



LLOG BOM DEC22 – CHRISTMAS TREE

This is classed as an Intermediate block but with all the triangles I've had you doing, I know you can do this! The original Victorian block is on the right, the one on the left is my modern adaption. This block is on point, but when making it you will flop it over onto its right side. You will make all your half square triangle blocks first though, so let's start there. I worked with ¼ yards. Let's work on the Victorian version first and then you can adapt it to whatever you want afterwards.

All sewing is ¼". **READ** this whole explanation before you begin.

Cut 1- 2 ½" strip from both your **red** and **white** fabrics folded right sides together, **width of fabric**. Starting on the **non-folded edge, subcut into 15- 2 ½" squares**. This gives you 2 extra half square triangle blocks in case needed. Now match a red to a white square, white side up, and using a Fons & Porter add a seam 1/5" ruler, if you have one, position the line diagonally on the white square and mark a line down both sides of the ruler, then you will sew on the two lines and cut between them on the diagonal. If you do not have this ruler, then mark the diagonal with a pencil and sew down a ¼" from both sides of the line. Press the seams open and trim to 2" squares by lining the diagonal line on your ruler down the seam. Looking at you red fabric separate into the left and top facing triangle and the bottom and right facing triangles based on the design of the fabric. 15 squares for each Stack.

Next take the remaining **red** strip and unfold and cut **1 - 2 ½" square** and **subcut diagonally**. Now take the remaining **red 2 ½" strip** and trim **to 2 inches wide** and **subcut 4- 2" squares**. **Now if you still have enough fabric left on the strip, trim it to 1 ¾" wide** and **subcut to 1- 4 ¾" rectangle**, else cut from your other remaining **red** fabric. The last **red** fabric cut you need to make is **1- 3 7/8" square, subcut diagonally once**.

Now let's cut the remaining **white** fabric. Take the remaining **white** fabric strip **trim to 2" wide** and leave folded. We need **2- 2" squares, 2 - 3 ½" rectangles** and **2 - 8 inch rectangles**, so depending on how much is left on this folded remaining strip, 14 inches of folded fabric will give you all 3 of these sizes by making one cut for each. If you do not have this much cut the rest from your other remaining white fabric. You will also need **1- 3 7/8" square subcut diagonally once**, and **1 - 8 X 5" block, fold this in half wrong sides together, for "4 x 5" and subcut out your template pieces**. (By folding wrong sides together we will get both sides in 1 cut!)

Now we start sewing pieces together!

Take 4 - 2" half square triangle squares, all with **red to the left and top of the square**, and sew them together into a strip, left to right! Do this three times. Set aside.

Next take **4 - 2" half square triangle squares**, all with **red to the right and bottom of the square**, and sew them together into a strip, left to right! Do this two times. Set aside.

We start on the bottom left half of this block by working on the trunk of the tree. Take the **2 white blocks cut with the template** separated and right sides up, with the shortest square edge facing in to each other and place one of the two triangles cut from the **single diagonally cut red 2 ½" square**, long edge of triangle is on the right side facing down, to that short straight edge of the block that is marked and sew them together. If

you have positional fabric check your fabric before you sew it down. Then press open and trim points hanging off the block. Do this for both sides.

Next take the **red 1 3/4" X 4 3/4" strip** and sew to the two sides we just attached the red triangles on. Red triangles should be on the bottom of the block! Press to the red strip in the center on both sides.

Now take one of the **3 7/8" red triangles** and sew it to the top of the block just made above. Press open. Then take one of the **3 7/8" white triangles** and sew it to the bottom of the same block, press open.

Next take one of the **4 piece half square triangle strips** with the **red triangles facing left and top**, and sew it to the top side of block with the **trunk top(single red triangle, facing up on right)**, to check compare to bottom left third of marked block below.

Now we work on putting together the right side of bottom of the picture.

