



Create a Christmas heirloom with a simple cross-stitch design, strip piecing and a quilt ruler. You'll be amazed at how easy it can be!

# Miniature Tree Skirt

Cross-Stitch Design by Christy Schmitz  
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**Skill Level:** Beginner

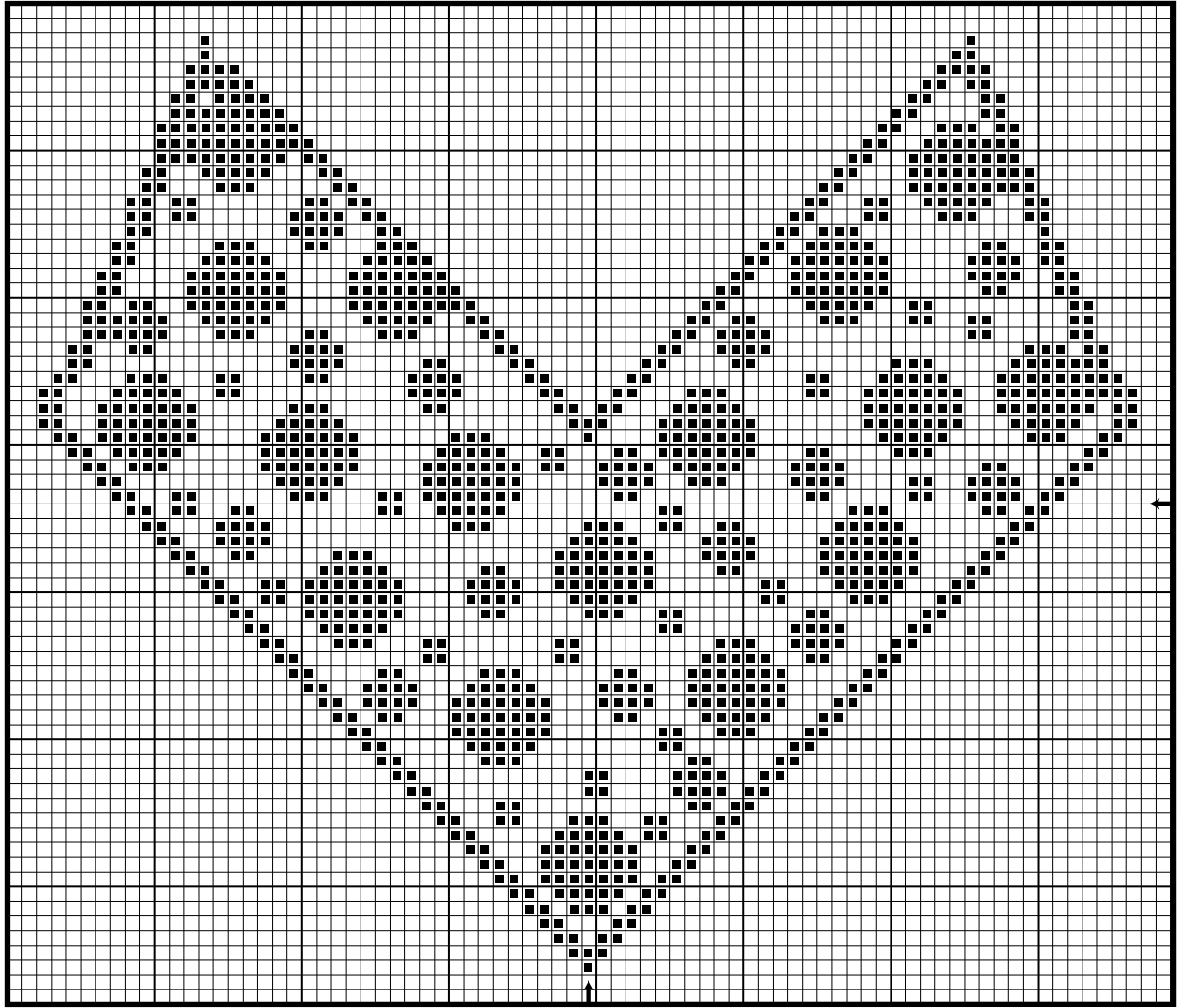
**Materials**

- Four 18" x 14" pieces 28-count antique white linen from Wichelt Imports Inc.\*
- One spool Sulky Cotton Petites\*\*
- Size 24 tapestry needle

\*See *Where to Find It* on page 74.

