

## Christmas Tree Pillow

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Christmas is coming and you want to be ready! This fun patchwork pillow made with the Hex N More Ruler goes together quickly and will be a treasured holiday decoration for years to come.



### Sewing Supplies:

- ¼" Right Guide Foot with IDT™ system
- Piping Foot
- INSPIRA® quilting needle, size 90
- INSPIRA® topstitch needle, size 90
- INSPIRA® Tear-A-Way stabilizer
- INSPIRA® In-R-Form batting alternative 36" x 58"
- Hex N More Ruler
- Piping Hot Binding Tool
- White Fusible Fleece
- Sewing thread
- Sulky Blendable 30 wt. thread
- Bobbin thread
- ⅛ yard each of 4-6 different green print cottons
- ⅛ yard red print
- ¼ yard green striped cotton for piping
- 4 yards piping cord
- 1 yard tone on tone white cotton for background and pillow back
- Fiberfill

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### Cut:

From **each** of the red and green print cottons

- One strip 3½" long x width of fabric
- Sub cut the strips into 3½" triangles using the Hex N More ruler. You will need 16 green triangles and 1 red triangle (cut from a scrap). For best results, cut off each of the three points using the end of the ruler. This makes for easy and accurate piecing and corners that match!

From white print:

- Place fabric right sides together and cut two from side template (a left and a right)
- Cut two from bottom piece template (a left and a right)
- Two strips 3" long x width of fabric for border

- 16½" x 18½" for pillow back

From green stripe for piping:

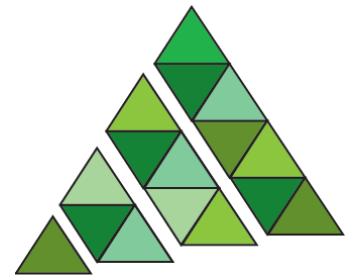
- Three strips 1¼" long x width of fabric

From fusible fleece:

- One rectangle 16" x 18½"

## Sew:

1. Insert an INSPIRA® quilting needle, size 90.
2. Thread with cotton sewing thread top and bobbin.
3. Snap on your ¼" Right Guide Foot with IDT™ system.
4. Select a center needle position straight stitch.
5. Sew the triangles into rows as shown pressing the seams to one side as you go.
6. Sew the rows into a tree.
7. Place one of the side pieces right sides together with one tree edge.
8. Stitch in place.
9. Repeat with the other side piece.
10. Place one of the bottom pieces right sides together with the red triangle.
11. Stitch in place.
12. Repeat with the other bottom piece on the other side of the red triangle.
13. Stitch the bottom strip to the bottom of the tree.
14. Press.
15. Place INSPIRA® Tear-A-Way stabilizer underneath the 3" x width of fabric strips.
16. Mark the center of the strip, lengthwise by folding in in half and finger pressing.
17. Thread with Sulky Blendable 30 wt. thread on top and bobbin thread in the bobbin.

