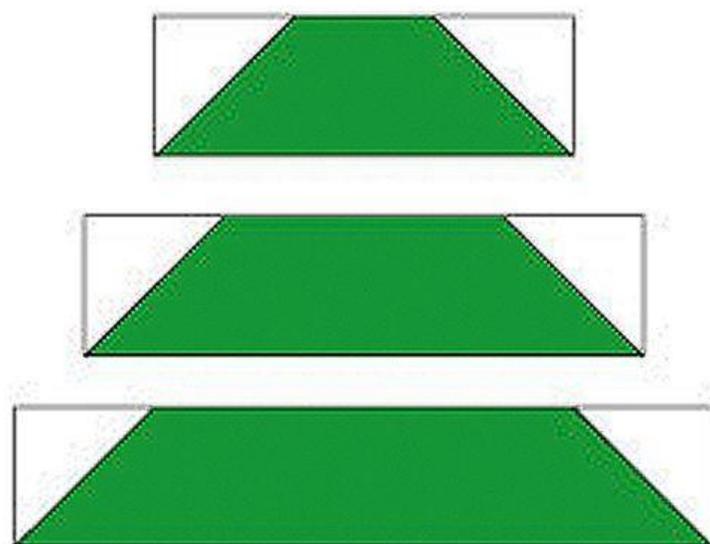# Redwood Tree Quilt Block Pattern

We live in a beautiful place with Redwoods all around. Let's celebrate the noble Redwood and make our own forest! Use any shade of green small print, solid, batik, or whatever you have in your stash for the branches. No large prints, stripes or geometrics. The background is supplied. All seams are 1/4". Pieced block finishes at 10" square. Any questions, call me, Susan Raineri. I'm on the roster. Or email me at roster email or the email given on our website: https://pvqa.org/meetings/block-of-the-month/ . Before you start, please read and follow all instructions on the website for Block of the Month. Return your block and any leftover fabric to me at the address given on the Roster or on the drawing slip. Or, let me know how many blocks you have made and if you want to be in the drawing. I'll make a slip out for you!

Use the Quick-Pieced Snowball Tip Method to Sew
Background Squares to All Tree Boughs

Use this 10" Redwood Tree quilt block pattern to sew a forest of easy 10" patchwork trees.

The angled ends alongside tree branches are simple to sew using a quick-pieced Flying Geese method

Pieced block is 10-inch square

Finished Block Size: 9-inches square

Cutting Chart for One Redwood Tree Quilt Block

Tree Branches, Green

- one 2-1/2" x 4-1/2" strip
- one 2-1/2" x 6-1/2" strip
- one 2-1/2" x 8-1/2" strip
- one 2-1/2" x 10-1/2" strip

Tree Trunk, Brown

- one 2-1/2" x 2-1/2" square

Enclosed Background: One 2&1/2 x 44" strip and one 2&1/2 x 22" strip, Shaded blue, light to dark*

Sub-cut into:

- ten 2-1/2" x 2-1/2" squares
- two 2-1/2" x 3-1/2" strips
- two 1-1/2" x 2-1/2" strips
- two 2-1/2" x 4-1/2" strips

*Use lighter blue near the trunk of the tree and darker shade near the top of the tree. Its okay if you don't do this. The real sky has many shades of blue, right?

Quick Piece the Redwood Tree Quilt Block's Branches

Use a quick piecing method to put backgrounds alongside each end of the tree branch strips. The steps required to make the flying geese unit that forms the top of the tree are illustrated in the top row above. Add triangles to the ends of all green strips in the same way.

1. Gather your 2-1/2" background squares and your green tree strips.
2. Draw a line from one corner to the opposite corner on the reverse side of each square.
3. Align a square with the right end of the shortest tree strip as shown in the upper left of the illustration, right sides of the fabrics together. Be sure to position the drawn line as shown.
4. Sew a seam directly on the drawn line. Press to set the seam (a good technique for all seams).
5. Trim away the excess fabric, leaving about 1/4" of both layers extending past the seam line as shown. Flip the triangle right side up, pressing the seam allowance either direction.

6. Repeat to sew another square to the opposite end of the green strip, positioning the line as shown. Trim and press.
7. Repeat to sew tips on the remaining three green strips.

Finish Sewing the Redwood Tree Quilt Block

Use a 1/4" seam allowance to assemble the remaining portions of the Redwood Tree quilt block, placing units right sides together for sewing and matching raw edges carefully. Use straight pins to hold fabrics together to keep patches aligned.

1. Arrange the Redwood Tree quilt block components as shown in the illustration, Page 2. Start by placing your tree strip units in front of you, from shortest branches to longest working downward.

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     o Arrange the background strips:
       a 2-1/2" x 3-1/2" background strip on each side of the shortest tree strip unit
     o a 2-1/2" x 2-1/2" background square on each side of the 6-1/2" long tree strip unit
     o a 1-1/2" x 2-1/2" background strip on each side of the 8-1/2" long tree strip unit; the 2-1/2" edge will be sewn to the tree.
     o *The 10-1/2" long tree strip unit is complete as-is.*

1. Place a 2-1/2" x 4-1/2" background strip on each side of the 2-1/2" brown square.
2. Sew the components of each Redwood Tree row together. Press seam allowances in tree branch units towards the background strips. Press seam allowances in the trunk unit towards the brown trunk.
3. Sew all five rows together, aligning strips carefully and pinning with straight pins to keep fabrics from shifting. Press

The Redwood Tree quilt block should measure 10" x 10". If the quilt block is smaller or skewed, press again and recheck.

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