

RGVQG Schoolhouse Class – July 16, 2026

Christmas in July – Dale Shafer

Supply Lists

A.M. - Scandinavian Stars – You'll have time for at least two stars

Choose two coordinating Christmas fabrics for each star, one dark fabric and one light fabric will look good. Slightly thicker fabric, like Kona Cotton, doesn't work as well as regular quilting cotton. Cut two rectangles from each fabric – 12" x 3 ¼". Press as you would for a double-fold binding or purse handle – in half, lengthwise, then fold each raw edge into the fold and press again. Using starch is helpful but not required. Bring your prepared strips to class.

P.M. - Small & Large Christmas Tree Wall Hangings

Decide whether you want to make the small tree, out of one focus fabric, or the larger tree, out of many fabrics. You may want to do both!

For the small size: 1 Fat Quarter of “busy” Christmas fabric

1 Fat Quarter of background fabric

(a snowy-looking fabric or one with snowflakes looks really good)

One 3”x3” square of brown fabric (for trunk)

Border fabric – I used 3” strips

Cut 4 - 2 ½“ strips from “busy” Christmas fabric

Cut 3 – 2 ½" strips from background fabric

There are two ways to construct this tree, and we'll go over both, so just bring your cut strips, extra fabrics and the trunk and border fabric.

For the large size: All of your squares do not have to be different - I duplicated several of my fabrics two or three times - but lots of variety is a good thing.

Cut from assorted “mostly green” Christmas fabrics – six squares at 4” and fifteen squares at 3 ½". From ½ yard background fabric, cut six squares at 4”. From brown fabric (for trunk), cut 1 square at 3 ½”

Bring your cut squares, background fabric and border fabric (I cut mine at 4 ½") to class.

Sewing machine, in good working order. Threads to match your chosen fabrics. Small ruler, small square-up ruler, long ruler for borders. The usual sewing notions, mechanical pencil, tweezers.