\*\*Refer to color code.

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### Sulky Cotton Petites

DMC® Alternatives Listed in Parentheses

- 1147 (321) Christmas red

**Stitch Count:** 64H x 75W each

**Design Size:** 5 $\frac{3}{8}$ " x 4 $\frac{7}{8}$ " each

**Instructions:** Center and trace the Cross Stitch Panel (provided on page 4) onto a linen rectangle using a water-soluble marker. Transfer all marks. Cross stitch over two threads using one strand of floss.

Repeat for remaining panels.

Stitched by Michelle Munger & Sherry Robertson

### Finishing Materials & Instructions

$\frac{1}{4}$  yard each 3 assorted red tonals  
(or 6 assorted red 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ "-wide  
precut strips)\*

$\frac{5}{8}$  yard red tonal dot\*

$\frac{1}{2}$  yard red stripe\*

Backing to size

Batting to size\*

Thread\*

22.5-degree Squedge  
ruler\* (optional)

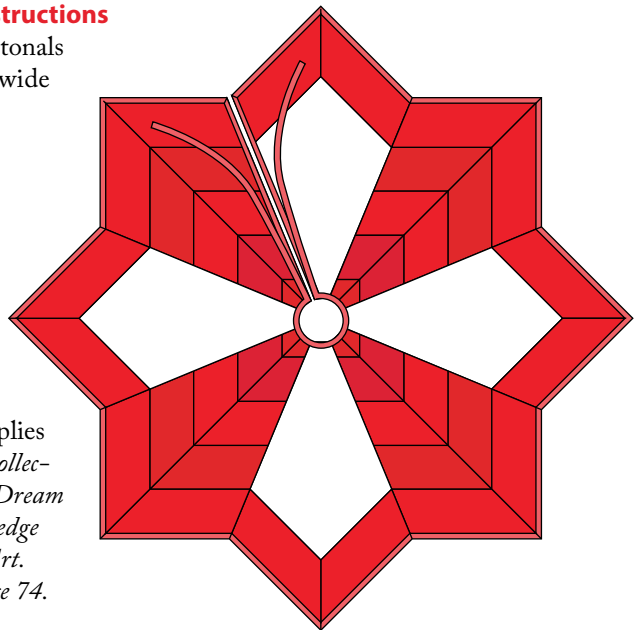
Water-soluble marker

Template material

Basic sewing tools and supplies

\**Winter Wonderland fabric collection from Moda; Quilters Dream Cotton Select Batting; Squedge ruler from Phillips Fiber Art.*

\*See *Where to Find It* on page 74.



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Placement Diagram Approximately 28" diameter



## Cutting

Make templates using patterns given and cut as per instructions.

### From 3 assorted red tonals:

- Cut 2 (2½" by fabric width) A strips from each fabric.

### From red tonal dot:

- Cut 2 (2½" by fabric width) A strips.
- Cut 4 (2½" by fabric width) strips  
Subcut strips into 16 (2½" x 10")  
B strips.

### From red stripe:

- Cut 5 (2¼" by fabric width) strips for binding and ties.

## Completing the Panels

Join four different A strips on the long sides to make a strip set, offsetting each strip about 2" as shown in Figure 1. Press seams in one direction. Repeat to make a reversed strip set.

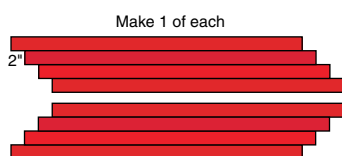


Figure 1

Using the wedge template (provided on page 5) or the 22.5-degree Squedge ruler, cut four left wedges from the strip set referring to Figure 2. Repeat to cut four right wedges from the reversed strip set, again referring to Figure 2.

