Textured Tree Quilt Block – Nodja's Way

Tree: -Use any GREEN fabric; cut a piece 6" by 20"

-Pleat it into a 6" by 8" rectangle (any size or angle pleat)

-Cut a light weight iron-on interfacing 6" by 8" (provided)

-Iron it to the back of the pleated green fabric (cut off any left over green fabric)

-With pleats facing down, fold in half to get a 3" by 8" rectangle

-Mark the center top then unfold

-Draw a line from the lower left to the center mark; then draw a line from the lower right to the center mark

Section 1-Background: -Cut a piece 10" by 10" (provided)

-Measure over 3" from the left and mark; then measure over 3" from the right and mark

-Cut diagonally from mark to mark

-Mark down 2" from the top on the fatter end along the cut diagonal side for one; mark down 2" from the straight side for the other piece.

-Using the diagonal side and the straight side, line each one up with the lines on the pleated tree, matching the top peak of the tree. Sew with a ¼" seam. The space of the background fabric should be 1 ½ above the tree after sewing and pressing.

-Trim the bottom even. Cut off any extra green pleats, then press the seam out.

Section 2-Trunk: -Cut a piece 2" by 10½" (provided), then cut in half

-Cut a piece 2" by 2" of any BROWN fabric

- Sew the 2" by 2" piece between the two 2" by 5¼" pieces

-Press the seam over the Brown piece of fabric

-Sew this unit to the bottom of the Tree, section 1 and press the seam down

Section 3-Presents: -Cut a piece 4" by 10½" fabric any color and pattern

-Sew this to the bottom of the Trunk, Section 2 and press the seam down

End: -Trim or not; I squared up to 10¼" by 12¼"