

Fabric Christmas Tree

A rustic fabric-scrap project with gathered tiers, lace and a stitched star



Make a festive keepsake, one ruffle at a time. This illustrated guide uses a covered cone, six gathered fabric bands and a lightly stuffed felt star. Red felt, gingham and cream lace create the layered look of the supplied reference.

Finished size: approximately 26 cm (10 1/4 in) tall, excluding an optional display stand. Cone base: 10 cm (about 4 in) across; the ruffled skirt extends beyond it.

Skill level: confident beginner. **Method:** simple hand or machine gathering plus craft adhesive. This is a dimensional fabric decoration made with quilting cotton scraps; no quilt batting or quilt sandwich is needed. Original 3D illustrations explain the process; use the measurements for sizing.



Materials & preparation

Gather everything before cutting

The structure

One firm cone, 22 cm high x 10 cm base diameter (8 5/8 x about 4 in). Use a ready-made foam cone or make the card version on page 4. Optional: a stable 12-14 cm wooden display disk.

Fabric and trim

Red felt: at least 35 x 20 cm. Red-and-white quilting cotton: at least 45 x 20 cm. Cream lace, 5 cm wide: 60 cm. Cream felt: 15 x 10 cm for two stars. Burlap or neutral covering: about 35 x 30 cm.

Small supplies

Strong sewing thread, red and cream embroidery floss, a little polyester stuffing, 50 cm of 2.5 cm-wide gingham ribbon, 60 cm of jute twine and optional small buttons, artificial berries and greenery.



Tools: fabric scissors, paper scissors, ruler, flexible tape measure, marking pencil, pins or clips, hand needle and optional sewing machine. Use low-temperature glue approved for the cone material, or an appropriate fabric/craft adhesive.

Prepare the fabrics. Press cotton before cutting. If you prewash cotton, do it before measuring. Test adhesive on a scrap and let it set. Keep glue off the visible lower edges and lace openings.

Choose a consistent finish. Felt and finished lace need no lower hem. Cotton receives a narrow double-turn hem. Work on a protected surface and follow the adhesive manufacturer's directions.



Cutting guide

Use this table for the six-tier version in this tutorial. Dimensions are in centimeters.

Cut straight rectangular bands, one of each size below. Each length includes **1 cm for the rear overlap**. Cotton widths include a **1 cm double-turn lower hem**; felt and lace are cut at their finished width. Do not add another seam allowance.

Tier / bottom to top	Material	Cut length x width	Fix at height*
1	Cream lace	48 x 5 cm	4.0 cm
2	Gingham cotton	40 x 6 cm	7.2 cm
3	Red felt	32 x 5 cm	10.4 cm
4	Gingham cotton	24 x 6 cm	13.6 cm
5	Red felt	16 x 5 cm	16.8 cm
6	Cream lace	9 x 5 cm	20.0 cm

*Measure vertically from the **bottom of the cone** to the gathering stitch line, not to the raw fabric edge. Inches: lengths 48 / 40 / 32 / 24 / 16 / 9 cm are about 18 7/8 / 15 3/4 / 12 5/8 / 9 1/2 / 6 1/4 / 3 1/2 in. Widths 5 and 6 cm are about 2 and 2 3/8 in.

Other pieces: cut two matching felt stars using page 7. For a simple ribbon bow, cut 30 cm for the loops and 20 cm for the tails. Cut 60 cm twine, then trim after tying. Cut burlap only after fitting it around your cone.

If your cone differs: measure its circumference at each attachment line. Allow about 1.8 times that circumference plus 1 cm overlap; make the very top band a little fuller if desired. Always dry-fit before trimming or gluing.



1. Prepare the cone

A smooth, stable foundation makes the layers easier to position

Use a ready-made cone. Check that its bottom sits flat. If needed, glue it to a firm card disk cut to the actual base diameter. Keep the cone upright while the adhesive sets.

Cover the surface. Wrap burlap loosely around the cone, pin or clip temporarily, then trim with a 1 cm overlap along the back. Fold a small excess under the base. Adhere in small sections; keep the covering smooth.

Mark the attachment levels. On the covered cone, mark the six heights from page 3 at front, back and both sides. Join the marks around the cone lightly. Keep every line level with the tabletop.



Optional: make an accurate card cone

On a large sheet of firm card, draw a circular sector with a **22.56 cm radius** and a **79.8-degree angle**. Add a 1 cm glue tab outside one straight side. Cut along the outer arc and the tab outline. These dimensions form an approximately 22 cm-high cone with a 10 cm base.

Roll the sector so the two original straight edges meet; the tab sits underneath. Secure the seam, then trace the resulting circular base on card, cut it out and attach. Cover as above. The radius is the sloping side length, not the vertical height.

