



BARGELLO TREE SKIRT OR TABLE CENTREPIECE

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Class Description:

Come along and make this Christmas Tree Skirt – or if you don't need one why not make it into a table centrepiece? Using bargello techniques and a wedge ruler makes it a lot easier than it looks!

Please note – it is essential that you complete some preparation work at home before class

Requirements:

- ½ m each of 9 fabrics
- 1.5m backing
- ½ m binding
- 1.5m wadding

Equipment:

- Rotary cutter, cutting mat & acrylic ruler (6" by 24").
- Sewing machine: don't forget foot pedal, power lead and accessories e.g. feet (a ¼" foot option is important), bobbins, needles plus your manual. (Yes, power lead and foot pedal have been forgotten, do check you have yours!)
- 10 degree wedge ruler (if you have one)
- Thread for piecing (neutral colours are best)
- Thread for quilting (coordinating with your fabrics)
- General sewing kit (scissors, hand needles, thread snips, unpicker, pins, etc.)
- Notepad and pen

Please remember:

- We have 6 sewing machines (Janome M100 QDC) for hire; if you would like to hire one for this class, please do book one in advance – they are available on a first come, first served basis.
- The windows may be opened periodically during the class to allow for adequate ventilation.
- To bring your own equipment where possible.
- Please read the terms and conditions (under "Classes and Demonstrations" on our website).

Bargello Tree Skirt (approx. 46" by 46")



For the top you will need

½ m each of 9 different fabrics, my one has 5 greens and 4 reds, a traditional one could have 3 green, 3 red and 3 gold (try to stick to 2 or 3 colourways otherwise you may lose the swirl effect). These need to range from light to dark in each set.

General Class Requirements

Sewing Machine (including manual and any feet you have – the ¼" option is important)

Power cord and foot pedal for the machine (yes, they have been forgotten!)

Thread for piecing (neutral colours are best)

Rotary Cutter and 24" Ruler

Cutting Mat

10 degree wedge ruler if you have one

General Sewing Kit (pins, scissors, notepad, pen etc.)

Preparation needed before class:

Cut five 3" strips (by WOF) from each colour, then cut in half (on the fold) to give you 10 pieces 3" by approx. 21". Lay out the sets of your fabrics in order from 1 to 9, starting with darkest in each set through to palest in each set.

You may find it easier later if you make a 'fabric map' – snip a small piece off one end of one of each colour strip and attach to the fabric map at the bottom of these notes.

Sewing strip sets



1

2

3

4

5

6

7

8

9

Sew one set together, using an accurate $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance.

Press the seams UP.

Label this as **strip set one**



2

3

4

5

6

7

8

9

1

For strip set two take fabric number 1 and put it at the bottom next to fabric number 9. Sew this set together and press seams DOWN. Label this as **strip set two**



3

4

5

6

7

8

9

1

2

Strip set three – move fabric number 2 to the bottom so that fabric 3 is at the top. Sew together as before, press seams UP and label as **strip set three**.

Continue in this way with strip sets four, five, six, seven, eight and nine, labelling them as you go.

Strip sets 1, 3, 5, 7 and 9 will have seams pressed UP.

Strip sets 2, 4, 6 and 8 will have seams pressed DOWN.

You will have one set of strips leftover, put these aside for now.

You will now be ready to get started straight away at class. If you are unable to do this preparation before class, don't worry, you will just need to spend some time making your strip sets at the beginning of class.

Fabric Map

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STRIP SET 1
STRIP SET 2
STRIP SET 3
STRIP SET 4
STRIP SET 5
STRIP SET 6
STRIP SET 7
STRIP SET 8
STRIP SET 9