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# NUTCRACKER TRADITION

TREE SKIRT - TABLE TOPPER - ORNAMENTS



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Please read all instructions before beginning this project. Yardage is calculated using a 42" WOF.

RST = Right Sides Together  
RSO = Right Sides Out

## GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

Please read all instructions before beginning this project. Refer to the website: [www.sewastory.com/pages/pattern-updates](http://www.sewastory.com/pages/pattern-updates) for any revisions before starting this project. This pattern requires a basic knowledge of sewing techniques and terminology. The project diagrams portrayed are virtual images. The layout and look of your project may differ when using actual fabric. It is not recommended to prewash fabric before cutting and assembling.

## SEWING TECHNIQUES

Measurements include  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance. Seams should be sewn with a shorter stitch length, snipped at curved seams, and pressed open to achieve best results on rounded shapes. Sew all seams RST and with a  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance unless stated otherwise. Press seams as desired unless stated otherwise.

## TREE SKIRT AND DOLL ORNAMENT SUPPLIES

- (1) HD17679-PANEL Nutcracker Tree Skirt Home Dec
- 3  $\frac{1}{2}$  yards CD17670-PINE Nutcracker Toss (Tree Skirt/Table Topper Backing)
- 1 yard C17676-BERRY Christmas Magic (Tree Skirt/Table Topper Binding and Ties)
- $\frac{3}{8}$  yard C17676-SNOW Christmas Magic (Ornament Backing)
- 2 yards  $\frac{1}{4}$ " coordinating ribbon cut into (11) 6" lengths (Ornament Hangers)
- Polyester Fiberfill (Ornaments)
- 62" x 62" Batting

## OPTIONAL SUPPLIES

- Nutcracker Tradition Aurifil Thread Box
- Embellishments such as HeatnBond Sparkle Paste, sew-on sequins, and buttons
- Hand sewing needle and thread
- Nutcracker Tradition Mouse King Needle Minder
- Quilty™ Hemostat or turning tool
- Air-soluble marker
- Thermoweb Sparkle Stencil- Nutcracker Tradition



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### MAKE THE TREE SKIRT OR TABLE TOPPER

1. Carefully cut out the tree skirt/table topper leaving as much excess as possible.



2. Piece the backing to make a square measuring at least 62" x 62". Lay backing fabric right side down on a flat surface. Next, lay the batting on top. Then lay the tree skirt/table topper piece right side up on top. Baste the layers together using your preferred method.

**Backing Fabric**



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3. Quilt the tree skirt as desired. Add any embroidery and embellishments as desired.



4. If making the Tree Skirt, skip to Step 5. If making the table topper, carefully cut out the tree skirt along the outer edges. Bind the outer edge only, using your preferred method and skip remaining steps. Your table topper is finished.

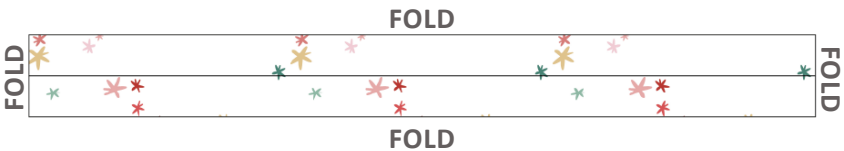


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5. Mark a 6" circle in the middle for the tree opening and mark a line from the center circle to the edge of the tree skirt for the slit. Carefully cut out the tree skirt along the outer edges, on the marked slit, and around the center circle.

