

QuiltingArts

# Wonky Fabric Trees

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Have fun painting canvas in custom patterns and using that fabric to create these funky Christmas trees. They are sure to be a festive addition to your holiday décor.

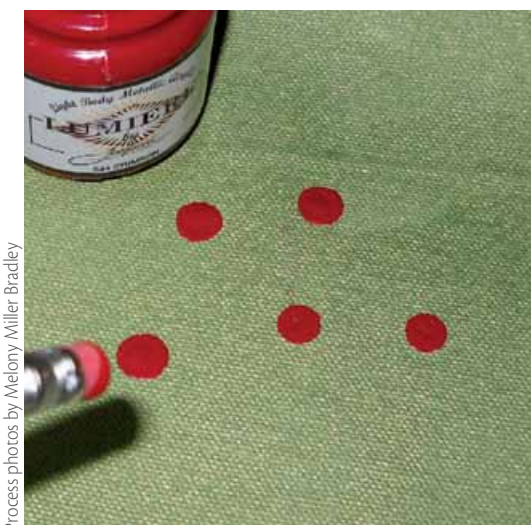


FIGURE 1



FIGURE 2



## PAINT THE CANVAS

1. Paint the first piece of canvas citrine, and allow it to dry. Using the eraser at the end of a pencil as a stamp, apply crimson polka dots over the first layer of paint. (Figure 1)
2. Paint the second canvas turquoise. When it is dry, use a black fabric marker to apply faux script. Start with a capital letter and then let the word trail off in illegible scribbles. (Figure 2)
3. Paint the third canvas metallic silver. When it is dry, drip turquoise paint across the surface.
4. Paint the last canvas in gold, white, silver, and turquoise patches. Dip the lid of a soda bottle into crimson paint and stamp across the surface.

## MATERIALS

For one tree

Finished size: 4½" × 8"

- Canvas, 4 pieces 7" × 7"
- Burlap, 7" × 3"
- Wooden candlestick, 5"
- Fabric paint in turquoise, white, brown, crimson, citrine, gold, and metallic silver
- Paint brush
- Card stock
- Black fine-point marker
- Polyester stuffing
- Fabric glue
- Stamping materials: pencil with eraser, soda bottle lid
- Rotary cutting supplies
- Thread
- Sewing machine
- Iron and pressing surface

## ASSEMBLE THE TREE

1. Cut each canvas into 2–3 strips, up to 3¼" wide. (Figure 3, next page) Sew 2 strips right sides together, using a ¼" seam allowance. Press the seams open. Add two more strips, making a rectangle that incorporates all 4 fabrics. Repeat this step to make a second piece.

*Tip: Cut some of the strips at a slight angle to add to the wonky effect of the trees. If you prefer, you can substitute a strip of burlap for one of the canvas pieces.*

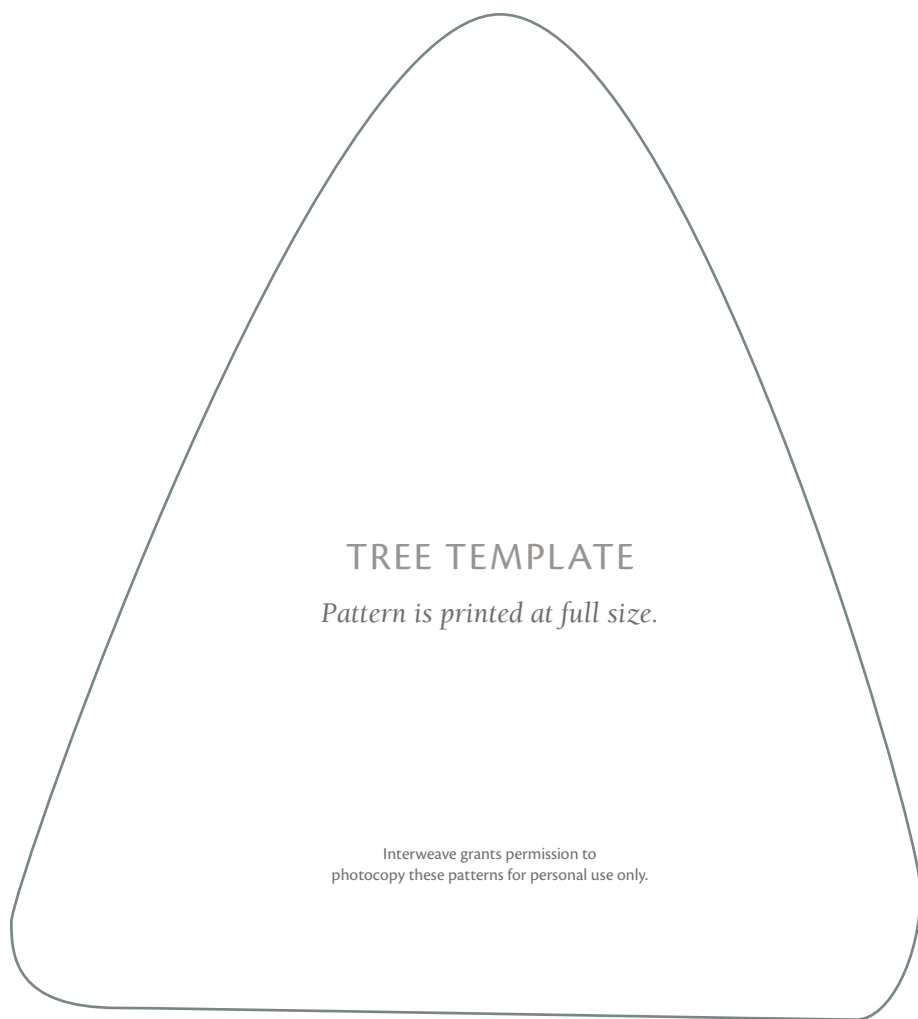
2. Trace the pattern on the next page onto card stock. Trace around the



FIGURE 3



FIGURE 4



pattern with a permanent marker onto the front side of one of the pieced rectangles. (Figure 4) Sew the two canvases together with wrong sides facing, using a  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance inside the drawn line. Leave a 2" opening in the center bottom for stuffing. Trim the excess canvas on the drawn line.

3. Lightly stuff the trees with polyester stuffing. Test the fit of the candlestick in the opening. Sew the opening partially closed for a snug fit around the candlestick.

Paint the candlestick brown. When dry, add some silver paint with a dry brush. Place a generous amount of tacky glue on top of the candlestick and insert it into the bottom of the tree. Wipe away the excess glue and press the fabric around the candlestick so it fits snugly. [U](#)

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