

Festive Tree Fireplace Garland

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Project Description

DIY garlands are on trend right now so why not make your own? This fireplace garland project is so easy and a great way to add some festive flare to your holiday decor. The project is great for beginners and even kid friendly to include the whole family. Customize your fabric and embellishment choices to fit your own holiday decor style. The options are truly endless. Once you make one for yourself you'll be making them as gifts for your family and friends too!

Everything you need to complete this project:

- *Tree pattern included with this project. You can adjust the print size if you wish to make your trees bigger or smaller in size.*
- *A 16"x9" cut of fabric will make the front and back of 1 tree. You can make as many trees as you would like for the fullness and length of your garland.*
 - *Recommend using 3-5 different fabric prints to create a festive look. Recommend cotton fabric for easy sewing but you can also use burlaps, corduroy, velvet, etc.*
- *1/2 yard batting. A 8"x9" cut of fabric will make a single tree for the middle layer. You might need more than 1/2 yard of batting if you plan to make more than 10 trees for your garland.*
- *Ribbon (measure the length of your fireplace mantel and add 2 feet for draping)*
- *Buttons or Bells (optional embellishment for each tree you make)*
- *All purpose Sewing Thread (this can match or contrast to your fabric)*
- *90/14 Universal Sewing Machine needle*

- Straight pins
- Marking Pen
- Fabric scissors and/or rotary cutter and mat
- Pinking Shears (optional)
- Iron

Cut:

Type of fabric - cotton is recommended for easy sewing but you can use burlaps, corduroy, velvet, etc.

- 7 cuts at 16"x9" in decorative fabric
- 7 cuts at 8"x9" in batting
- Cut out tree pattern

Steps to Prepare Materials before Class:

1. Fold and press the 16"x9" fabric in half, wrong sides together, to make an 8"x9" shape.
2. Place the 8"x9" batting fabric between the layers of the decorative fabric.



3. Pin the cut out tree pattern to the 3 layers of fabric and batting then cut around the pattern with fabric scissors or rotary cutter.
 - By folding the fabric in half and placing the batting in the middle before cutting you will end up cutting all the tree pieces needed to make one tree at one time. Repeat this step until you have the desired number of trees you wish to hang on your garland.
 - Be sure to use a cutting mat to protect your surface when cutting with a rotary cutter.



4. Be sure to have all your supplies on hand and fabric trees cut prior to the live zoom class so you are able to sew along with us during the class.

Put it All Together:

1. Thread your machine with sewing thread in both the top and the bobbin.
2. Line up the fabric edge to the right edge of the presser foot as a guide as you sew around the tree.
3. Using a straight stitch with Stitch Length of 3.0mm, sew around the edges of the tree through all the layers (two layers of fabric and one layer of batting). Take out the pins before you sew over them!! Use the edge of your presser foot as a guide for the fabric.
 - a. You can begin your stitch anywhere along the tree but I found it easiest to start along the bottom corner as pictured.
 - b. Be sure to do a couple back stitches at the beginning and end when stitching around the tree.
 - c. *PRO-TIP:* When you come to a corner, be sure to leave your needle down before lifting the presser foot to pivot your fabric. This will keep your stitching in alignment as you turn the fabric to sew the next side of the tree.
 - d. You can use a matching or contrasting thread if you want the stitch to blend in or stand out as part of the design.
 - e. For added fun, you can choose a decorative stitch like a zig zag stitch to add a different type of edge along your trees. You could do each one a little differently as well.



4. Repeat these steps for all 7 trees for this garland.
5. Use the pinking shears to trim along the seam edges to give the trees a decorative look. Be careful not to cut your stitching. If you used a decorative stitch you can skip this optional step.



6. Fold your cut of ribbon in half to find the center. This is where your middle tree will be attached.
7. Pin the top of the tree on top of the center point of your ribbon to secure it temporarily.
8. Measure out 8 inches from the middle tree to pin your next tree. Repeat this step until you have 3 trees pinned on both sides of the middle tree each evenly spaced out 8 inches. You will be left with extra ribbon on both ends.

- a. *If your mantle is longer than the standard length then you may want to space your trees out further or make more than 7 trees to create a fuller garland across your mantle.*



9. *Starting with the center tree, place a decorative button at the top point on top of the tree with the ribbon still behind the tree.*
10. *You can use the button foot on your sewing machine to attach the button OR you can hand stitch it into place with a needle and thread.*
11. *Once your center tree and button are secured to the ribbon, take your 6" piece of ribbon and create a loop by overlapping the ribbon ends as pictured.*



12. *Place the crossed part of the loop behind where you stitched on the button and secure this in place with needle and thread.*
- a. *PRO-TIP: You can attach this loop the same time you attach the button to the tree and ribbon with your button foot or by hand with a needle and thread.*
 - b. *This loop at the top of the center tree is to hook in the center of your mantle to create a beautiful drape.*
13. *Continue attaching all of your trees, 8 inches apart, to the ribbon with your decorative button. The only tree that needs a loop at the top is the center tree which we did first.*
- a. *For fun you can layer two different sized buttons like I did in the pictures or you can use bells instead of buttons. You could even find some star shaped buttons or pom poms.*
14. *Once all trees are attached to the ribbon you are ready to hang your garland. I recommend using removable hooks that will not damage your mantle since this will only be hung for a seasonal period.*
- a. *Start by measuring for the center of your mantle. This is where the center tree will be hooked by the loop we attached at the top.*
 - b. *Then take the end of each side one at a time and bring the ribbon to the corner of the mantle creating a drape in your hanging trees across. Secure ribbon on the ends by tying a bow around another removable hook.*

- c. *Take a step back and make sure your drapes are even on both sides across the mantle.*
- d. *Trim any extra ribbon after tying the bow.*

Now you have a festive tree garland to enjoy all season long!

Love this look and want a garland for every season or holiday? Try making another one with a different shape and colors. For example, pumpkins in the fall or hearts for Valentine's Day or bunnies for Easter. The creativity is endless and we hope this project has inspired you to try something new.