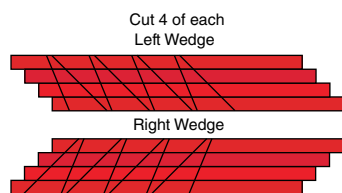


Figure 2

Center and stitch a B strip to the wide end of each wedge as shown in Figure 3.

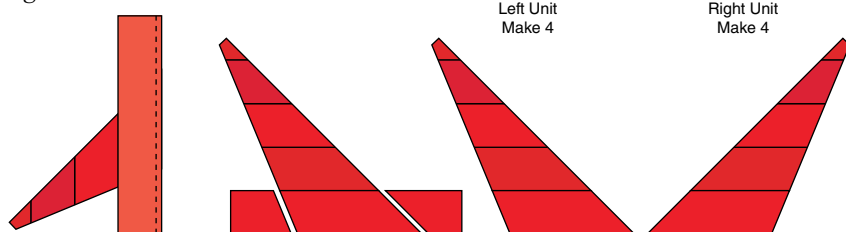


Figure 3

Trim strip ends even with the long edges of the wedges to complete four each left and right units, again referring to Figure 3.

Stitch one left and one right unit together on the longest edges, matching seams as shown in Figure 4; press seam open. Repeat to make a total of four pieced panels.

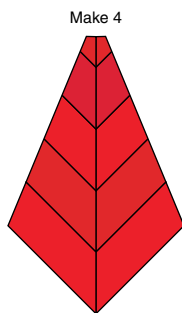


Figure 4

Cut out the completed cross-stitch panels on the outside solid lines.

**Note:** Make sure to transfer the dot from the cross-stitch template to the point of each panel.

Center a B strip on one bottom edge of a cross-stitch panel. Stitch from dot at point to outside edge as shown in Figure 5.

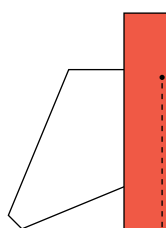


Figure 5

Repeat on remaining bottom edge, starting again at dot and stitching to the outside edge.

Fold panel in half right sides together, matching bottom strip edges, and stitch strip ends together at a 45-degree angle from the dot to the outside edge to complete a mitered corner seam as shown in Figure 6. Trim seam allowance to ¼" and press open.

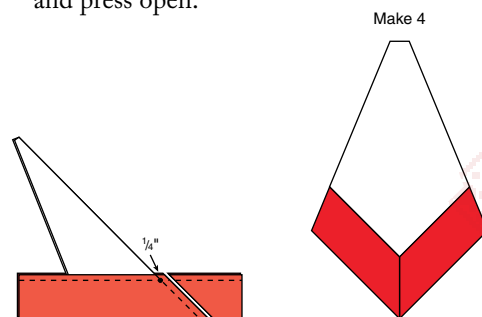


Figure 6

## Completing the Tree Skirt

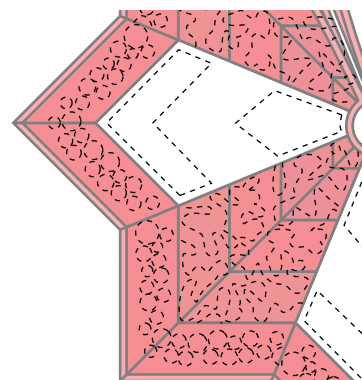
Stitch the eight panels together, alternating pieced and cross-stitch panels. Do not stitch the last seam to connect into a circle.

Cretae a quilt sandwich referring to Quilting Basics at Annie's Stitch Guide. Quilt as desired.

