

## Red Forest Blocks



Fabrics: 1 red, 1 cream, 1 black or dark grey

NO Solid fabrics – use a print for texture.

- You can make a **maximum of 9** blocks in July.
- Please add the tag **red forest** to your posts
- If you make more than one set of blocks (3 per set), you can use the same fabric in more than one set IF you don't repeat two fabrics from another set. Make each block a unique combination of the three fabrics.

**Red** must be predominately red – red on red or red with cream, black, or grey bits. No other colors should be in the red.

**Cream/off white** must be predominantly cream – cream on cream or cream with bits of red, black, or grey in it. No other colors should be in the cream.

**Black or dark grey** must be predominantly black/grey - tone on tone, or black/grey with bits of red or cream in it. Black with white in it is ok. No other colors should be in the black/grey.

Each person will make a minimum of three blocks because it takes all three colors to make one block. There will be a maximum of 9 blocks per person.

### Instructions

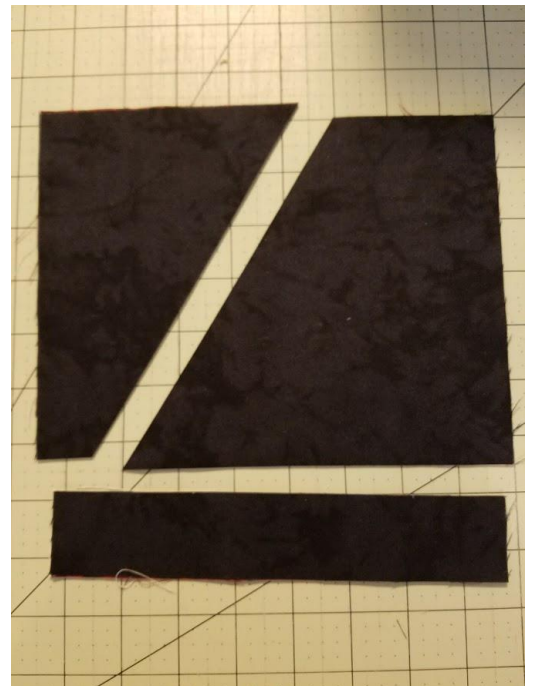
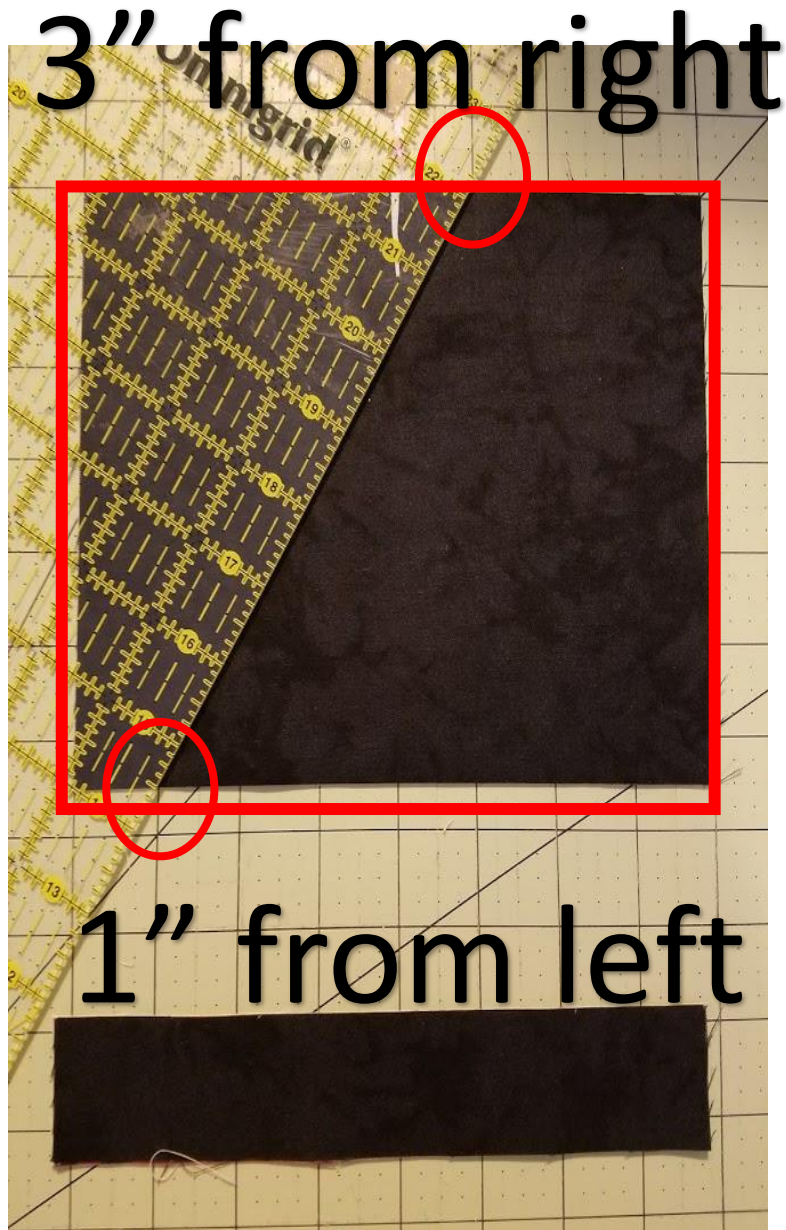
1. Cut one 8" square out of a red, black or dark grey, and a cream fabric.



