

Hi Everyone,

With school house blocks now made and as we are heading very quickly toward Xmas, I feel it may be appropriate to create some trees blocks.

You may decide to make a new Xmas piece, or something more art like, or some pieced blocks to go with the school house blocks or even create a new project like a family tree.

There are lots of ideas, with many different pieced and applique patterns to be found in magazines & on line there is plenty of inspiration to be had.



There are lots of different styles of trees, some are more quirky style, others look

more realistic—there is no right or wrong way to make your block/quilt. Choose a method you have not made before, or look through your many books and magazines to find a pattern you like.

Some of you may like to challenge yourself with small piecing — this type of tree would need Shoo Fly units of finished 1½" size to make a 9" finished tree block.....have fun!



Perhaps you like Half square triangles and would like to make a "Tree of Life" - there are many variations to this style.

Or perhaps you would prefer to make a bigger quilt with a silhouette style tree



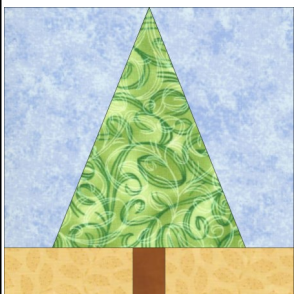
There are so many options to have fun playing with this month:)

On the next page I have given 2 very simple pieced blocks for 9" finished to match the school house block.

## Cupboard to Creativity November 2025

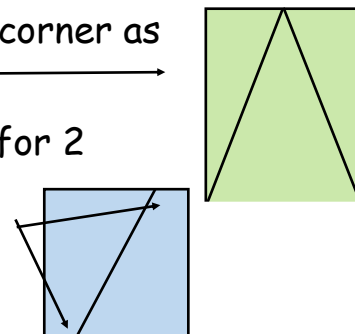
### Trees

Both of these blocks are a finished size of  $9\frac{1}{2}$ " including seams



For this simple tree cut the tree fabric  $8\frac{1}{2}$ " ht x  $6\frac{1}{2}$ " wide. Cut from centre top to each bottom corner as shown.

For sky cut 2 of  $8\frac{1}{2}$ " square ( enough for 2 blocks) With right sides together measure in  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " from top right and bottom left corner and cut as shown.



This has been made generous enough to sew then trim after constructions for easy construction to 8"ht x  $9\frac{1}{2}$ " wide

For the ground cut  $2" \times 4\frac{1}{2}"$  (x 2) and trunk  $2" \times 1\frac{1}{2}"$ .

Sew the blue onto each side of the tree, make up the trunk row and attach by matching at the centre, block should now measure  $9\frac{1}{2}"$  square incl seams..



This tree is made up on 6 rows — all of cut width of 2".

Row 1 (top): cut tree piece  $3\frac{1}{2}"$  & sky (x2) 5"

Row 2: cut tree  $5\frac{1}{2}"$  & sky (x2) 4"

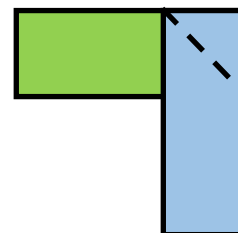
Row3: cut tree  $6\frac{1}{2}"$  & sky  $3\frac{1}{2}"$

Row 4: cut tree  $7\frac{1}{2}"$  & sky 3"

Row 5: cut tree  $8\frac{1}{2}"$  & sky  $2\frac{3}{4}"$

Row 6: cut ground (x2)  $4\frac{1}{2}"$  & trunk  $1\frac{1}{2}"$

To join the sky and tree pieces place the sections right sides together and at a right angle to each other & sew across the corner.



Repeat for the other end on each row

—check each row measures  $9\frac{1}{2}"$  long.

Join the trunk and ground strip, then sew all strips together to make your block—it measures  $9\frac{1}{2}"$  including seam allowances.

Have fun making your trees .....Jan P