

# RUSTIC CHRISTMAS TREES

## SEWING PATTERN

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### Materials

- 1 Pack of DGY Sari Silk Fat Quarters (In Multicolor)
- 1 Ball of DGY 3-Ply Nettle Yarn
- 1 Skein DGY Lace Weight Silk Yarn (In White)
- Sewing machine or sharp, thin needle and thread (not included)
- Scissors (not included)
- Pins (not included)
- Fabric cutting mat (optional, but really useful!) (not included)
- Rotary cutter (optional) (not included)
- Stuffing (not included)
- Sewing thread in a neutral color like brown or cream (not included)
- Pencil / Tailors chalk (not included)
- Iron (not included)

### Pattern Notes

- Finished Dimensions: Approx. 10 cm x 15 cm
- You can either hand stitch or use a sewing machine for this project
- A rotary cutter and cutting mat are optional, but very useful, particularly for cutting neat strips.
- If you are going to use a sewing machine, best to use a 70/10 needle.

### Pattern

**Step One:** First, gently hand wash your fabric. Be careful to only wash like colors together as some of the fabric may run. Air dry and iron flat with a cool iron. Then, cut strips of fabric, approximately 3 - 5 cm wide. No need to worry if the strips aren't perfectly straight. You can also mix and match the thicknesses of the strips. Just a note that silk can fray quite a bit, so rather cut larger strips that you can trim down later.

**Step Two:** Line up 2 strips, right sides together (if applicable) and stitch together along one side. You can either use a sewing machine or hand stitching. The stitching does not need to be perfectly straight, in fact, a little bit skew adds to the charm!

**Step Three:** Open out and iron the seams flat.

**Step Four:** Repeat to add the remaining strips (6 or 7 strips in total) until your striped fabric measures at least 15 cm tall. You should now have a rough rectangle of colored strips stitched together. Iron the rectangle and trim any seams if needed.

**Step Five:** Trace two triangles onto the striped fabric using tailors' chalk / pencil / wash out embroidery marker. If you don't have any markers, you can also cut the triangle template out of paper and pin it to the fabric.

**Step Six:** Cut out the triangles and pin them, right sides together.

**Step Seven: Make the tree trunk:** In the color that you want to use for the trunk, cut a piece of silk approximately 6 cm x 4 cm, fold it in half and pin either side of the trunk. Sew up each side, leaving the top end open. Turn the trunk out and stuff lightly.

**Step Eight: Assemble the tree:** Sew along either side of the tree as indicated in the diagram, using a seam of approximately ½ cm to 1 cm. Make sure to leave a gap along one side as indicated. I found it easier to hand sew this part, but you can also use a sewing machine if preferred. Leave stitching the bottom of the tree for now, that will be explained in the next steps.



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### Pattern (CONT.)

**Step Nine:** Before sewing the bottom of the tree closed, make sure to insert the tree trunk. Remember that you are working inside out, so the open part of the tree trunk needs to be sticking out.

**Step Ten:** With the tree trunk inserted, stitch across the bottom of the tree. Turn the tree out and stuff. Sew closed the hole in the side using invisible stitch.

### Variation On The Tree:

- Trace out 2 triangles onto a piece of sari silk (solid color). Don't cut it out just yet!
- Using white silk yarn, embroider small 'v's randomly on the triangles.
- Continue from step 6 of main method above.

### Finishing Off:

Cut a piece of nettle yarn approximately 15 cm long. Tie a knot in the end to form a loop. Using a sharp needle and thread, secure the knot onto the top of the tree. Trim any ends if required.