2. Stack them on top of each other **right sides up** matching edges perfectly.
3. Make a cut 1 ½" from the bottom through all three layers.

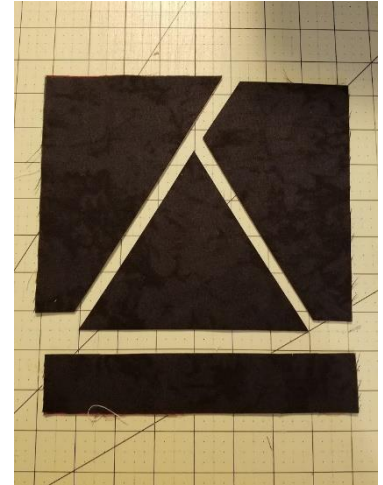
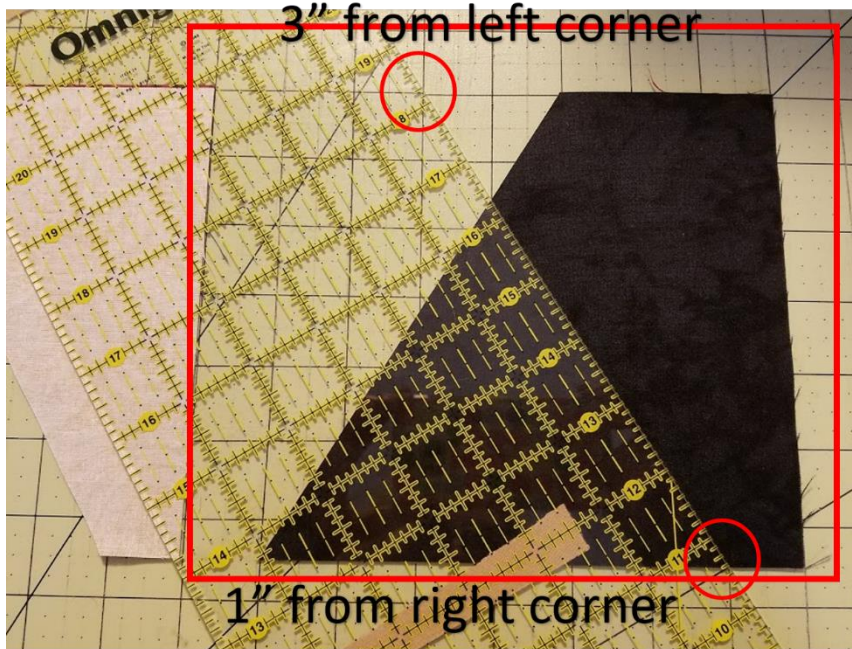


4. Move the 1 1/2" x 8" rectangle out of the way. Align the remaining fabric stack exactly on the grid on the mat. Make a cut through the three layers of rectangles beginning 1" from the bottom left corner to 3" from the top right corner using the grid on the mat.

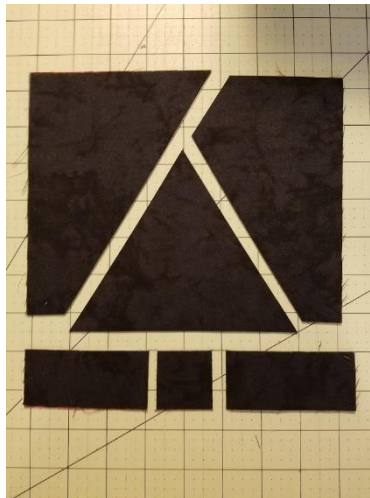




5. Repeat the cut on the other side beginning at 1" from the bottom right corner to 3" from the top left corner of the 8" grid. You may want to lay a piece of fabric to indicate where the 8" grid section is.

