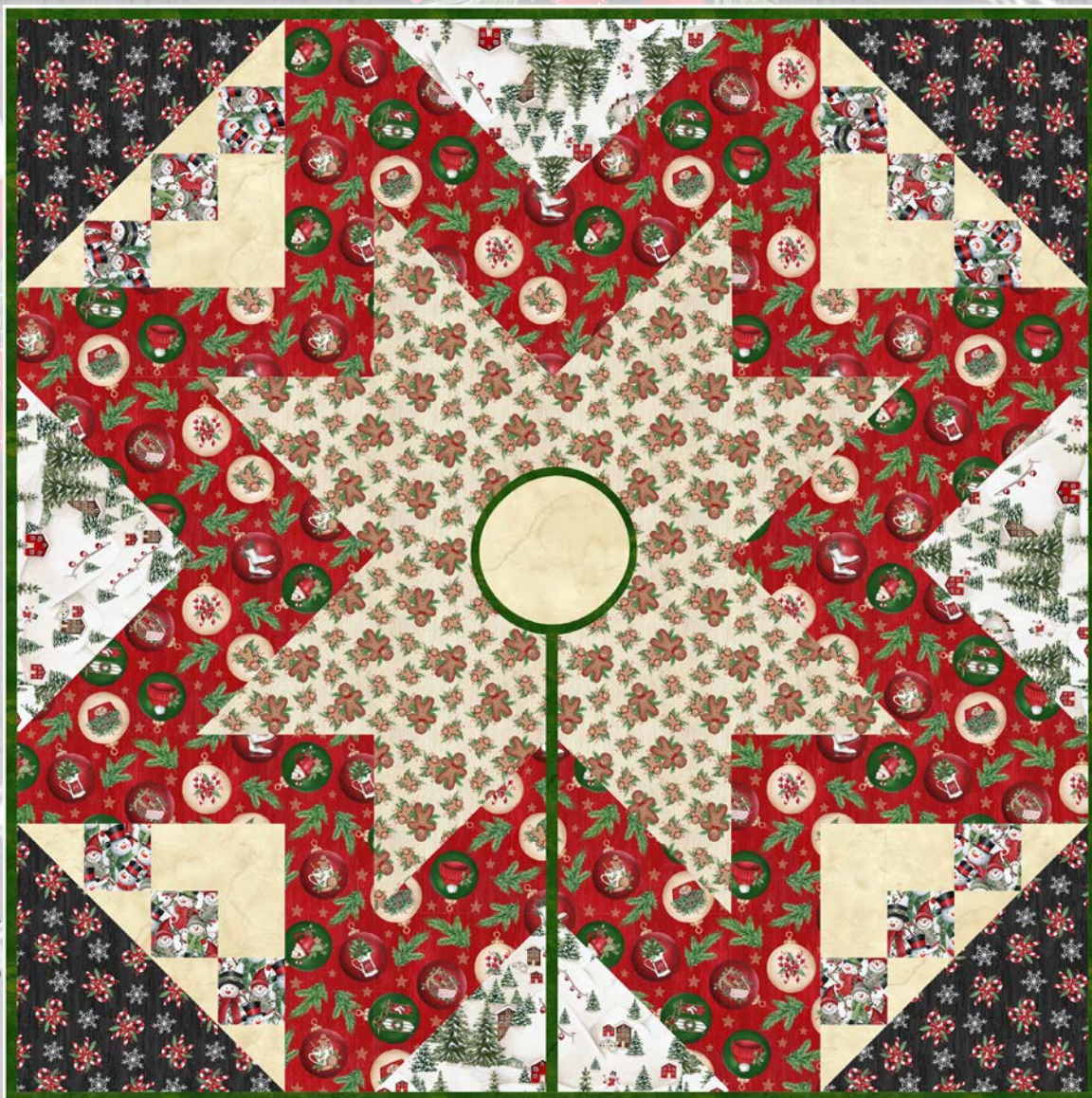


# *Making Spirits Bright*

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Quilt size: 48" x 48"

Skill Level: Advanced Beginner

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# Making Spirits Bright - Fabrics in the Collection