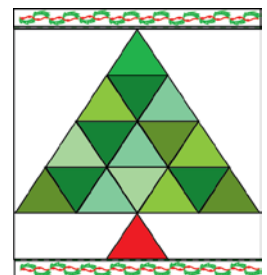





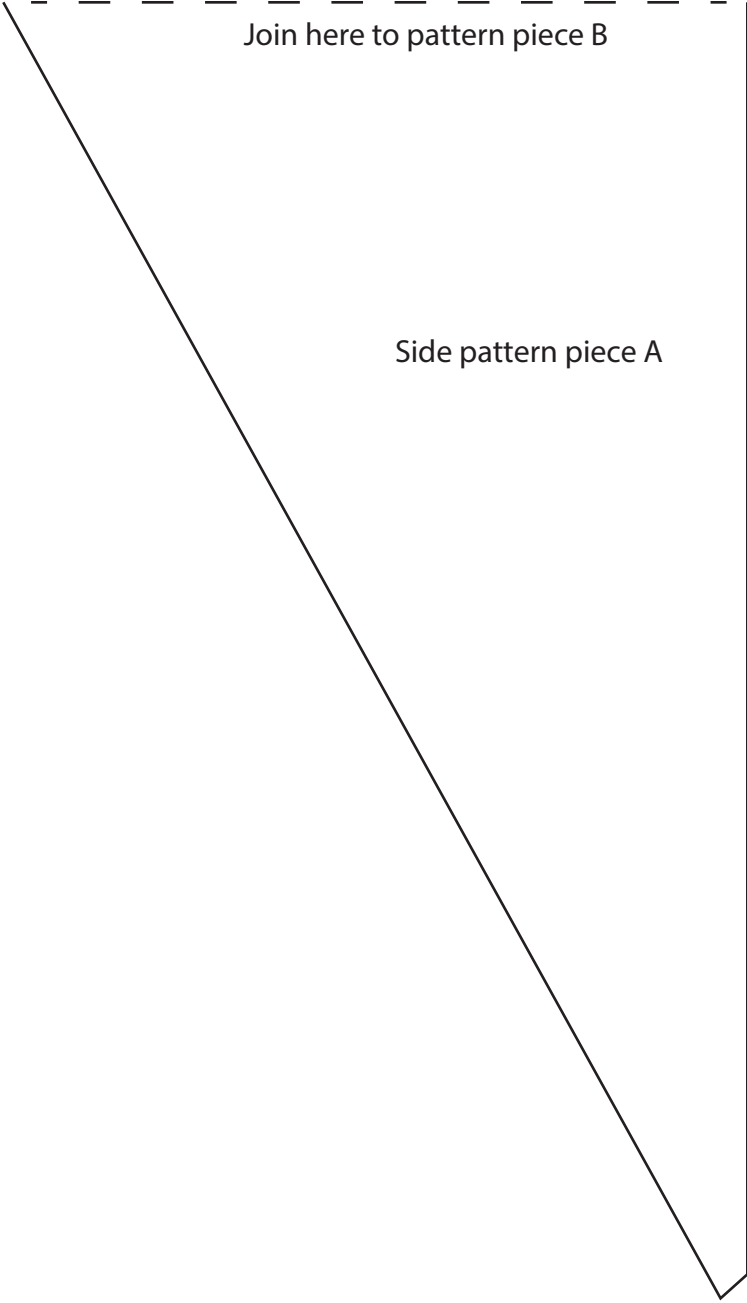
18. Select a decorative stitch. We used **6.4.27** and **6.4.28** from the *creative sensation™* pro. It is one of the stacking stitches. Sew stitch 6.4.27 in green, then starting back at the same starting point, sew stitch 6.4.28 in red.  
Any of your favorite decorative stitches will work as long as they are not too dense. If you are using a satin stitch, use a 40 wt. rayon instead of the 30 wt. blendables.
19. Trim the strips to 2¼" wide with the stitching centered.

