

Candy Stripe Tree Skirt



Materials:

2 yds of Ric Rac in Red for top panels
1 yd. each of 2 different red fabrics for back panels
54" square of the thinnest polyester batting you can find
3/4 yd fabric for binding (or 8 yds pre-made bias binding)
matching thread

Tools:

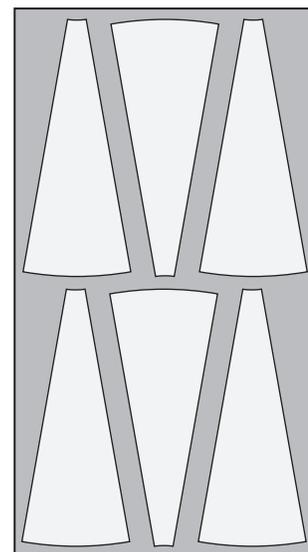
sewing machine
iron
pins
safety pins or basting spray
rotary cutter and 24" ruler
marking pen or pencil
masking tape

A free pattern from

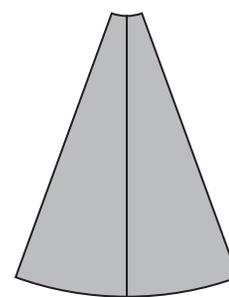


1) Tape together pages of template making sure to match registration marks. Cut out. Starting with the ric rac print, lay the fabric still folded so that you can cut two pieces at a time, layout the template with the line roughly matching up with the ric rac print. Cut out each panel by putting your ruler along the straight paper edges and cutting with your rotary cutter. Cut along the curves freehand with the smallest blade rotary cutter you have. You need 18 in total.

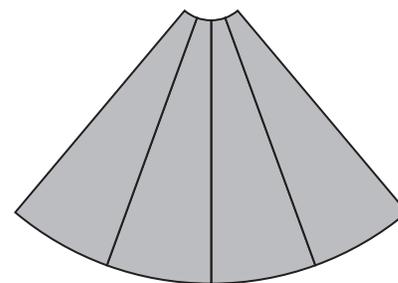
Repeat with backing fabric, but instead of keeping the fabric folded, unfold and iron flat. Lay the two reds on top of each other and cut one of each color at a time. You need 9 of each color.



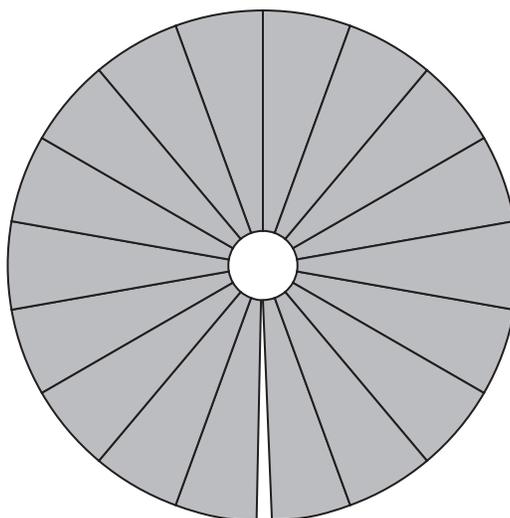
2) Using a 1/4" seam allowance and with right-sides-together, sew panels together along one straight edge. Press seams open



3) In the same way, start sewing panel sections together. Continue until all panels have been sewn together into one big piece. Make sure you leave an opening!

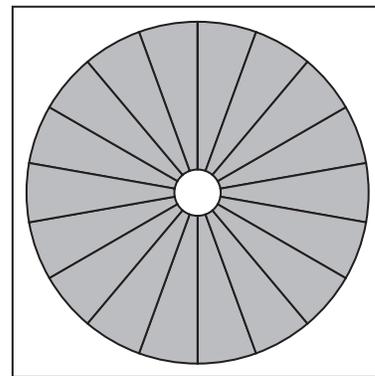


Your top is now finished, and should look like this.



4) Repeat with backing fabric. Make sure the panels alternate light and dark reds.

5) To baste, lay backing **face down**, then layer your batting on top, and finally put your top **face up** on the top. Line up all edges of top and backing, and as best you can, line up seams on top of each other. Baste layers together. Trim around the top, leaving an extra 2" or so of batting all the way around the circle.

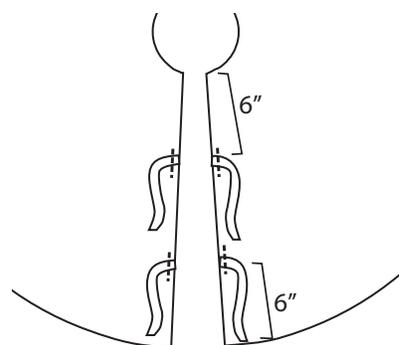


6) Quilt as desired. I used a straight stitch approx. 1/4" from each seam. Machine baste 1/4" from the outside edge of the circle, then continue to baste the sides of the opening and the center opening. Trim back and batting to size.