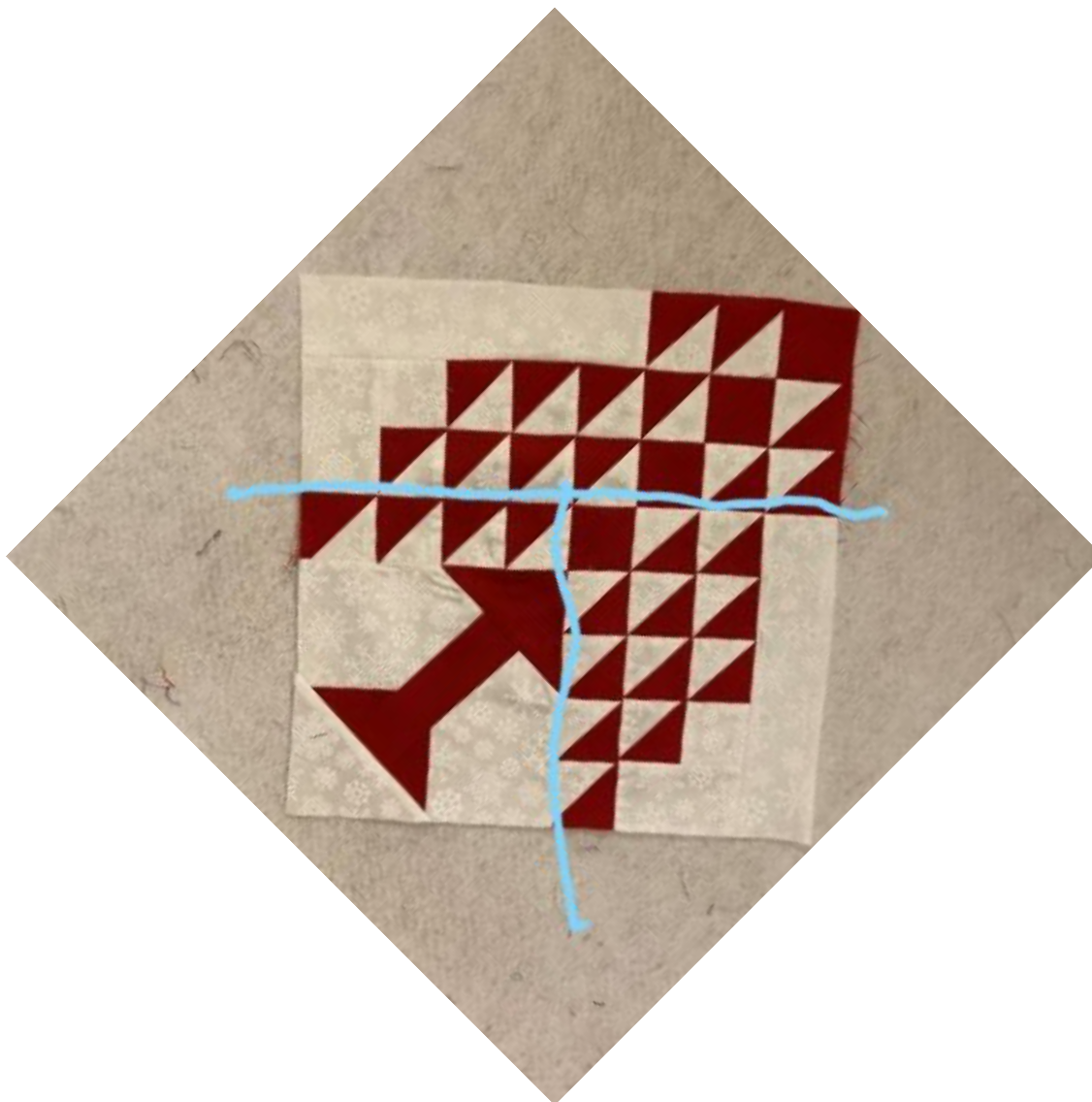
Take one of the **2" red squares** and attach it to the **top** of one of the **4 piece half square triangle strips** with the **red triangles facing the bottom and right** side of the block. Then take the other **4 piece half square triangle strip** facing in the same direction and attach a **white 2" square** to the bottom of the strip. Sew these two strips together, press the seam open.

Next take 3 more of the **red facing bottom and right, half square triangles** and sew them into a strip going down, press seams open. Then attach one of the **white 2" X 3 1/2" rectangles** to the bottom, press the seam open. Now attach one of the **2" X 8" white rectangles** to the **right** of the previous strip. Take this strip set and attach it to the first strip set so that the **red 2" square** is on the **top left**, and the **white 2" X 8" rectangle** is on the **left outside edge**. Press seams open. Compare to right bottom right of picture. Sew the two blocks

together, trunk block on left and press open. **NOW for the top!**

Take the last 2 **red, left and top facing, half square triangles** and sew them together left to right, press open. Next sew a **2" red square** to the **right** side of the **2 half square triangles**. Next sew the remaining **2" x 8" white** strip the **left** side of the strip you just made. This is the top row of the tree.

Next you will take **1 - 2" red square** and sew it to the **left of 1 - right and bottom facing red half square triangle**. Press open, then sew 1 of the remaining **4 piece half square triangle blocks to the left** of the block you just sewed together. Now sew a **2" white square** to the **left** of that. Press all seams open. This is part of the second row down



Take the last **2 red half square triangles**, with the **red** triangle facing to the **right** and **bottom**, and sew them together left to right. Next sew the **last 2" red square** to the **left** of the two triangle strip you just completed. Press open. Now sew the **last remaining 4 piece half square triangle strip set** to the **left** of the strip you just pressed open, and press the new seam open. This is part of the third row of the top section. Next sew the second row section to the top of the third row strip, press open, then sew the **last 2" X 3 1/2" red strip** to the left of these two rows, press open. Now sew the first row to the top of the second/third row strip set, matching points. Press open. Then sew the top section to the bottom section. Press open. Phew, we're done!

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