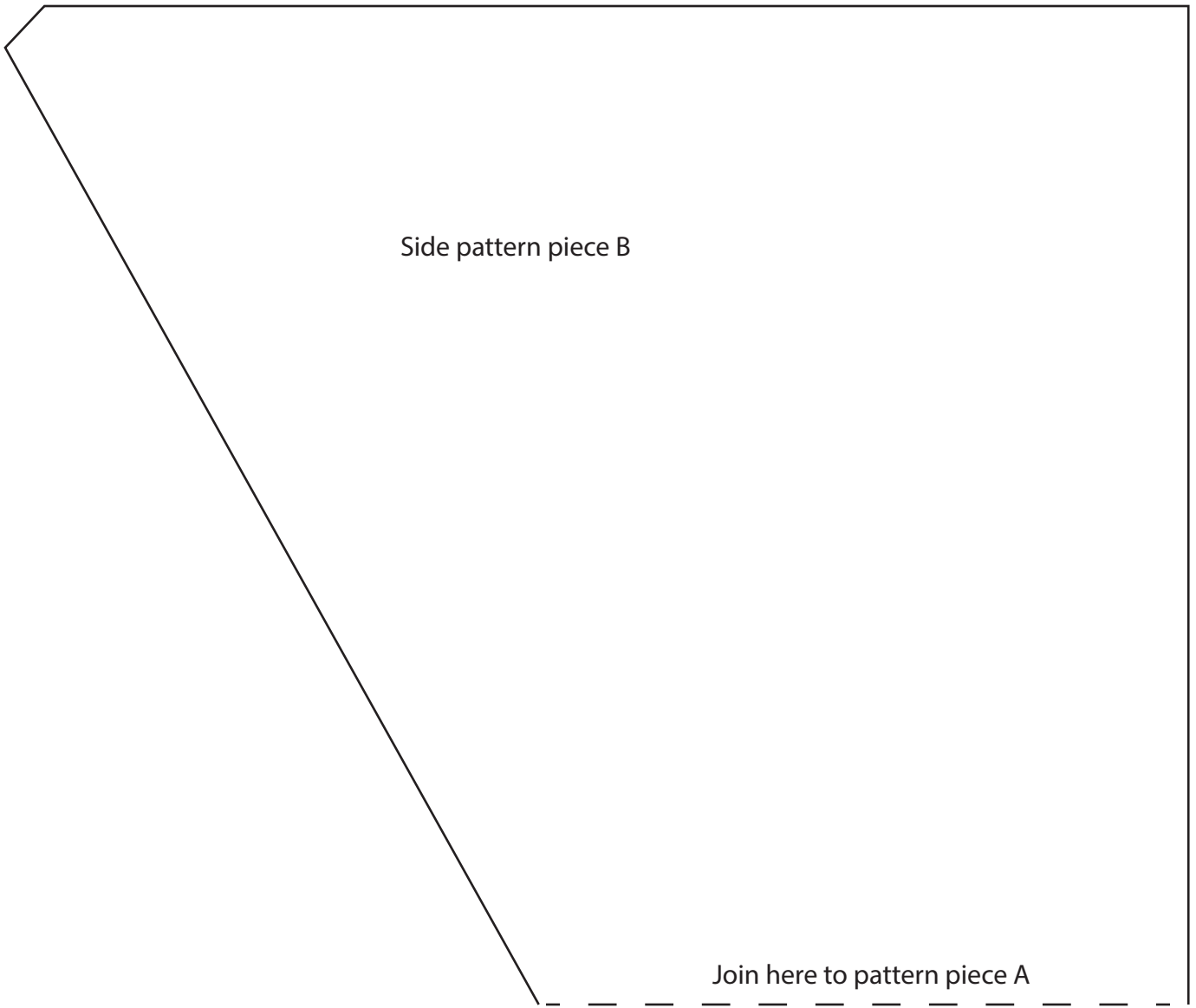
## Finish the Pillow:

1. Thread with sewing thread top and bobbin.
2. Sew the piping strips end to end to form one long strip.
3. Wrap the fabric around the cording.
4. Snap on your Piping Foot.
5. Stitch to create the piping.
6. Using your Piping Hot Binding Tool, trim the seam allowance of the piping to ¼".
7. Stitch piping along the top and bottom edge of the pillow.
8. Place one of the stitched strips over the stitched piping along the top edge.
9. With the groove of the foot following over the piping cord, stitch the strip in place.
10. Trim off the excess.
11. Stitch the leftover piece along the bottom edge as shown.
12. Stitch piping to each edge.
13. Stitch the remaining border strips to each side of the pillow as shown.
14. Stitch piping all the way around the outside of the pillow stopping at each corner. Cut the piping and start back up.
15. Place fusible fleece on the wrong side and press to fuse in place.



