

# Christmas Tree Card Holder

21" x 35"

## Fabrics:

1/4 yard of 4 green prints (3 for tree and 1 for binding)  
1/2 yard of cream background  
4 1/2" square brown for tree trunk  
2 squares 4" gold for star  
1/2 yard red border  
3/4 yard backing  
5/8 yard of pellon fleece for batting

## Cutting:

Background

Cut 1 strip 14 1/2" wide by width of fabric

Subcut 3 rectangles 7" x 14 1/2"

plus 2 rectangles 4 1/2" x 14 1/2"

Trunk 4 1/2" x 4 1/2"



Choose 3 greens for tree branches. From each fabric cut:

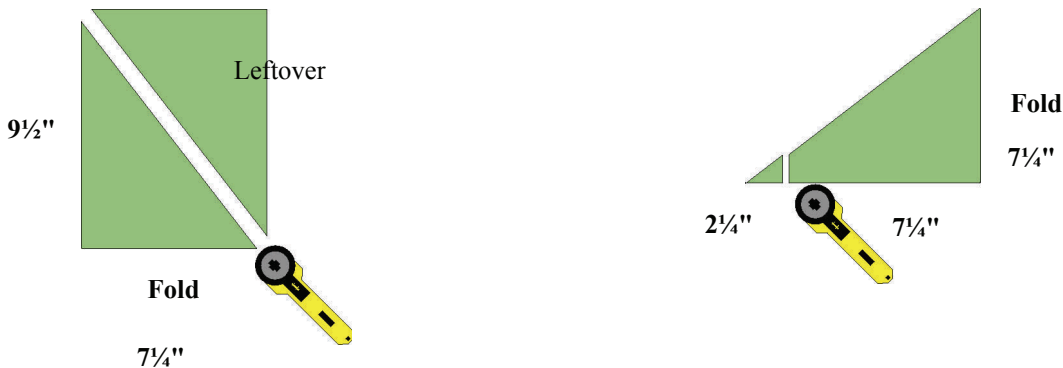
One strip 7 1/4" x width of fabric

Sub cut strip into 2 rectangles 7 1/4" x 19"

Fold 1 rectangle in half to measure 7 1/4" x 9 1/2"

Place fold on bottom and cut from right lower corner to left upper corner. Measure 2 1/4" from triangle tip and trim.

Repeat with second rectangle. Repeat again with each green fabric



Borders Cut 4 strips 4" wide by width of fabric

Binding: Cut 3 strips 2 1/2" x width of fabric

1. The tree branches are dimensional pockets for holding Christmas cards. Take 2 tree branch shapes of the same fabric, open fold and match right sides together of pairs for tree shape. Sew 1/4" along two diagonal sides. Trim corner and reverse. Press edge.

2. Place 1 set of tree shapes on top of each 7" x 14 ¼" background fabric and baste in place along the bottom. Repeat for other two sets.
3. Sew the three sections across bottom 14¼" edge. Leave points hanging free. You will stitch down the points when you quilt the tree in the end.
4. Add one 4 ½" x 14½" rectangle of background fabric to the top of the tree sections. Be careful not to sew in tree point
5. Fold 4 ½" brown square of trunk fabric in half. Sew down long side to make a tube. Reverse and press with seam centered in the back. Does not have to be perfect alignment. Center tree trunk shape on remaining 4½" x 14½" background rectangle. Baste in place. Sew tree trunk bottom section the bottom of the tree sections. The tree trunk is dimensional.
6. Sew borders to long sides. Trim ends. Sew borders to top and bottom and trim.
7. Layer backing, batting and top. Pin and machine quilt stitch in the ditch between background sections and around border. Draw a line down the center of the tree and stitch up the middle with green thread catching tops of trees. Free motion quilting in the background is optional.
9. Sew binding on quilted card holder. Make a small tube of fabric and attach to back as a sleeve for a wooden dowel for hanging..
10. Star - Trace star shape onto back side of fabric. Place 2 fabric squares right sides together. Adjust your machine to a smaller stitch and sew on line. Trim seam allowance to 1/8" from stitching. Slit star cutting on the bias of the grain line in the middle of backside. Reverse star and poke out the corners. Lightly stuff star with polyfill stuffing and whip stitch opening close. Tack to the top of the tree after quilting.
11. Optional : Personalize base of tree with tree skirt and packages.
12. Insert Christmas cards in pockets of tree branches.

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