

Trees Table Topper



Pinwheel Corner



Flying Geese Border



Candy Stripe Border



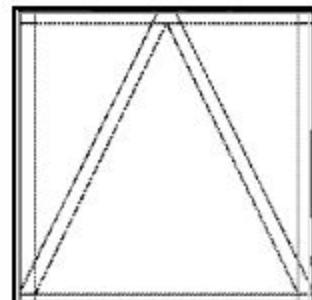
Candy Cane Lane

These are bare-bone directions, assuming that you know the basics in quiltmaking.

The trees are made using the **Tri-Recs Ruler**.

If you don't have this tool, you can make your own template.

Draw a triangle tree in a 6" square and add a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance to all edges. Remember, some of those edges overlap in the diagram.



Choose six different green prints. You may use the same fabric twice if you wish..

- Cut three strips 1-3/4" wide by WOF".
- Cut three strips 1-1/2" by WOF".
- Arrange the strips in the order that you want them, alternating widths, and sew all together into a long strata. Press well. It should be about 7" wide by 40" long.
- Place the tree template on the green strata and cut around it. Turn it upside down and cut the next tree, and so on. You will have a little wiggle room as far as positioning the template goes. Cut four tree shapes.
- Reserve the rest for the border.

Fold a 6-1/2" strip of light gold background fabric (for the trees) right sides together. This will give you mirror images of the pieces for each side of the tree. Make four sets with the background template.

Sew the block together. It should measure 6-1/2" square including seams.



For the trunk, cut four pieces of brown fabric 1-1/2" x 2-1/2".

Cut eight pieces of the gold background fabric 2-1/2" x 3".

Sew the gold to each side of the brown and press.

Sew each strip to the bottom of each tree.

Make four red and white HSTs that **finish** at 2 inches.

See directions below for making HSTs

Determine which version of the quilt you are making and you can make all the HSTs at once.

Pinwheel Corners, make 20 HSTs

Flying Geese Border, make 44 HSTs

Candy Stripe Border, make 48 HSTs

Candy Cane Lane, make 52 HSTs

Use four to six different reds.

Making Half-Square Triangle Units

For ease in construction, and to save myself time, I use triangle paper when making these units. I love TRIANGLES ON A ROLL! You may have a favorite brand that you use. For this project use triangle paper that makes 2" finished units.

To make HSTs "from scratch" try this method. It makes eight 2" finished half-square triangles at a time.

Cut a 6" square of red and a 6" square of light background fabric.

- On the wrong side of the light fabric draw diagonal lines from corner to corner forming an X, as illustrated.
- Place the right sides of the red and the light squares face to face.
- Sew a line of stitches one quarter inch away on both sides of the drawn lines.
- Follow the diagram and cut into 3" squares.
- Cut the squares diagonally on the drawn line, between the rows of stitches.
- Open each into a half-square triangle unit and press the seam toward the dark side.
- **With your square ruler carefully trim each unit to measure 2 ½" square.**

Accuracy is important. If you don't have a 1/4" foot for your sewing machine, you might try using a **Quick Quarter** tool with this method. It's an inexpensive item, and easy to use. Ask for it at your quilt shop.

Cut 12 red 2-1/2" squares for the side strips.

Sew together three in each strip and sew an HST on the top, as shown.

Press the seams up toward the HST (toward the light fabric), for ease in construction.



Sew the four tree blocks together in alternating fashion as in the picture.

Now you should have that cute little pinwheel in the center!



For the Pinwheel Corners version, make four pinwheel blocks for the corners.

Sew eight red 2-1/2" squares into a border strip for each side. Cut the remaining green strata into 2-1/2" strips. Sew together to form long strips for the border.

Trim each to 16-1/2". Sew a red strip to a green strip. Sew a pinwheel on both ends of two strips. Sew the two short strips to the opposite sides of the quilt, and sew the two long strips to the top and bottom. This one is done!

For the others, cut the remaining green strata into 2-1/2" wide strips.

Sew together to make the inside border strips, trim to size and sew in place.

Note that the Candy Cane Lane (Version 4) has an HST in each corner of the green border.

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Follow the diagram for the quilt of your choice and arrange the red and white HSTs and sew in place. Or make up a totally different border! I hope you have fun with this!

Merry Christmas 2007
from Marcie at Patchalot Patterns!

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patchalot@aol.com I don't mind, it's just fun to know!
You can also find me on Facebook as Patchalot Patterns, and my rather inactive blog is
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Thank you!
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Please take note that the pattern above is not the mini-version you may have seen on line. The mini is a 12 inch square seen below.

Thanks to this site, <https://www.facebook.com/QuiltingDigest/> this free pattern of mine has had lots of coverage this year. The original pattern is on my website, patchalotpatterns.com. I also made several smaller 12" quilts, which make great gifts. The directions for this size are not on my website, but I am including them here.

Make four trees using Tri-Recs tool, or make yourself a template. Tree is a 3-½" square.

Make trunk strip with 1-½" strips. Adjust trunk to the size you like, add side pieces and trim to 3-½".

Make 20 HSTs that finish at 1 inch.

Cut 4 sashing strips 1-½" x 3-½"

Sew a HST to the end of the sashing strip light side to dark strip.

Sew sashing strip to the right side of each tree. It is now square.

Sew these tree squares together and the pinwheel forms.

Make four more pinwheels with HSTs.

Cut border strips 1-½" x 8-½". Sew 2 colored strips together for each side.

Attach border strips with the pinwheel cornerstones.

This is a rough pattern and hopefully you can detail it yourself. Follow the photo.

Merry Christmas to all~ Marcie



