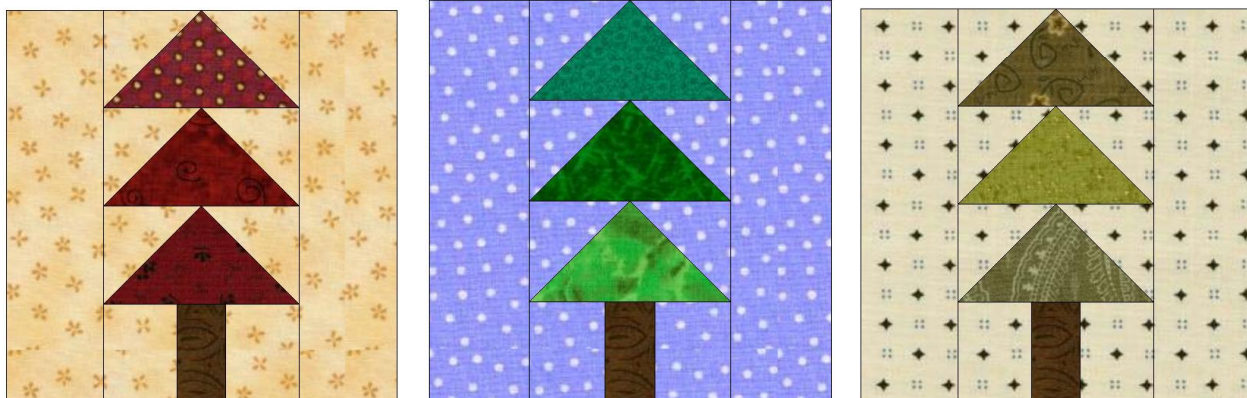


* Small Quilt a Month Challenge 2014 - December *

Christmas Tree Quilt

(Designed by Kathleen Tracy)



Finished block size: 4" x 4"

For our last Small Quilt Challenge of 2014 we're making a quilt using Christmas Tree blocks made from flying geese units. Make your blocks using any colors or style of fabric you like - red and green prints together with either white or cream-colored prints or shirtings, or maybe modern or novelty prints. As always, if you do not like the red and green scheme, make it in your favorite colors. I think this would also look really, really cute in a red and white scheme. Be creative. Use as many blocks as you like. Include sashing or other blocks, borders or no borders. If you don't have time to make a small quilt, make a runner or mug rug.

Make the block

From a background fabric, cut

6 squares, 1 1/2" x 1 1/2"

2 rectangles, 1 1/4" x 1 1/2"

2 strips, 1 1/2" x 4 1/2"

From a red or green fabric for tree, cut

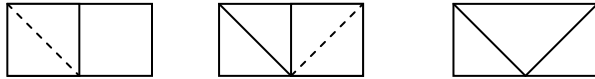
3 rectangles, 1 1/2" x 2 1/2"

From a brown fabric for trunk, cut

1 rectangle, 1" x 1 1/2"

Make flying geese units from the $1\frac{1}{2}$ " squares and the $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x $2\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangles –

1. Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of each square. Layer a marked $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x $1\frac{1}{2}$ " square on one end of a $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x $2\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangle. Stitch on the diagonal line as shown. Flip and press open to the corner. Place another marked square on the other end of the rectangle and repeat. Make 3 of these flying geese units.



2. Sew the two $1\frac{1}{4}$ " background pieces to each side of a brown piece to make the trunk unit.

3. Sew three flying geese blocks together with the trunk unit.

4. Sew the $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x $4\frac{1}{2}$ " strips to the sides of the block.

