

## *Piecing your Dreams*

### **PATTERN AND CLASS PREPARATION**

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This pattern is called “My First Tree.” It comes in two pieces:

(1) The **guide** is a smaller picture of the final quilt. It is colored so you can see the major areas of the design, especially clumps of foliage. DO NOT think of this as a color guide! For example, you might want each clump of foliage to be lighter on top and darker on the bottom. Or you might want all the clumps to be the same general colors.

(2) The **template** is full-size and printed on freezer paper. It is reversed, so the labels on the pieces read backward.

Class preparation:

(1) On the template, make a mark near the top of every piece, to show which way is up.

(2) Cut the pieces of the template apart with an X-acto knife. Organize them so you can find the piece you want.

(3) Think about the colors you would like for your quilt, and collect lots of fabrics to choose from. Scraps are fine, as these pieces are small. Prints are more fun than solids.

Equipment to bring:

(1) A portable “design wall” at least 15” wide and 20” high. This can be as simple as a piece of flannel or batting attached to cardboard.

(2) Your collection of fabrics, guide, and template pieces.

(3) For cutting, a mat, ruler, and rotary cutter.

(4) Bring an iron and board if you can, although some irons will be provided.

(5) MANY pins. Finer is better.

(6) A lead pencil, plus other things for marking fabric of various colors. Yellow and white colored pencils are good, as are gel pens. You will be making dots on the back of the fabric. A pencil sharpener will be provided.

(7) Sewing machine, thread, scissors.