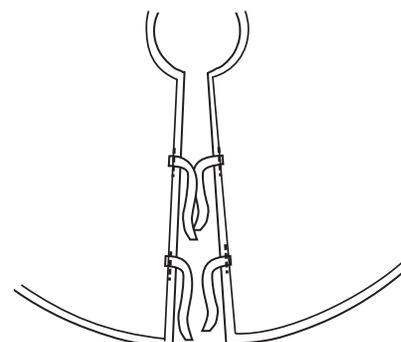
7) Cut 4 pieces of binding, each about 18" long, and set the remainder aside. Unfold each piece of binding and press edges in toward center fold. Re-fold along center fold, so that binding is 4 layers thick. Press. Unfold one end of each tie and fold the two outer corners in to the center, creating a point. Re-fold and press. Topstitch along open edge and end.

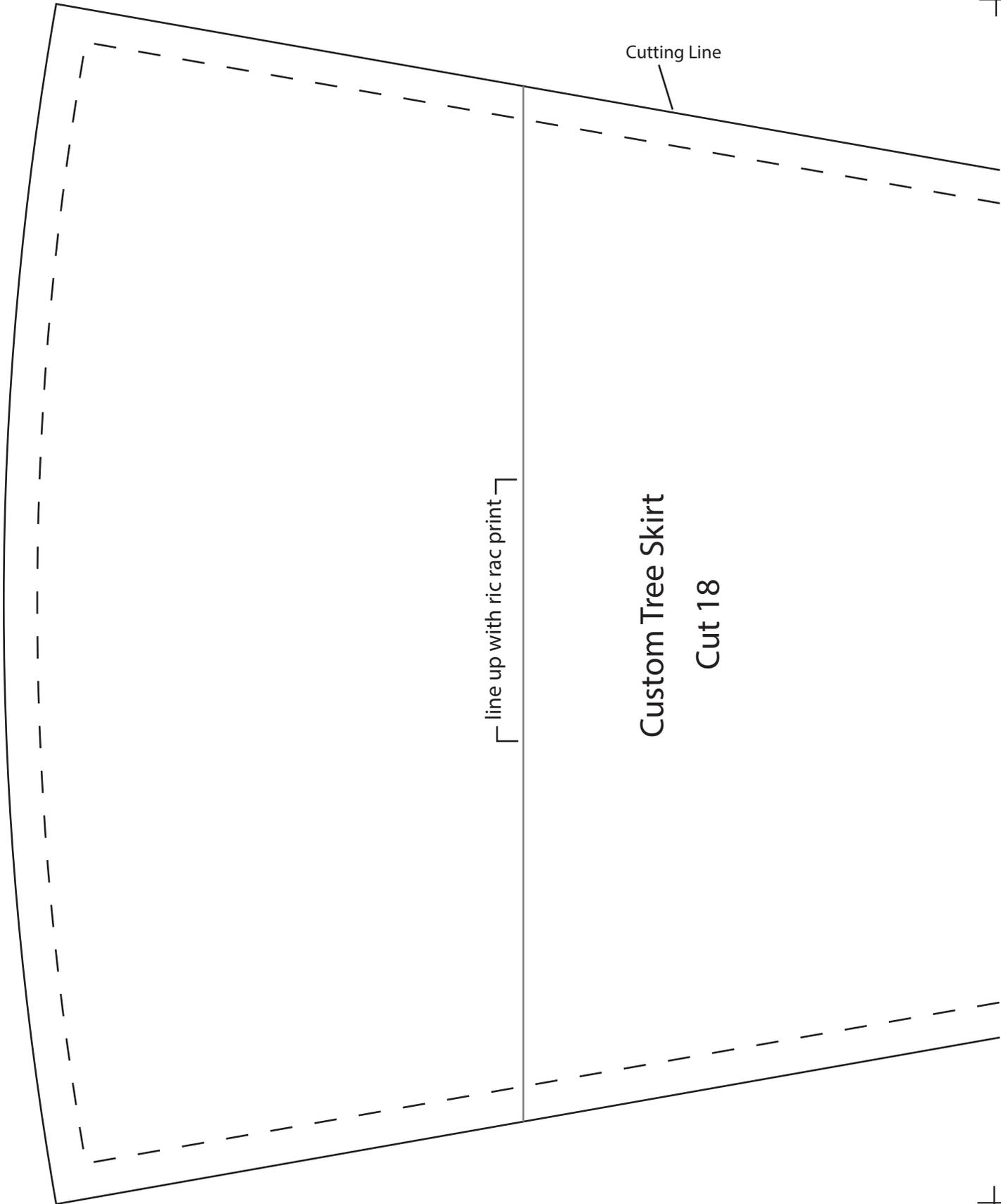


8) On back of quilt, with each tie facing towards the skirt, baste each flat end of the tie 1/4" in from the straight edge of the opening and 6" from inner or outer edge.



