RAINFOREST SWIRL TREE SKIRT
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Supplies:
- Sewing Machine
- 2/3 yard (24") of 7 different solid fabrics to form the colors of the rainbow. For a two-toned tree skirt (see Page 5 for two-toned ideas), you’ll need 1 1/3 yards of two fabrics. If using prints, it is best to use non-directional prints.
- 3" of fabric for the ties.
- 1 1/2 yard of 54"-wide backing fabric (if using 44"-wide fabric, you’ll need 3 yards to piece together). Solid fabrics or non-directional prints are best to use.
- 1 1/2 yard of at least 52"-wide quilt batting or fleece.
- Coordinating thread.
- Sewing pins (or clips), fabric scissors, paper scissors and tape.

Prepare Pattern Pieces:

- Print the pattern pages (Pages 6-12) at 100% (no scaling). To do this, make sure your scaling is set to “None” on your Adobe Reader Print Screen. There is a 1" x 1" Test Square on each page for you to make sure it has printed at full scale.

- Cut Pattern Pieces A1 through A7 on the outer solid line (including the shaded areas). Overlap the shaded areas as indicated on the pattern pieces and tape together to form your “wedge” pattern piece, fig. 1.

- Cut Pattern Piece B (Ties).

Cut the Fabric Pieces:

- Cut seven (7) Tree Skirt wedges of your desired fabric as shown in fig. 2. All wedges must face the same direction, so do not fold the fabric and cut some wedges on the wrong side. Notch both the left and right side of each wedge where indicated on the pattern piece.

If making a two-toned tree skirt, you can cut the wedges as shown in fig. 3.

- Cut six (6) ties of desired fabric, fig. 4.

NOTE: The backing fabric and batting will be cut in Step 7, after the top is sewn together.
Assemble:

NOTE: The wedges will be sewn together with a 1/4" seam allowance. The Tree skirt layers will be sewn together with a 1/2" seam allowance.

1. Place all 7 wedges on a large flat surface in the order they will appear on the tree skirt. Determine where the opening will be, usually the part that goes at the back of the tree, fig. 5.

2. Starting with the first wedge after the opening, and working counter-clockwise overlap wedge #2 over wedge #1 right sides together. The curves will go in opposite directions at this point. Align the center notches and place your first pin or clip there, fig. 6. Place your 2nd and 3rd pins at the top and bottom edges of the wedges, then pin in between, easing the curves into one another, fig. 7.

3. Using a 1/4" seam allowance, stitch from top to bottom of wedge, backstitching at each end to reinforce the stitches, fig. 8. Press the seam allowance toward the darkest of the two fabrics, fig. 9. Press again from the right side to ensure the curved seam is nice and smooth.

Repeat this step with the other 5 wedges ending with wedge #7. Do not stitch wedge #7 to wedge #1. This is where the opening of the tree skirt will go.

4. Prepare the 6 ties. Press one short edge of the TIE (Pattern Piece B) 1/2" toward the wrong side. Proceed to press the tie in half lengthwise wrong sides together to create a middle crease, fig. 10. Then, fold each long edge toward the middle crease and press, fig. 11. Lastly, fold and press the tie in half again along all the previous creases, fig. 12. Topstitch as close to each folded edge as possible, fig. 13. Repeat for the other 5 ties. When finished, you should have 6 ties, each 3/8" wide x 9.5" long with one short raw edge.
5. On the right side of the tree skirt, place the ties as shown on fig. 14. Place the middle ties over the center notches, aligning raw edges. The top 2 ties should be placed exactly 1" below the top edge of the wedges and the bottom 2 ties should be placed exactly 1" above the bottom edge of the wedges. Pin, then baste in place 1/4" away from the raw edge.

TIP: Pin or tape the loose ends of the ties to the wedges so they don't get in the way during the next 3 steps.

6. Use the finished tree skirt top as a template to cut the backing fabric and batting. If your fabric or batting is not at least 50" wide, you may need to piece it together first. Make sure that your backing fabric and tree skirt top are placed right sides together when you cut the backing.

Layer your pieces in this order for cutting, pinning and sewing:
**Bottom Layer:** Batting (or fleece)
**Middle Layer:** Backing fabric right side up
**Top Layer:** Tree Skirt Top wrong side up (right sides together with the backing fabric, ties sandwiched in between)

7. Cut backing and batting along the edges including the opening and center hole, fig. 15, then discard the leftover pieces. Pin or clip all 3 layers together along the raw edges.

8. With a 1/2" seam allowance, stitch along the full perimeter of the tree skirt, leaving a 5" gap in between two of the ties for turning, fig. 16.

9. Snip the 4 corners within the seam allowance to reduce bulk, then turn the tree skirt right side out through the 5" gap. Use a blunt tool to push out the corners and ensure the curved edges are nice and smooth. Gently tug on the 6 ties to ensure they are pulled out all the way. Press well.

10. Fold the edges of the gap 1/2" toward the inside, then topstitch along the full perimeter of the tree skirt, closing the gap in the process. Quilt as desired.
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1" x 1" TEST

RAINFRO TREE SKIRT WEDGE
Cut 7

1/4" SEAM ALLOWANCE INCLUDED

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B
RAINBOW TREE SKIRT
TIRES
Cut 6

1.5" x 10"

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