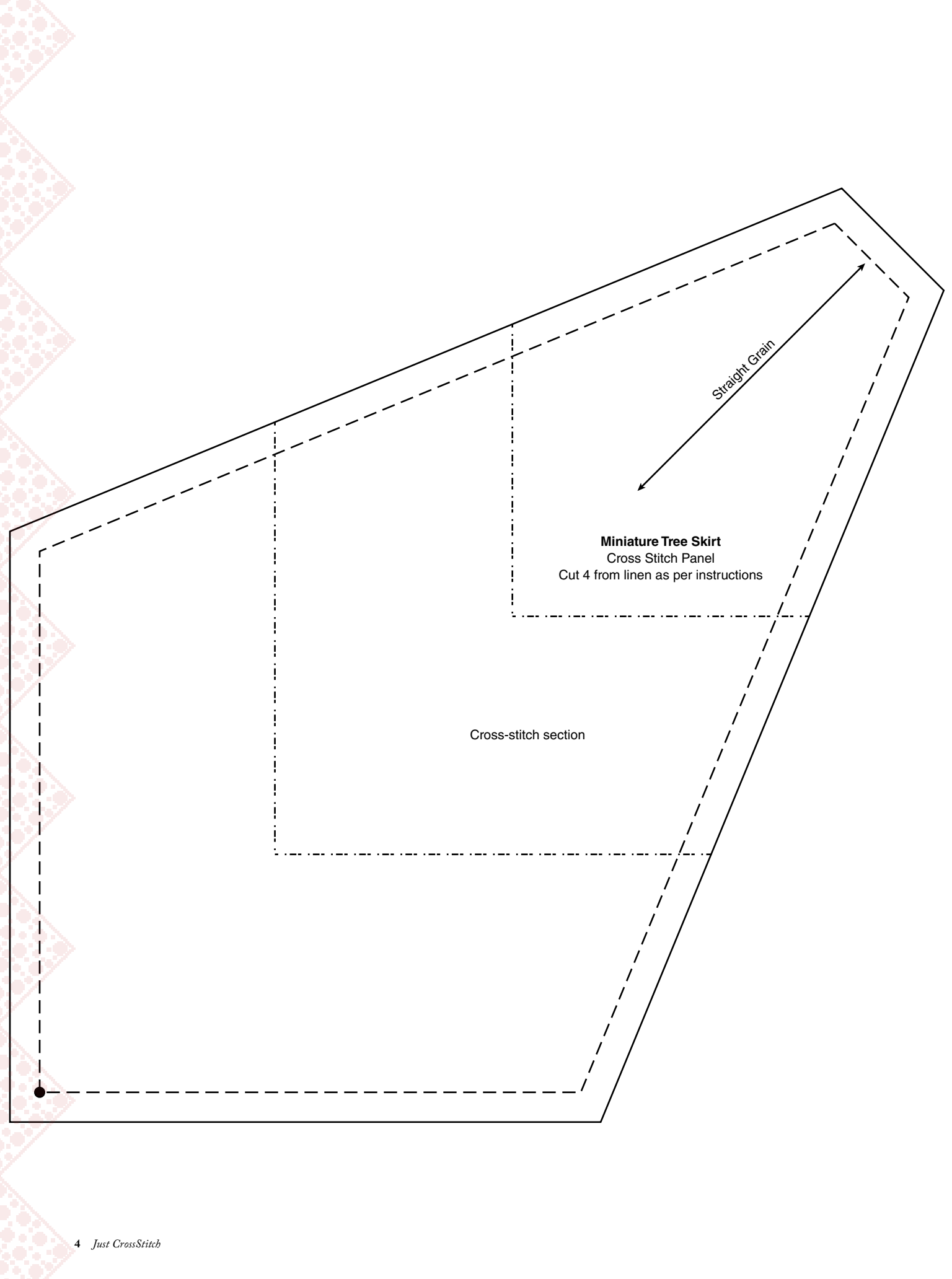
Place the center circle template (provided on page 5) over the center of the tree skirt; mark and then cut out the circle. Trim all other edges even with the tree skirt top.

