CHRISTMAS TREES

Got lots of leftover batting? How about 2 ½" Christmas fabric strips? Make wonderful trees as gifts or add to your own holiday decorations. Easy to make triangular trees can be decorated with buttons, beads, Swarovski crystals, bows or tiny little fairy lights

Materials

<u>FABRIC</u> Hoffman CA Fabrics' Jingle PopsTM are wonderful for this project. **<u>BATTING</u>** Use light to medium weight batting. Try Bosal's Katahdin batting pre-cut in rolls $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x 25 yards (enough for 20 strips of fabric). If using leftover batting, select leftovers that are similar in weight. Cut strips $2\frac{1}{2}$ " wide.

To make both large and small trees

0	
Body Fabric	1 yard or 13 strips 2 ½" x 42/44"
BindingFabric	¹ / ₂ yard or 6 strips 2 ¹ / ₂ " x 42/44"
Batting	13 strips 2 ½" x 45" or
	about 1 yard of 45" wide batting

MATCHING COTTON OR POLYESTER THREAD

Use a 50 weight thread like Superior "So Fine" (a fine but strong polyester thread - use a polyester thread if you are going to decorate the trees with lights) This project uses a lot of thread. Before beginning, prefill 2 bobbins. Also, you may need heavy cotton thread to sew the sides (use 12 weight Aurifil cotton, perl cotton or upholstery thread).

EMBELLISHMENTS

Holiday buttons, beads, or holiday colored studded earrings. Try fairy lights (also know as ultra thin LED wire lights or light strings). Find these online (Google "Fairy Lights") or in craft stores. Use a string of 96 on the large tree or 30 on the small tree.

<u>Other Tools</u>: Sewing Machine with a good zigzag stitch, machine needles Microtex 90/14 and Jean's 110/18.

Gridded template plastic 12" x 18 '.

Scissors (both large and small), rotary mat, acrylic rulers, 60mm rotary cutter, small foam core board or design wall, chalk.

Printed in Farmington, ME by Franklin Printing

