

## HOLIDAY TREE WELCOME

Gather your low-volume background fabrics and green stash for this cute, quick to make Holiday Tree Welcome hanging. Finished 15" x 19"



### Ingredients:

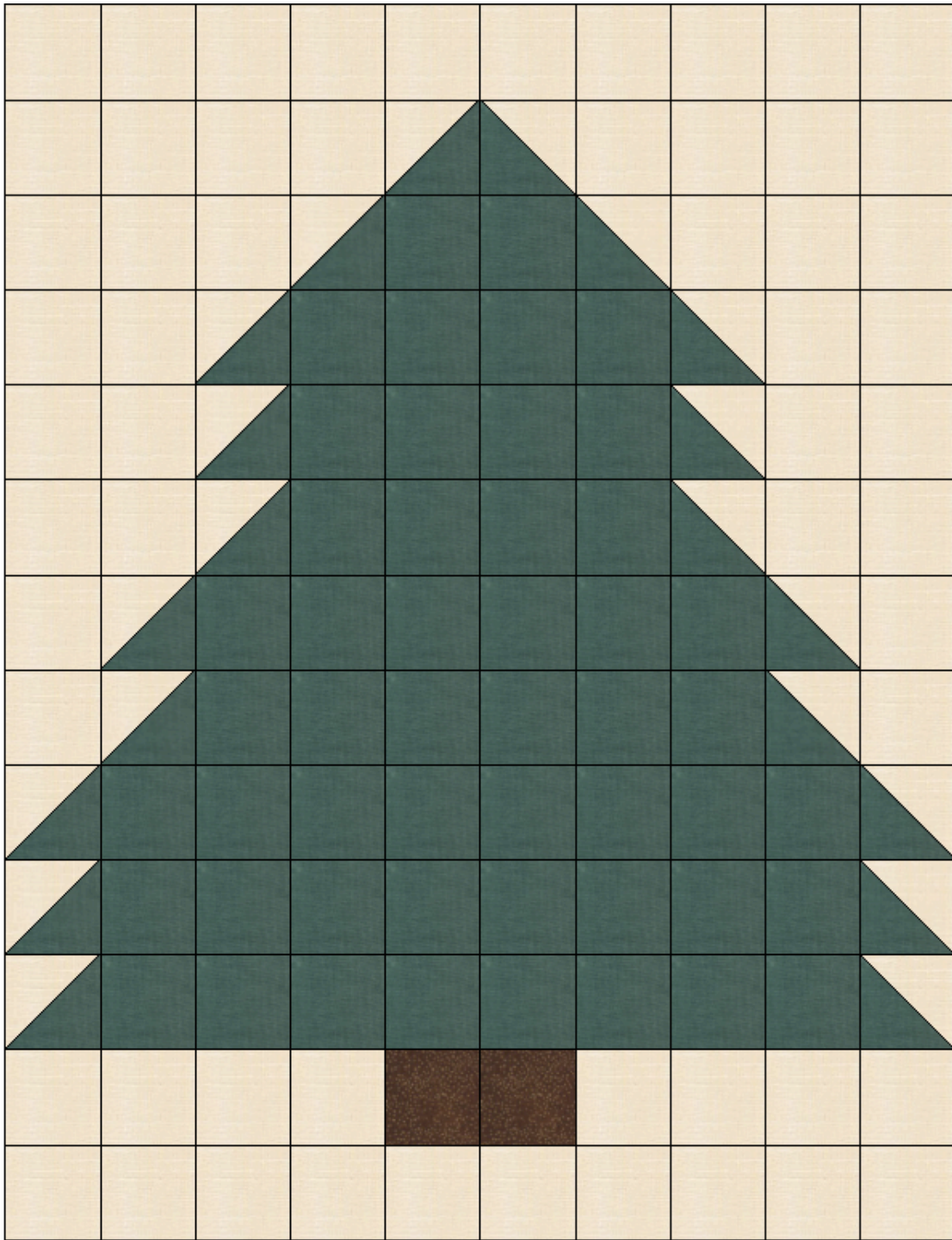
- 10 – 2.5" squares of green and background fabric for 20 half-square triangles (HSTs)
- 58 – 2" background squares (or 38 if you use 2 – 15.5" x 2" strips instead for the top and bottom border)
- 50 – 2" green squares
- 2 – 2" dark brown squares (tree trunk)
- 7 scraps for Welcome letters (all one color or a variety would be cute)
- Batting, backing and binding

1. Gather your green fabrics – the more the merrier! You'll need 50 – 2" pieces for the body of the tree, along with 10 – 2.5" pieces for making HSTs.
2. Assemble some low-volume background fabrics to complement the green fabrics you chose. You'll need 58\*\* – 2" squares plus 10 – 2.5" for making the HSTs. (\*\*We elected to use a 2" strip for the top and bottom row instead of cutting 10 squares each)
3. Find a dark brown fabric piece for just 2 – 2" squares for the truck.
4. Cut out all the 2" and 2.5" squares
5. Draw a diagonal line on the back of the 2.5" background squares.
6. Match them with the green 2.5" squares, right sides together. Stitch a scant 1/4" seam on each side of the line. Cut apart and press in your preferred manner (I pressed the seam to the dark fabric). Trim each to a 2" square.
7. Layout the tree shape as shown on the next page. Sew all the blocks together, one row at a time, pressing as you go along alternating directions so the rows nest together well. Then sew the rows together.
8. Now it's time to think about what kind of WELCOME letters you would like to add! You could use all one color or a variety – just remember that they need to stand out on the background of the green tree
9. Trace letters on a lightweight double-sided fusible interfacing – don't forget to reverse the letters. Follow the manufacturer's instructions for how to adhere the letters to the piece.
10. Blanket stitch around the letters. If you use interfacing, you may not need to (we did).
11. Layer your piece with batting and backing. Quilt in your favorite manner – sparkly thread would be oh so pretty on this.
12. For hangers, we usually use tabs that we make from the binding strips or corner squares.



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Holiday Tree fabric squares layout:



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You will need TWO E's and don't forget to reverse the letters on the fusible interfacing!