About the supplied reference chart: it shows a different five-band option and a simplified cone drawing. Its diagram is reproduced on the final page for reference. Use this tutorial's six-band table and cone dimensions together; do not mix the two cutting systems.

2. Sew & gather the bands

Finish the lower edge before adding gathering stitches



1 | Hem the gingham. With the wrong side facing up, turn one long edge up 0.5 cm and press. Turn it up another 0.5 cm, press and stitch close to the inner fold. The band is now 5 cm wide. Leave the opposite long edge for gathering.

2 | Decorate the felt. Add cream blanket stitches along the lower long edge, about 0.4 cm deep and 0.5 cm apart. Do not pull tightly. Lace already has a decorative edge; orient it downward.

3 | Add gathering stitches. Sew a running stitch 0.5 cm from the upper edge, using strong thread and stitches about 0.3-0.4 cm long. For machine gathering use a long stitch, leave thread tails and do not backstitch. A second parallel row can help control cotton.

4 | Gather to fit. Pull the thread gently and spread the folds evenly. Wrap the band at its marked height, with a 1 cm overlap at the back. Tie off only after the fit is correct. Keep the lower edge loose so it flares outward.

3. Build the layered tree

Work from the bottom upward, covering each previous attachment line

Attach tier 1. Position the bottom lace gathering line 4 cm above the cone base. The lace hangs roughly 4.5 cm below that line. Test the display surface and raise the band slightly if it drags.

Secure the top edge only. Apply a thin line of suitable adhesive along a short section of the cone marking. Press the gathered heading into place, let it grip and continue around. Place the overlap at the back; tuck its exposed short edge under.

Add tiers 2 and 3. Place gingham at 7.2 cm, then red felt at 10.4 cm. Ease the folds to distribute fullness. Keep the skirt edges free and check that each layer covers the heading below.



Add tiers 4, 5 and 6. Continue with gingham at 13.6 cm, red felt at 16.8 cm and lace at 20 cm. Near the tip, use small gathers rather than thick pleats. Align all back overlaps along the same vertical line.

Check coverage before the glue sets. The attachment lines are 3.2 cm apart; each band hangs approximately 4.5 cm below its stitching. This leaves roughly 1.3 cm of overlap, enough to hide the previous heading. Fabric stiffness may require small positioning changes.

Keep it balanced. Turn the tree slowly and view it at eye level. Redistribute tight clumps and raise any drooping sections. The 3D pictures show the construction principle; the cutting table controls the six-tier version.



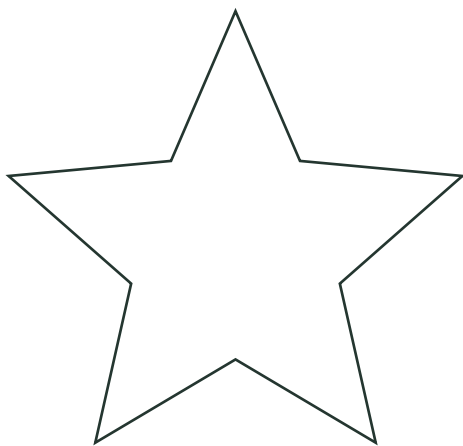
4. Make the star topper

Actual-size felt template below | Print this page at 100% / Actual size

Cut two matching shapes. Use cream felt so the raw edge can remain visible. Trace the solid outline below and cut on the line. The template measures exactly 6 cm across; no seam allowance is added.

Stitch and stuff. Place wrong sides together. Blanket-stitch around the star with red floss, 0.3 cm inside the edge. Leave about 2 cm open between the lower points. Add a small amount of stuffing, pushing gently into the points; close the opening.

Add an optional button. Sew it firmly through the center. Fix the lower part of the star to the cone tip with suitable adhesive or secure stitches through the burlap covering. Overlap the star onto the cone by about 2 cm.



Print check

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CUT 2 FELT STARS - 6 CM WIDE

If the check square is incorrect, adjust your print settings before cutting. Only the template and check square on this page are actual size.



5. Decorate & finish

Add a bow, check the joins and prepare the tree for display

Make the bow. Bring the ends of the 30 cm ribbon piece together at the back with a 1 cm overlap. Pinch the middle into two loops and wrap with thread. Fold the 20 cm piece into two tails and tie it behind the center. Trim the ends neatly.

Attach below the star. Tie a small jute bow over the center and secure the ribbon bow over the top lace heading. Keep it light so the cone stays upright. Add a few artificial berries, tiny buttons or short greenery sprigs if desired.

Complete the base. Secure the cone centrally on an optional wooden disk. Let all adhesive cure fully before lifting or packing. This tutorial does not require a candle or candle holder.



