

# 2019 Miami Valley Quilters' Guild Christmas Block Raffle



## SIMPLE CHRISTMAS TREE BLOCK

### INSTRUCTIONS:

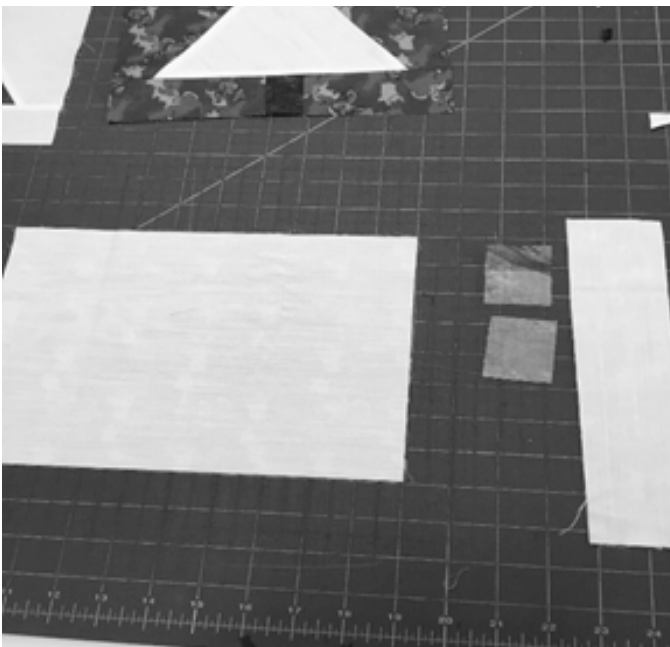
Materials: 2 – 10" squares of contrasting colors a light and a dark or medium (Christmas fabric).  
2 – 2" x 1 ½" pieces of brown fabric (black would do nicely too).  
Quilt ruler with 60 degree angle markings.

### Directions:

Stack the 10" squares one on top the the other right side up and press.

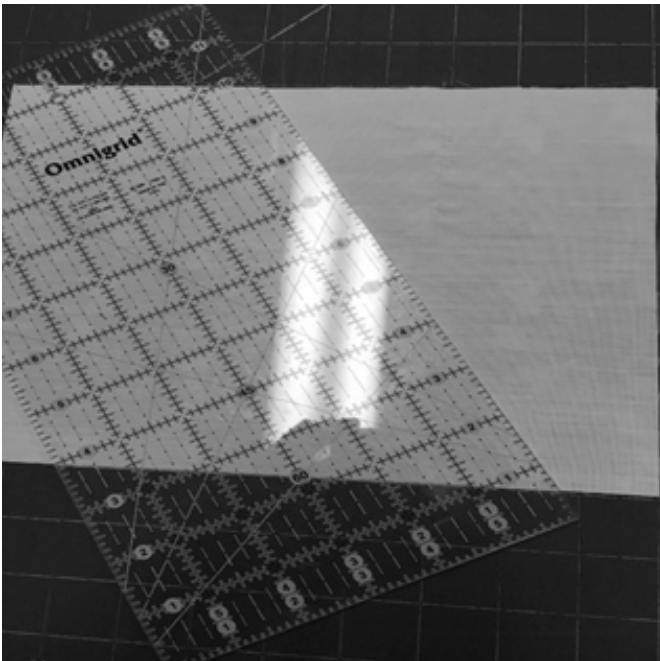
Cut a 2" strip off the bottom of the 10" stack of blocks. Set aside the 2" strip for use later.

See picture #1



Using the ruler place the 60 degree line on the 10" length of the 10 x 8" rectangle of stacked fabric, place the ruler 1 ¼ inches from the right edge of the fabric and cut the first angle of the tree.

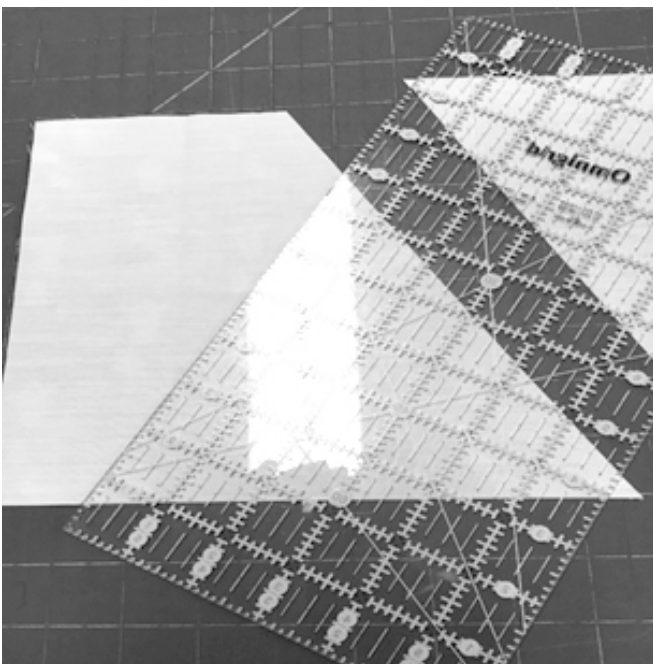
See picture #2



(disregard light reflections on ruler)

Pull the cut piece away so there is room to make the second cut without cutting into the first piece. Being sure to turn over the ruler, place the 60 degree line again on the fabric 1 ¼ inch from the left edge and cut the second side of the tree.