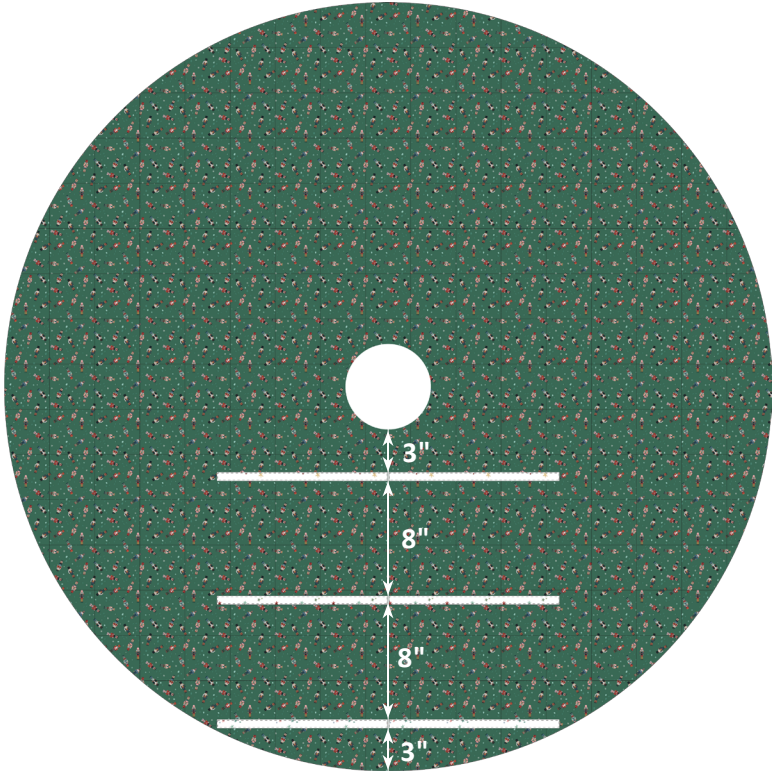


6. Cut (6)  $2\frac{1}{2}'' \times 12\frac{1}{2}''$  rectangles from the Tree Skirt Ties fabric. Fold (1) short end of (1) tree skirt tie rectangle in  $\frac{1}{4}''$  WST. Press. Repeat on the other short end. Fold the long sides of the rectangle in to meet in the center. Press. Fold the rectangle in half to encase the raw edges, then press again. Top stitch along all four edges. Repeat to make (6) tree skirt ties.



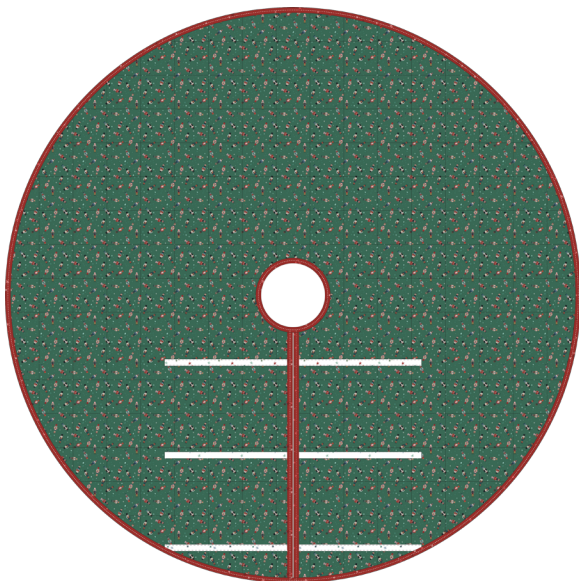
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7. Place the ties along the slit of the tree skirt as shown below, with one set 3" from the edge and then spaced 8" apart. Pin the ties in place, then baste using a  $\frac{1}{8}$ " seam allowance.

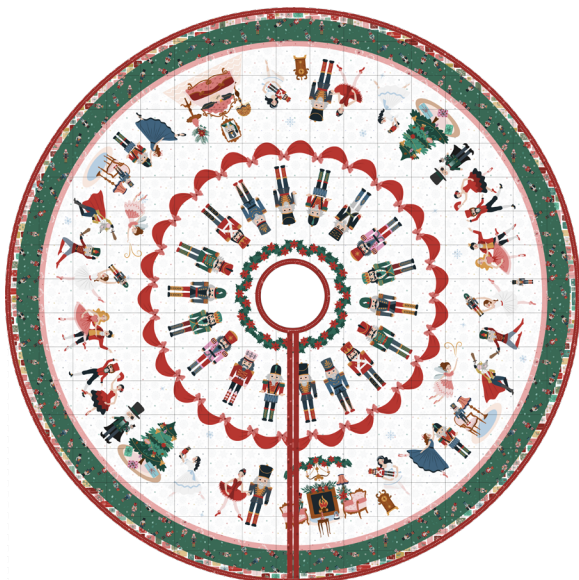


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8. Make bias binding by cutting (9) 2 ½" strips from the Christmas Tree Skirt Binding fabric and joining the strips end to end. Bind the tree skirt by sewing the prepared bias binding to the back side, stitching around the outer edges, slit, and inner circle.