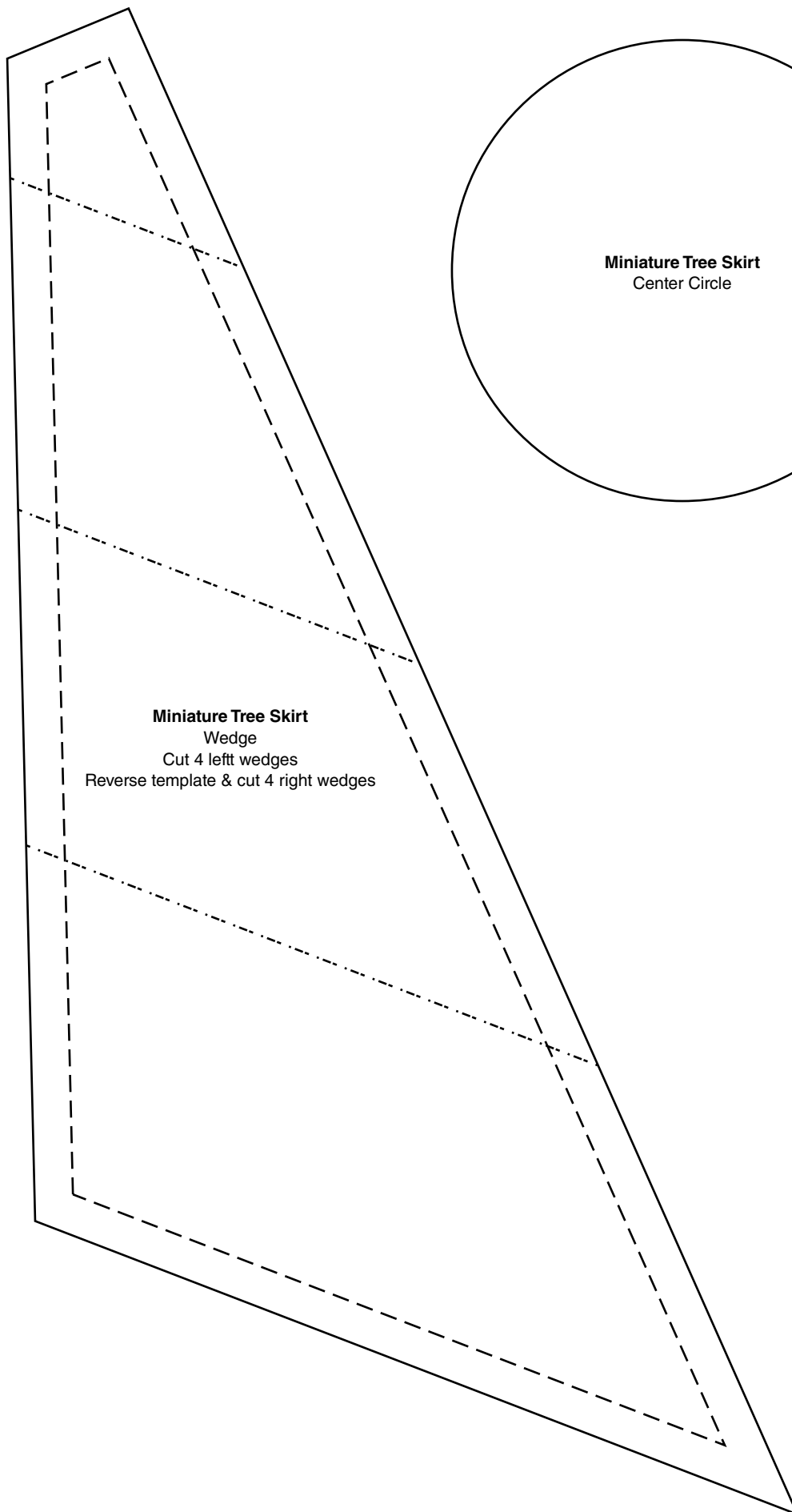
Bind referring to Quilting Basics at Annie's Stitch Guide, beginning and ending at the open edges of the center circle and leaving 15" excess binding at each end for ties.

Fold tie ends under and then each length in half; topstitch along edges to finish.



Miniature Tree Skirt  
Quilting Diagram





**Miniature Tree Skirt**  
Wedge  
Cut 4 leftt wedges  
Reverse template & cut 4 right wedges



**Miniature Tree Skirt**  
Center Circle