See picture # 3



You now have 2 trees, one of each color and 2 background pieces of each color.

See picture # 4



Put the dark tree with the light background and sew the short angle (left piece) first with a scant  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam.

Be sure to let the tip of the tree triangle over lap at the top  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch. Press towards the tree.

The bottom edge will not match on either side.

See picture #5



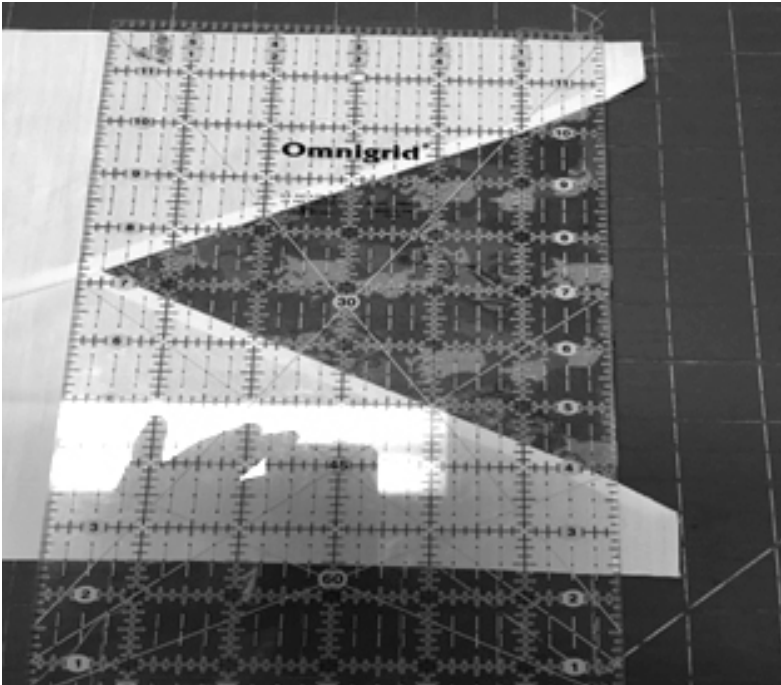
Sew the second background piece on again overlapping the tip of the background piece  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch. Press toward the tree.

See picture #6



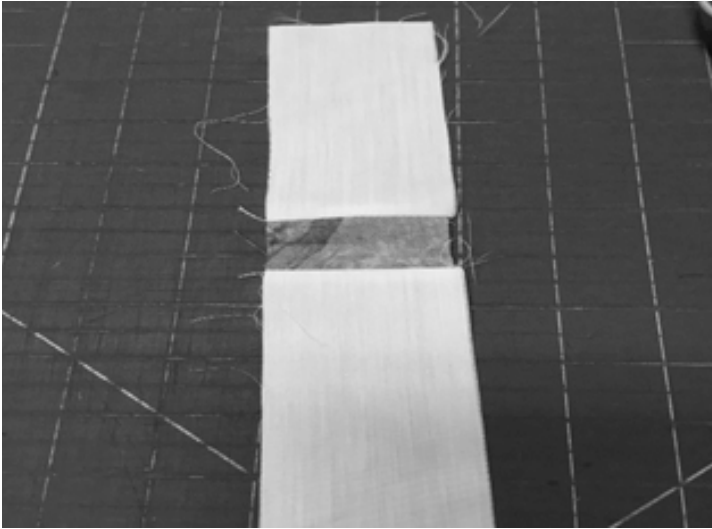
True up the bottom of the tree piece.

See picture #7



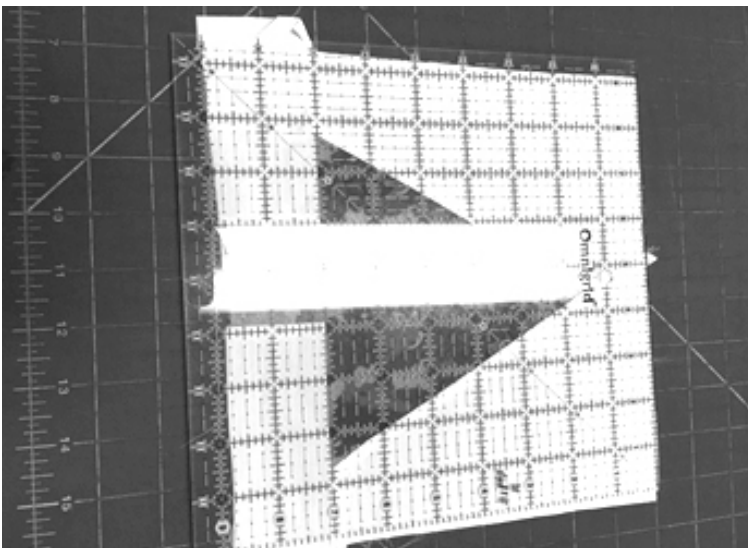
Cut the 2" background strip in half and sew each half of the strip to the 2 x 1 ½ brown piece. Press towards the background. The strips are longer than the tree piece so you will need to match the centers of each piece.

See picture 8



Square up the block after pressing to 9". Use the 4 ½" line down the center of the tree to square up the block.

See picture #9



Repeat second block with the light tree and the dark background.

**Have fun!**

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