



# Modern Trees Table Runner

14" x 84"

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## Inspiration:

I love celebrating the holidays and decorating my house in bright Christmas décor. I also love the look of raw edge applique and thread sketching. Brightly colored fabrics and thread sketching create a whimsical and modern table runner for your holiday table.

## Materials:

- Background and binding fabric - 1 ¼ yards
- Tree fabric – 6" x 9" scraps, enough for 30 trees
- Small scraps for tree trunks
- Backing – 1 yard
- Batting – 20" x 90" piece
- Coordinating thread for piecing
- Contrasting thread for thread sketching and quilting
- Basic sewing and quilting supplies

## Machine and accessories:

1. MC15000
2. 1/4 " seam foot O
3. AcuFeed Flex Dual Feed Foot





4. Darning foot PD-H or Free motion quilting foot QC or QO
5. Quilting guide bar

### Cutting:

- Cut the background fabric into 3 strips that are 28 ¼" x 14" each.
- Cut a 3" strip out of 15 of the scraps and then subcut into 3" tall triangles using the 60° lines on your ruler.
- Cut a 4" strip out of each (30) scrap piece and then subcut into 4" tall triangles using the 60° lines on your ruler.
- Cut a 5" strip out of 15 of the scraps and then subcut into 5" tall triangle using the 60° lines on your ruler.
- Cut 15 scrap pieces for small tree trunks that are 1" x 1 ¾".
- Cut 15 scrap pieces for large tree trunks that are 1 ½" x 1 ¾".







## Making the table runner:

- Stitch the background panels together along the short edge with  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance. Press seams open.
- Place triangles  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " from the bottom of the long edges of the table runner leaving approximately  $\frac{1}{4}$ " between trees. Alternate between the 4" and 5" triangles along the length of the fabric. Glue or pin in place leaving a small opening at the bottom for the trunk.
- Lay a 3" triangle on top of the 4" triangles  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " from the bottom of the 4" triangle.. Glue or pin in place to create the small trees.
- Lay a 4" triangle on top of the 5" triangles  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " from the bottom of the 4" triangle.. Glue or pin in place to create the large trees,
- Add a  $1" \times 1\frac{3}{4}"$  tree trunk to each of the small trees tucking the top edge under the triangles. Glue or pin in place.
- Add a  $1\frac{1}{2}" \times 1\frac{3}{4}"$  tree trunk to each of the large trees tucking the top edge under the triangles. Glue or pin in place.



## Stitching and quilting:

1. Baste the top, batting and backing together to form a quilt sandwich.
2. Attach Darning foot PD-H or Free motion quilting foot QC or QO. Use contrasting thread to outline the trees. I outlined each tree twice, creating organic drawn lines.
3. Suggested quilting: horizontal lines using a snowflake stitch in white thread. Use AcuFeed Flex Dual Feed Foot to quilt. Place the quilting guide bar so that it sits  $1"$  to the right of the needle. To create the stitch:





- a. Press the program key.
- b. Select quilting stitch 24.
- c. Change the stitch length to 4.0.
- d. Press the space key seven times.
4. Quilt spacing the lines 1" apart.
5. Trim around the edges.
6. Cut five 2 ½" strips to make binding. Sew together and attach to table runner using your preferred method for binding.