Quick fixes. Visible cone between tiers: lower the upper band slightly or add a narrow trim. Lumpy heading: loosen and redistribute the gathers. Band too short: piece in matching fabric before gathering. Tree leaning: remove heavy decorations and check the base.

Care and display. Dust with a soft brush. Store upright in a box with room around the ruffles; do not crush or machine-wash. Keep fabric, lace and burlap away from candles, open flames and heaters. Use only a battery-operated light nearby. This is a decorative item with small parts, not a toy.

Using the final reference page. The next page contains only the supplied pattern chart, a scale notice and the required footer. It is not a full-size cutting sheet: a 27 cm cone drawing cannot fit at actual size with the other pieces on A4. Ignore its printed “100%” claim; draft those pieces from their dimensions if choosing that separate variation.



Reference pattern diagram

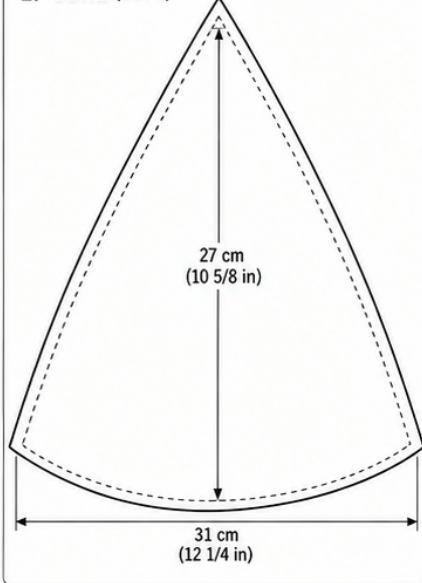
SUPPLIED CHART - NOT ACTUAL SIZE. Use pages 3-7 for this tutorial's measurements.

FABRIC CHRISTMAS TREE PATTERN AND MEASUREMENTS

Create a beautiful fabric Christmas tree with simple pieces!

♥ Sew • Glue • Decorate • Enjoy!

1. CONE (Cut 1)



FINISHED SIZE

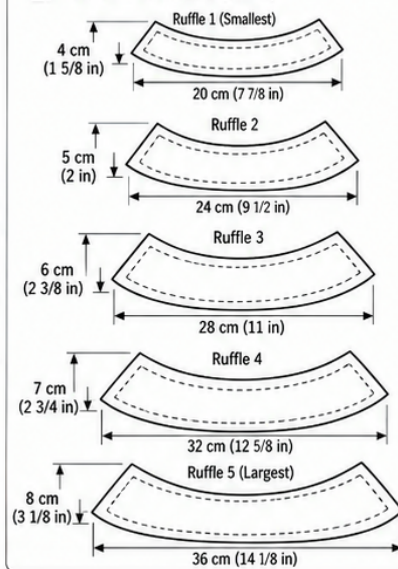


MATERIALS

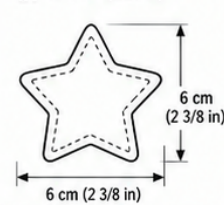


- Fabric (different patterns and colors)
- Lace or burlap
- Styrofoam or cardboard cone
- Buttons (optional)
- Jute twine or ribbon
- Decorative elements (berries, greenery, wooden stars)
- Hot glue gun
- Scissors, pins, needle and thread (optional)

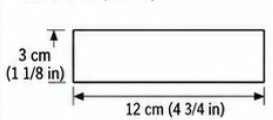
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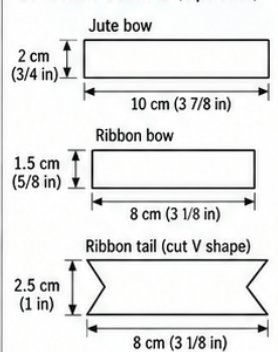
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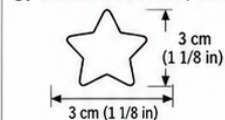
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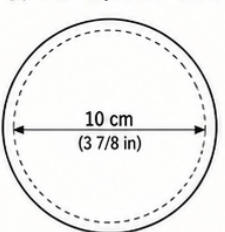
5. TRIM STRIPS (Optional)



6. DECORATIVE BUTTON / STAR



7. BASE (Optional - Cut 1)



ASSEMBLY SEQUENCE



TIPS

- ♥ Use fabrics with different colors and patterns.
- ♥ Adjust the ruffle lengths for larger or smaller trees.
- ♥ Make light gathers for a nicer drape.
- ♥ Decorate with buttons, bows, greenery or other embellishments.

*Small pieces
create
big happiness!* ♥

IMPORTANT

- ♥ Print at 100% scale (do not resize).
- ♥ Measurements already include a 0.7 cm (1/4 in) seam allowance.
- ♥ You can enlarge or reduce the pieces proportionally for other sizes.
- ♥ This project can be made with glue only (no sewing required).

