

## Quilt-as-you-go Fabric Scrap Decorations

This is a quick, fun project that will use fabric and batting scraps. The results could be Christmas ornaments, coasters, gift or wine bottle tie-ons, card inserts, decorate cabinet knobs, etc. Or make a garland using several of them!

Supplies..... A piece of backing (6"x8") ...or other sizes

A piece of batting (same as backing)

Fabric scraps in strips of various widths (approx. 3/4"-1 1/2")  
Paper and shapes for patterns (cookie cutters, etc. or see last page)

Narrow ribbon

Embellishments (optional)

Sewing machine, etc.

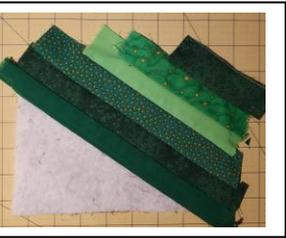
Pinking shears or pinking blade on your rotary cutter- if you have them.



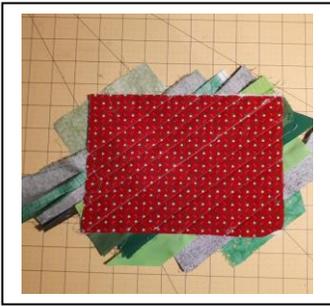
**The instructions here apply to the tree (shape on last page). Perhaps it would be a good idea to try it first, then you can see how you can adjust the size of backing you will need for other shapes. 6" X 8" will give you 2 trees.**

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1. Place your 6" x 8" backing right side down, cover with batting
  2. Place 2 strips (approx. 11" long), right sides together, corner to corner diagonally across the batting

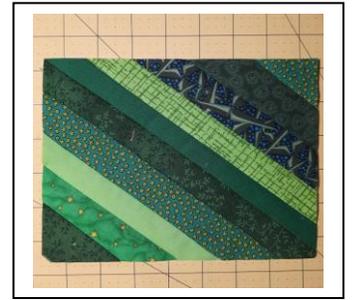
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3. Sew a 1/4" seam, along one side, through all 4 layers.  
Flip the top strip to the right side, finger press.

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4. Add the next strip. Continue as in #3, adding one strip at a time, right sides together.  
Stitch, flip, press until you get to the corner.

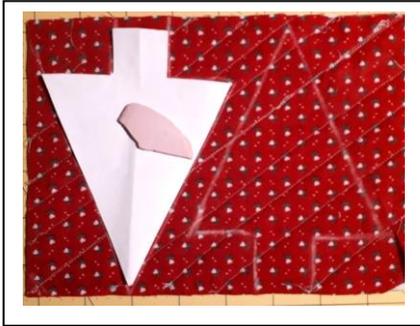
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5. With one half of the batting covered, turn the rectangle and repeat - stitch, flip, press until all the batting is covered.



6. Turn the piece over, backing side up, and trim off the excess from the edges.



*Right side will now look like this.*



7. Using a pattern, trace your shapes onto the backing. Don't go any closer than to ¼" from the edges. For the trees, trace one top up, the second upside down to fit them on the fabric.

**8. At the sewing machine, sew along your traced lines, all around the shapes.**



9. Cut the shape out about 1/8"-1/4" away from the sewn line. You can use regular scissors if you don't have pinking shears.



10. If you are going to hang your decoration, sew a ribbon loop to the top of the backing.



11. If you wish, you could embellish with a decorative machine stitch. For hanging ornaments, you could also embellish with beads, buttons, or other.



