

# Around the Christmas Tree

Finished Size is approximately a 42" Circle



*With festive ruffles and gorgeous, Christmas colors...  
This fun tree skirt will leave you wanting to "Rock Around the Christmas Tree!"*

Fabric Requirements (using 42" wide fabric):

Fabric A: 1 1/2 yards\*  
Fabric B: 1 1/2 yards\*  
Felt (or one premade Christmas Tree Skirt for Up-Cycling): 1 1/4 yards Craft Felt (72" wide)

Glue Gun with Glue Sticks  
Matching Thread

\*Fabric Requirements are for a 42" tree skirt. The yardage could vary based on size of the tree skirt and tightness of gathers\*



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### ***Cutting Directions:***

- Fabric A: Cut 18 strips measuring 3" x width of the fabric. A few more or less may actually be needed.
- Fabric B: Cut 18 strips measuring 3" x width of the fabric. A few more or less may actually be needed.
- Felt: Cut 1 circle with a diameter of approximately 42" (larger or smaller to fit your tree). Fold the circle in half, and in half again. Cut 1 line measuring approximately 21" in length following **ONE** of the folds.

### ***Sewing Directions:***

1. With right sides together, sew all of the 3" strips cut from Fabric A together on the short ends, creating 1 very long strip. Do not cut the selvages off, but be sure to sew the seam on the inside of each selva edge. Press the seams open.
2. Repeat step 1 with the strips cut from fabric B.
3. Using a serger or sewing machine, finish one long edge of each strip with a rolled hem or zig-zag edge. You can skip this step if you want a more rustic, frayed look.
4. Using the glue gun place a thin line of glue approximately 1" from the outside edge of the circle, and approximately 8" long. Leave approximately 1" of fabric at the beginning, and gather while placing the top of the strip onto the glue. Continue around the outside edge of the circle, leaving approximately 1" of fabric strip hanging over the edge. You can leave this strip as is, or you are like me (with 5 energetic children and one sweet kitty that loves to play near the tree) you can sew the strip to the felt by using a basting stitch  $\frac{1}{4}$ " from the edge for added durability.



5. Repeat with the strip from Fabric B, placing the glue line line approximately 2" above the previously finished strip, as shown:



6. Being sure each row lines up across the open edge, repeat with remaining strips, alternating fabric A and B, as shown:



7. Continue all the way to the middle of the circle, being sure to leave a circle that will accommodate the trunk of your tree, as shown:



***Finishing Directions:***

1. Cut the opening even with the last edge of the ruffles.
2. Turn the tree skirt with the top facing down. Roll each ruffle to the back, beginning with the outermost ruffle. Pin in place. Continue moving up the open edges, until all the ruffles are folded to the back, as shown:



3. Using a zig-zag stitch, secure each edge of the tree skirt.



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