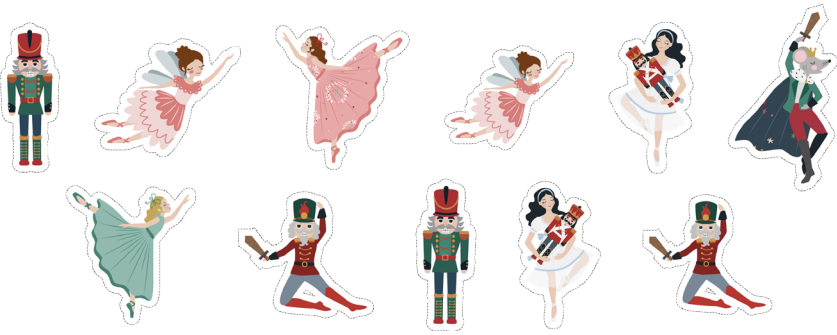
9. Turn the tree skirt so the front is facing up. Fold the binding toward the front side of the tree skirt and top stitch the binding in place, making sure the ties remain free, to complete the tree skirt.



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## MAKE THE DOLL ORNAMENTS

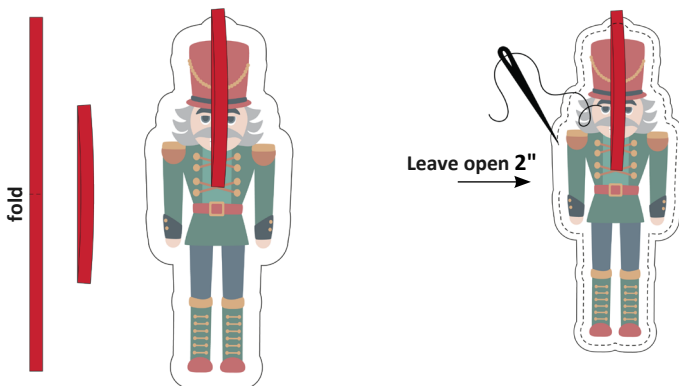
1. Carefully cut out the Nutcracker Doll Ornaments from the Nutcracker Tree Skirt Panel.



2. Place each doll ornament and the Ornament Backing, RST.



3. Fold a 6" length of ribbon in half. Align matched ribbon ends to the top outer edge of an Ornament. Pin in place. With the Ornament on top in order to follow its edge, stitch the ornament and backing together  $\frac{1}{4}$ " from the edge of the ornament. Be sure to catch the ends of the ribbon in the seam. Leave a 2" opening for turning, backstitching at the beginning and end.



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4. Using the Quilty™ Hemostat, carefully turn the ornament right sides out and stuff with polyester fiberfill.



5. Using a hand sewing needle and thread, use a ladder stitch to sew the opening closed. Add any embroidery and embellishments as desired. Repeat to make all the Nutcracker Doll Ornaments.



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Confident Beginner level

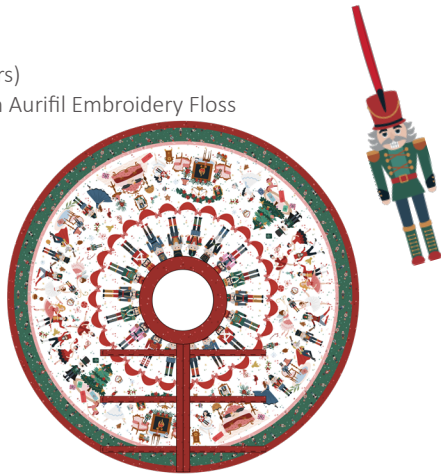
### FABRIC REQUIREMENTS\*

*\*based on non-directional fabric*

- (1) HD17679-PANEL Nutcracker Tradition Tree Skirt- Table Topper- Ornament Panel
- 3 ½ yards CD17672-PINE Nutcracker Toss (Tree Skirt/Table Topper Backing)
- 1 yard C17676-BERRY Christmas Magic (Tree Skirt/Table Topper Binding & Ties)
- ¾ yard C17676-SNOW Christmas Magic (Ornament Backing)

### OTHER SUPPLIES

- 62" × 62" Batting
- Polyester Fiber Fill (Ornaments)
- 2 yards Ribbon (Ornament Hangers)
- TH-JL30NT10 Nutcracker Tradition Aurifil Embroidery Floss (Optional)
- Sparkle Paste (Optional)



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