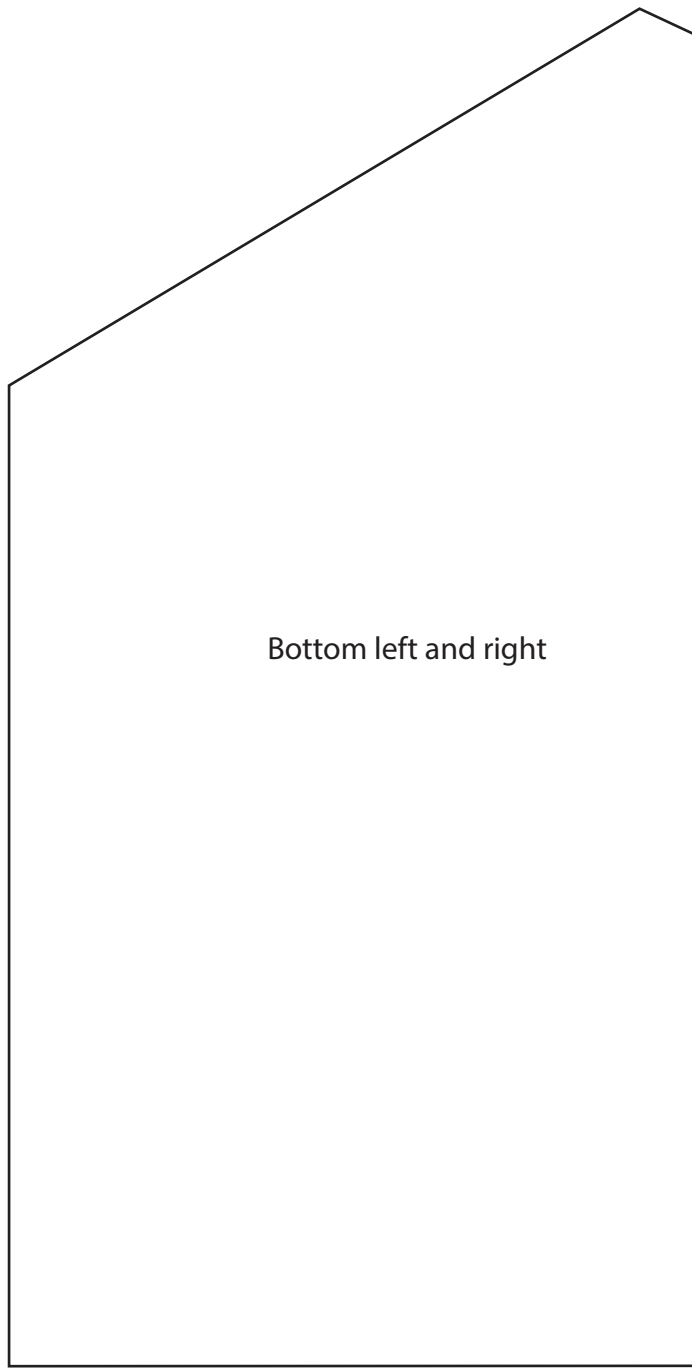
16. Thread with 30 wt. cotton on top and sewing thread in the bobbin.
17. Stitch ¼" from each seam, quilting the tree.
18. Because we wanted a rather flat profile to our pillow, we made a pillow form using INSPIRA® In-R-Form batting alternative.
19. Cut two pieces of INSPIRA® In-R-Form batting alternative 15¾ x 17¼".
20. Place wrong sides together.
21. Select stitch **1.1.5** .
22. Sew around the pillow form leaving a 5" opening for stuffing.
23. We won't turn the form, just stuff it lightly with fiberfill. When finished, zigzag the opening closed.
24. Place pillow back right sides together with the pillow front.
25. Snap on your Piping Foot.
26. Select straight stitch **1.1.1**.
27. Sew around the pillow leaving a 9" opening along the bottom to insert the pillow form.
28. Clip the corners, turn and press.
29. Insert the pillow form.
30. Sew the opening closed.





Side pattern piece B

Join here to pattern piece A



Bottom left and right