2283-01 Snowy Village  
White



2284-88 Christmas  
Ornaments - Red



2285-99 Candy Canes  
Black



2286-41 Gingerbread  
Cookies - Tan



2287-01 Scenic  
Snowmen - White



2288-01 Winter  
Scenic - White



2289-88 Packed  
Snowmen - Red



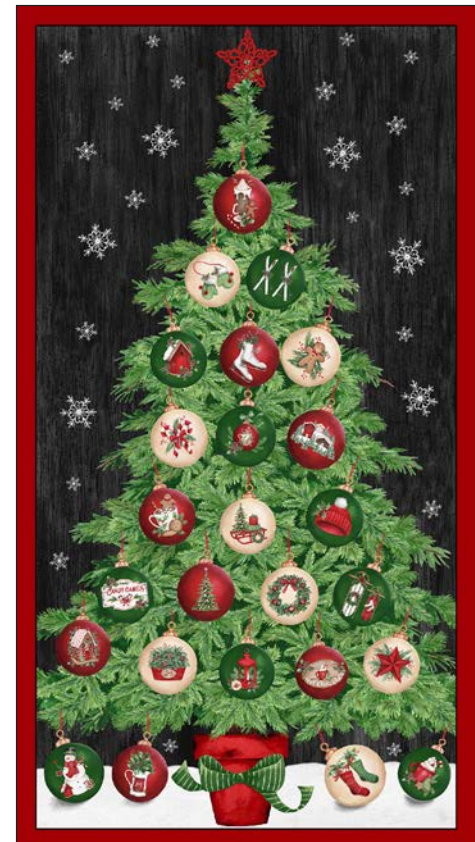
2290-99 Christmas  
Signs - Black



2291-88 Christmas  
Border Stripe - Red



2292P-88 Advent Calendar Panel  
Red



2293P-66 Christmas Tree  
Panel - Green

Selected fabrics from the Urban Legend Collection  
by Tana Miller



7101-41  
Ivory



7101-66  
Hunter

## Materials

*Yardages and cutting instructions are based on 42" of usable fabric width*

1/4 yard 2289-88 Packed Snowmen - Red  
 1/2 yard 2285-99 Candy Canes - Black  
 1/2 yard 7101-41 Urban Legend - Ivory  
 5/8 yard 2288-01 Winter Scenic - White  
 2/3 yard 7101-66 Urban Legend - Hunter  
 1 yard 2286-41 Gingerbread Cookies - Tan  
 1-5/8 yards 2284-88 Christmas Ornaments - Red  
 3-1/4 yards 2287-01 Scenic Snowmen - White  
 for backing  
 56" x 56" piece of Air Lite® Colour Me 100%  
 Cotton batting  
 2 yards green ribbon

## Cut Fabrics

*Note: All strips are cut across the width of the fabric (WOF) from selvage to selvage unless otherwise indicated.*

### From 2289-88 Packed Snowmen – Red:

\*Cut one 3-1/2" x WOF strip. Sub-cut twelve 3-1/2" squares.

### From 2285-99 Candy Canes – Black:

\*Cut one 12-7/8" x WOF strip. Sub-cut two 12-7/8" squares; cut once diagonally. (A)

### From 7101-41 Urban Legend – Ivory:

\*Cut two 3-7/8" x WOF strips. Sub-cut twelve 3-7/8" squares; cut once diagonally. (B)

\*Cut one 6-7/8" x WOF strip. Sub-cut two 6-7/8" squares; cut once diagonally. (C)

### From 2288-01 Winter Scenic – White:

\*Cut one 16-1/2" x WOF strip. Sub-cut four 8-1/2" x 16-1/2" rectangles.

### From 7101-66 Urban Legend – Hunter:

\*Cut eight 2-1/2" x WOF strips for binding.

### From 2286-41 Gingerbread Cookies – Tan:

\*Cut two 8-1/2" x WOF strips. Sub-cut eight 8-1/2" squares.

\*Cut one 16-1/2" x WOF strip. Sub-cut one 16-1/2" square.

### From 2284-88 Christmas Ornaments – Red:

\*Cut two 8-1/2" x WOF strips. Sub-cut eight 8-1/2" squares.

\*Cut two 16-1/2" x WOF strips. Sub-cut:

- Four 8-1/2" x 16-1/2" rectangles

- Four 4-1/2" x 16-1/2" rectangles

- Four 4-1/2" x 12-1/2" rectangles

## Assemble Blocks

*Note: Measurements include 1/4" seam allowances. Sew with right sides together unless otherwise stated. If no direction is specified, press the seam toward the darker fabric.*

1. Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of the 8-1/2" 2286-41 Gingerbread Cookies – Tan squares. With right sides together, layer a marked Tan square on the left short end of an 8-1/2" x 16-1/2" 2284-88 Christmas Ornaments – Red rectangle and stitch on the drawn line. Trim 1/4" away from the seam line and press open. Similarly, stitch another Tan square to the opposite end of the same rectangle (*figure 1*). Repeat to make a total of four 8-1/2" x 16-1/2" flying-geese units.



Figure 1 – Make 4.

2. Repeat Step 1 with the 8-1/2" 2284-88 Christmas Ornaments – Red squares and the 8-1/2" x 16-1/2" 2288-01 Winter Scenic – White rectangles to make four 8-1/2" x 16-1/2" flying-geese units. Sew the Steps 1 and 2 flying geese together and press the seams toward the white print (*figure 2*).



Figure 2 – Make 4.



3. Noting fabric direction, sew a 7101-41 Urban Legend – Ivory triangle B to opposite sides of a 3-1/2” 2289-88 Packed Snowmen – Red square (*figure 3*). Press open. Repeat to make eight units.



Figure 3 – Make 8.

4. Sew two 7101-41 Urban Legend – Ivory triangles B to adjacent sides of a 3-1/2” 2289-88 Packed Snowmen – Red square, press open and trim ears (*figure 4*). Repeat to make four units.



Figure 4 – Make 4.

