FABRIC CHRISTMAS TREES
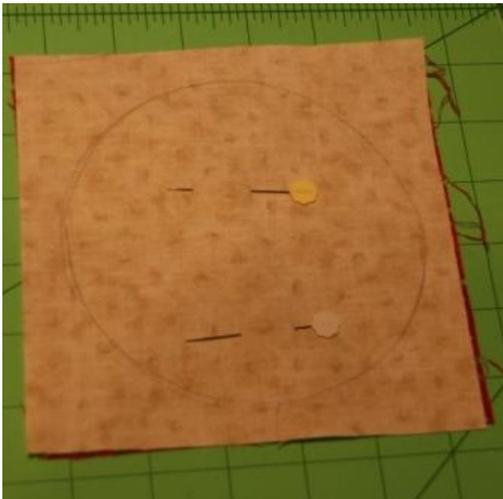## A Fun Tutorial from Quilters World

Use these merry fabric trees to decorate a present or as ornaments for your Christmas Tree. They're quick and easy to make and you can create them any size you want—the trick is in the folding.

Great for all those pretty Christmas prints or you can get creative and make them with any fabric. You can add rick rack or ribbon to look like garland, buttons or charms for ornaments.

We've provided a basic tutorial for making these fabric Christmas Trees but do get creative and improvise. You could even sew them wrong sides together and use decorative edge craft scissors to trim the edges.
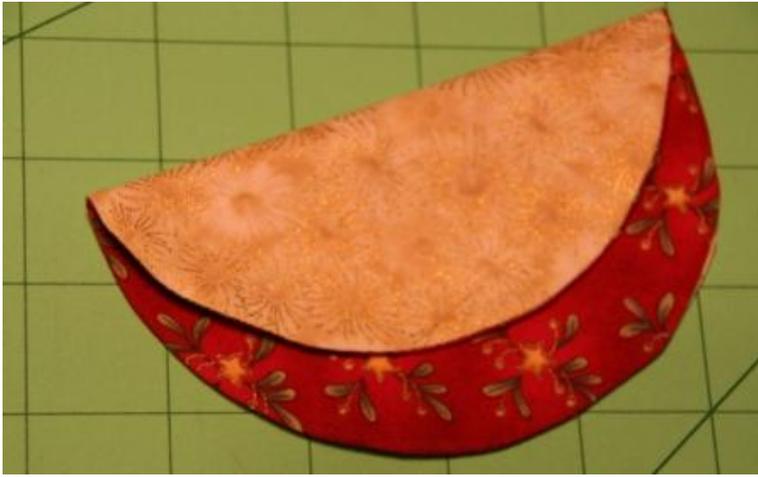Have fun!

1.   Cut two squares from two different fabrics. The size will depend on what size you want your circles.

2.   Place the two squares right sides together and pin the two layers to help hold them while you sew.

3.   Draw a circle (5" in diameter is a good size) on one side of the layer. You can use a compass or whatever round shape you can find in your cupboards.

4.   At the sewing machine, sew around the line, leaving a small gap. Sewing around a curve is easier if you keep your stitch length small—try 1.5 or 2. We closed off our stitching by using a reverse stitch when we started and stopped.

Leave a small opening to pull the fabric through.

5.   Trim excess fabric from around circle. Leave a bit of extra fabric near the gap to tuck inside.

6. Work the fabric through the opening until you have your circle turned right side out.

7. Then tuck the fabric inside the gap and hand stitch it closed.

8. **Now the tricky bit**—Fold into a Christmas Tree shape following our pictures. First you fold over about 1/3 of the circle. Flip over and fold the left corner at an angle, as in photo. The right hand corner is then folded to the opposite edge.

9. Don't forget to sew or glue some ribbon, rickrack or fancy string on before the last fold to use for hanging on your tree.

10. Tack the final fold down with a few stitches.

Voila! You've have a Christmas Tree.

We'd love to see what you come up with. You can send photos by email to info@quiltersworld.com.au of your creations.