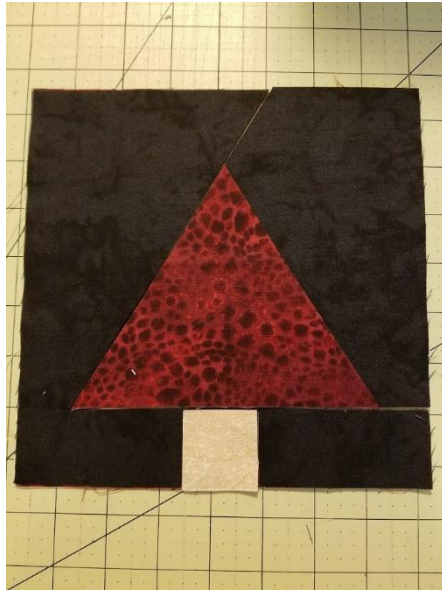


6. Make a  $3\frac{1}{4}$ " cut off both ends of the rectangle at the bottom to form the trunks.



7. Shuffle the stacks:

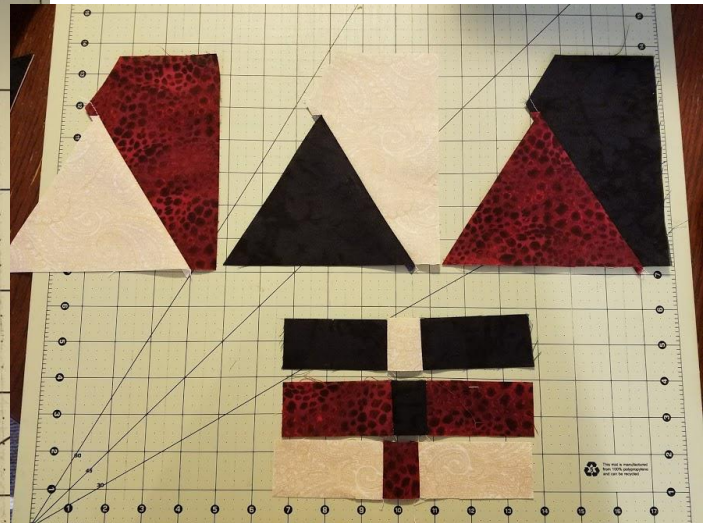
- a. Move the top center tree section to the bottom of the pile.
- b. Move the top **two** trunk fabrics to the bottom of the pile.



8. Using  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seams allowance, sew the tree trunk section together making three tree trunks.

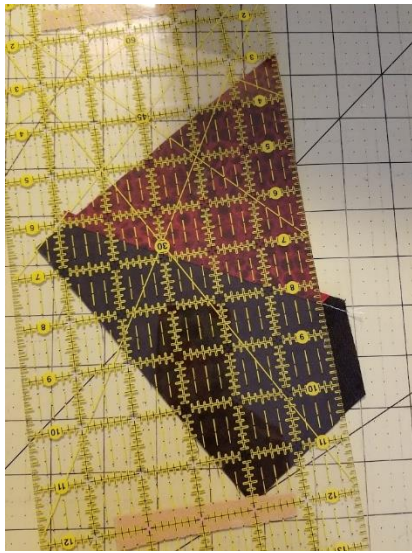


9. Using  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance, sew the right side of the tree background fabric to the trees. **Begin sewing at the bottom right corner NOT the top.** Leave a little "ear" or triangle sticking out at the top.





10. Trim off the excess fabric on the left side.



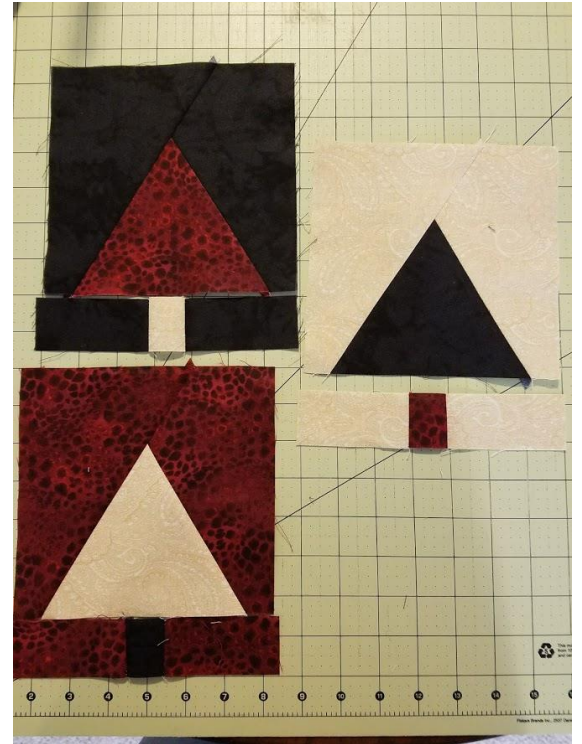
11. Using  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance, add the left background piece to the trees. **Begin sewing at the bottom right corner NOT the top.** Leave a little "ear" or triangle sticking out at the top and the bottom where the quarter inch seam will start.



12. If needed, trim a straight edge on the bottom of the tree. If your ears hung over in step 11 in the right place, you likely won't need to trim.

13. Center the trunk at the bottom of the tree and add it to the bottom of the tree.

14. True the block to  $6\frac{1}{2}$ " wide making sure that the trunk and tree point remain in the center as much as possible. I centered the block on a line on my mat and cut  $3\frac{1}{4}$ " inches off each side of center.



15. True the blocks to  $6\frac{1}{2}$ " tall cutting the excess off the top above the tree.

16. The final blocks are  $6\frac{1}{2}$ " square.