5. Sew two Step 3 and one Step 4 units together. Repeat to make four strips. Sew a 7101-41 Urban Legend – Ivory triangle C to the right side of each strip as shown below, then sew a 2285-99 Candy Canes – Black triangle A to each unit to make four 12-1/2” corner blocks (*figure 5*). Press open.

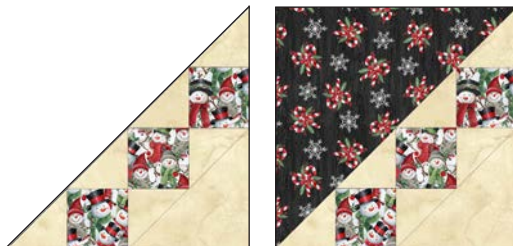


Figure 5 – Make 4.

6. Sew a 4-1/2” x 12-1/2” 2284-88 Christmas Ornaments – Red rectangle to the right side of the Step 5 blocks and press open. Sew a 4-1/2” x 16-1/2” Red rectangle to the bottom side of each block (*figure 6*). Press open. The corner blocks measure 16-1/2”.



Figure 6

7. Sew one Step 2 stack of flying geese to opposite sides of the 16-1/2” 2286-41 Gingerbread Cookies – Tan square to make the center strip (*figure 7*). Press the seams toward the center.



Figure 7

8. Noting block orientation, sew a Step 6 corner block to opposite sides of one Step 2 stack of flying geese (*figure 8*). Press the seams away from the center. Repeat to make another strip.



Figure 8

9. Noting fabric orientation, sew one Step 8 strip to the top and one to the bottom of the Step 7 center strip to make the 48” x 48” tree skirt (*figure 9*). Press the seams in one direction.



Figure 9

## Finishing

10. Create a quilt sandwich with the batting between the quilt top and the backing. Pin or baste layers together, mark quilting design, and quilt by hand or

machine. When quilting is complete, remove pins or basting, and trim batting and backing even with raw edges of the quilt top.

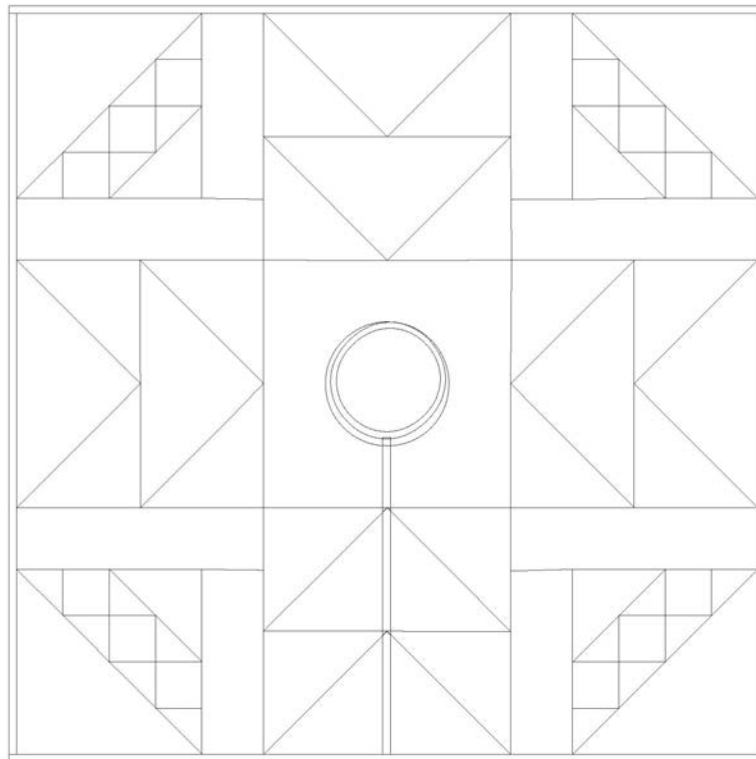
11. Draw a 4" or 5" circle (its size will depend on the tree trunk's diameter) in the middle of the tree skirt and cut on the outline to remove the center. To cut the tree skirt opening, draw a straight line from the circle at the center of the quilt to the center of one of the edges of the skirt. Cut along the drawn line.

12. Join two 2-1/2" 7101-66 Urban Legend – Hunter bias strips end to end. Fold in half lengthwise and press. Ease the strip around the circle and pin. Sew it to the edges of the circle, fold the binding to the back

of the quilt and stitch it in place by hand. Trim the ends of the bias strip even with the opening.

13. Join the remaining 2-1/2" 7101-66 Urban Legend – Hunter binding strips together end to end using a diagonal seam to make one long strip. Fold in half lengthwise and press. Sew binding to the edges of the quilt, beginning at one corner of the center circle and making sure the binding extends out about one inch. Miter the corners while stitching around the tree skirt. Fold binding to the back of the skirt and stitch it in place by hand to finish, turning in the ends of the binding at the circle.

14. Sew three 10" lengths of ribbon to each side of the opening, evenly spaced, to tie the tree skirt.



Quilt Diagram

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