

# Christmas Botanics

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## Foundation Pieced Christmas Stocking Foundation Pieced Tree Skirt

Finished Size: 18" Long

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All seam allowances are 1/4". Please read all instructions before starting your projects and press carefully after each step, always pressing light to dark unless otherwise indicated. Increase templates 400%.

### Fabric Requirements Stocking:

- A. Muslin 2/3 yards.
- B. 1/4 yard M4875 ALABASTER.
- C. 1/4 yard 4850 BLOSSOM (RED).
- D. 1/4 yard 4850 WILLOW (GREEN).
- E. 1/3 yard 3504 WINE.
- F. Cotton Batting 1/3 yard.

### Fabric Requirements Tree Skirt:

- A. 2 yards 4850 BLOSSOM.
- B. 2 yards 4850 WILLOW.
- C. 3 1/2 yards 3504 WINE.
- D. 2/3 yard 4916 WINE.
- E. 60" sq. Cotton batting.
- F. 2 yards Wine colored ribbon, 1/2" dia.

### Stocking Instructions:

Cut 3 stocking templates from muslin. Cut one stocking template from Fabric E. (Be sure it is facing the direction you want your stocking to hang. When you cut, it should be right side down and the toe will face that direction when you're finished.) Also cut one template from your batting. From one of your muslin stocking pieces cut 4 1/2" from the top. This is now your cuff template. Use this to cut a piece of the Fabric B. Now is the time to embroider on the top if you choose.

Cut a 3" x 6" piece from Fabric E. This is your hanger. Press in half, open and press both sides to the middle fold. Press in half and stitch 1/8" along each long side.

Cut 1" to 2" strips from Fabrics C and D for stripping.

Use a glue stick to glue your first strip across the middle of your short stocking piece. It doesn't have to be straight. Lay the next piece right sides together on top of the glued piece and sew using a 1/4" seam. This is called flip and sew and the foundation keeps everything nice and square.

Now just keep repeating this step until the whole stocking is covered in a crazy quilt effect.

Flip your stocking piece over and trim along foundation.

Sew your cuff to the top. Place your batting on the back and stitch in the ditch to quilt. You don't have to stitch in every seam. Every 3" is fine.

If you want to use decorative stitches or metallic threads to embellish, that's fine.

Now lay the front and back of your stocking right sides together and stitch around leaving the top open. Repeat with the muslin pieces for lining, leaving a place in the back large enough for your hand to fit through to turn.

With stocking body right side out and lining inside out put the body inside the lining, making sure your seams line up. Fold the hanger in half and place folded side down between the stocking layers on the back of the stocking where the seams come together. Stitch a 1/4" around the top of the stocking.

Turn stocking right side out through the hole in the back of the lining. Stitch hole closed and put lining down in the stocking and top stitch 1/8" around the top of the stocking.

### Tree Skirt Instructions:

From Fabric A tear down the center printed line as we will use the lighter two reds as foundation. Trace and cut as many of the tree skirt foundation pieces as possible on this piece of fabric. You should get about 10. You need 14 total so cut the remaining pieces from the lightest three greens from fabric B.

From Fabric D cut out 14 poinsettias. Be sure to add 1/4" all the way around each one. Use a glue stick to glue the poinsettias on point at the end of each foundation piece, making sure they are centered. Alternate colors as desired.

Cut 2" strips of remaining Fabrics A and B. Also cut 9 2" strips of the Fabric C. To begin, lay a strip of Fabric C right sides together on top of the bottom left side of the poinsettia. Stitch 1/4" seam and fold down. Now with the darkest green repeat the steps on the bottom right. Sew and flip using the same red and the same green on the top edges of the poinsettia on the same sides. Red will always be on one side and green always on the other. Continue alternating the various shades of green and red from side to side all the way to the top of the foundation.

For the next foundation do the same thing only switch which side the colors are on. This time it will be red on the left and green on the right.

Continue alternating with the colors to create a pattern as shown in picture.

When all fourteen foundations are complete you can sew them together.

Quilt as desired. Stitching in the ditch is nice and feel free to use decorative stitches or metallic threads to embellish.

You will need to piece a 60" backing for your tree skirt.

From remaining wine splash cut enough 2" strips to make 350" of bias binding.

Use the ribbon to make 12" ties for the skirt. Sew them on with the binding, making sure they match up with the opposite side.

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