9) Make 2.5" wide continuous bias binding. Bind as usual, making sure not to catch the ties in your stitches. On the back of the skirt, stitch ties once more along the edge of the binding so that they lay facing the opening of the skirt.





Cutting Line

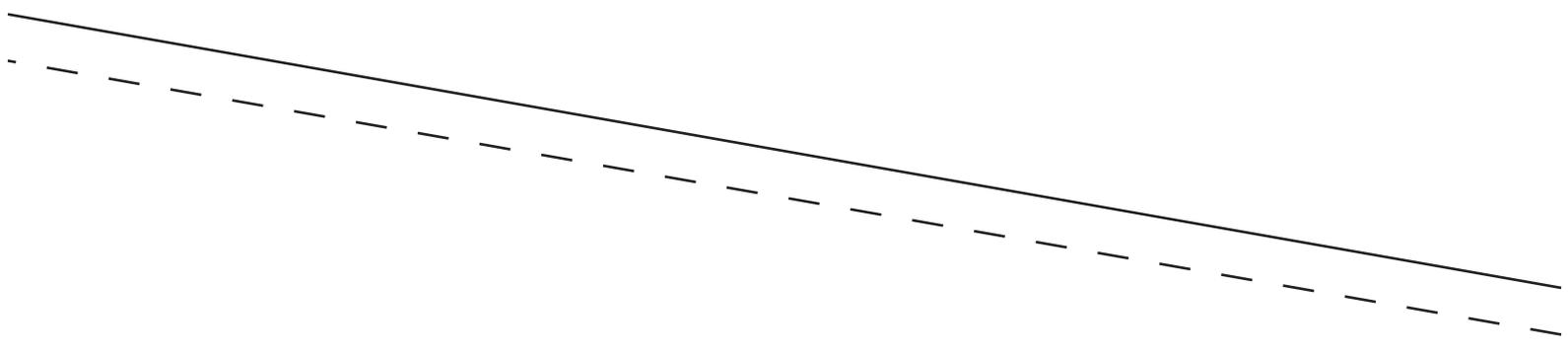
line up with ric rac print

Custom Tree Skirt
Cut 18



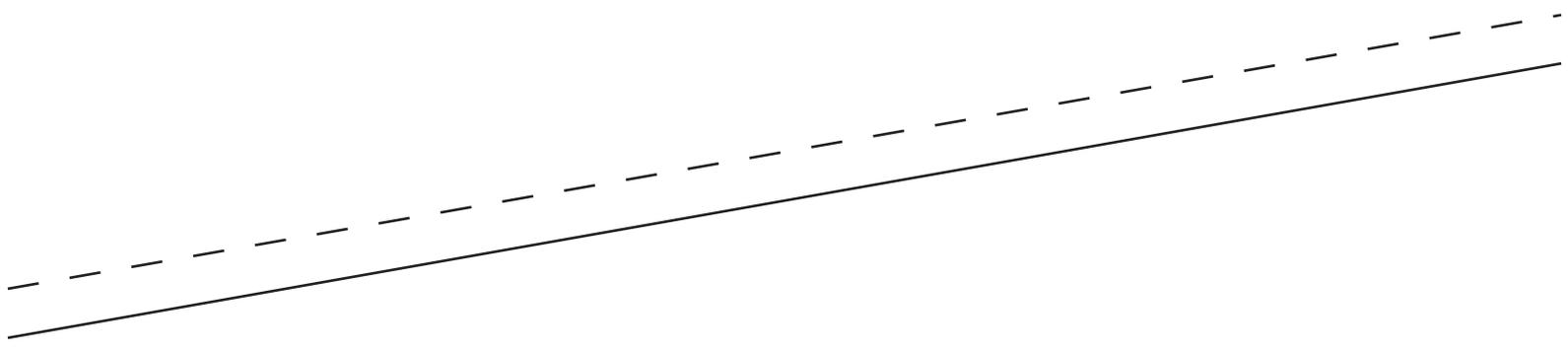
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