Christmas Tree Heart Cutlery Holder

A five-strip evergreen, two diagonal openings and a hanging loop make a quilted heart for one holiday place setting.



FINISHED BODY

7½ × 7 in

19.1 × 17.8 cm

Width × height, excluding the hanging loop.

CONSTRUCTION

Foundation-piece the tree and trunk. Bind the front pocket, then attach it to the quilted heart.

FULL-SIZE PATTERNS

Templates A–D on pages 6–9



A winter blue variation

Use the same pattern with blue holly on the lobes, five shades of blue in the tree and navy binding. The sewing diagrams follow the red and green arrangement shown above.

The pattern was drafted from the reference photos at the finished size given here.

Cutting for one holder

Dimensions are width × height. The scraps include working room for folding and trimming. Metric equivalents are rounded to the nearest millimeter.

Pattern piece	Fabric	Qty · Size (in)	Size (cm)
Heart face	Holly print	1 · 8½ × 8	21.6 × 20.3
Heart back	Coordinating cotton	1 · 8½ × 8	21.6 × 20.3
Batting	Low-loft cotton	1 · 8½ × 8	21.6 × 20.3
Pocket lining	Smooth quilting cotton	1 · 7½ × 7	19.1 × 17.8
C1 · tree tip	Red with tiny stars	1 · 4½ × 2¼	11.4 × 5.7
C2, C3 · tree	Two different red prints	1 each · 4½ × 1¾	11.4 × 4.4
C4, C5 · tree	Two different green prints	1 each · 4½ × 1¾	11.4 × 4.4
C6, C7 · side panels	Cream sprig print	2 · 4¾ × 5¾	12.1 × 14.6
D1 · trunk	Warm brown or ochre	1 · 2 × 2	5.1 × 5.1
D2, D3 · trunk sides	Cream sprig print	2 · 4½ × 2	11.4 × 5.1
D4 · below trunk	Cream sprig print	1 · 8 × 2	20.3 × 5.1
Loop	Binding print, straight grain	1 · 1 × 3½	2.5 × 8.9
Pocket binding	Binding print, true bias	2 · 1¼ × 6	3.2 × 15.2
Outer binding	Binding print, true bias	1 · 1¼ × 30	3.2 × 76.2

Before cutting

Print pages 6–9 single-sided at Actual Size (100%) on Letter or A4. Center the page and turn off “Fit” or “Shrink.” Check the 1-inch square. A and B are reusable. Print fresh copies of C and D for each holder.

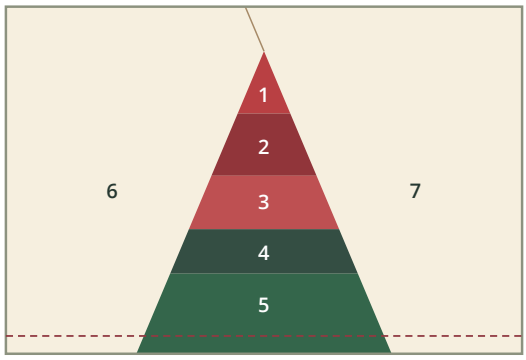
For the binding and loop, allow a 14-inch (35.6-cm) square of cotton. Cut the loop first. Cut the binding strips at 45° to the straight grain. Join short bias strips with diagonal seams, press the joins open, then cut the lengths listed above.

Have thread, a ruler with a ¼-inch mark, a rotary cutter or scissors, clips, a hand-sewing needle, a dry iron and lightweight printer or foundation paper ready. Use a ¼-inch (6.35-mm) seam throughout unless a step gives a different width.

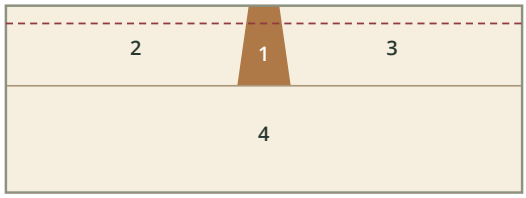
Piece the tree and trunk

Work with the printed foundation facing up for stitching. The fabric sits on the blank side of the paper. C is the upper panel and D is the lower panel.

C · UPPER FOUNDATION



D · LOWER FOUNDATION



Numbers show sewing order within each foundation. Dashed lines mark the joining seam.

01 **Start with C1**

Set the C1 scrap on the blank side, wrong side against the paper. Center it over the tree tip so it reaches the top cut line and extends at least ¼ inch below the C1/C2 seam.

02 **Build the five bands**

Use the fold-and-sew sequence below to add C2, C3, C4 and C5 in order. Sew each horizontal seam at least ¼ inch beyond the tree edges. A short stitch of 1.5–1.8 mm helps release the paper.

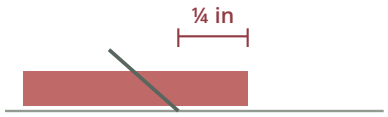
03 **Add the cream sides**

Add C6 along the left diagonal on the printed sheet. Follow the dotted extension past the tip. Add C7 along the other diagonal, all the way across the tip to the top border.

04 **Piece the trunk panel**

On D, place D1 behind the trunk. Add D2 and D3 to its sides, extending their seams ¼ inch into D4. Add D4 across the full width beneath the trunk.

For each new patch



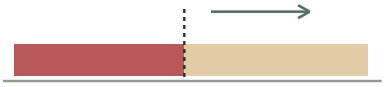
Fold and trim

Fold the paper back on the next seam. Trim the exposed fabric ¼ inch beyond the fold.



Place and check

Place the next patch right sides together, raw edges even. Flip it open to check coverage, then flip it back.

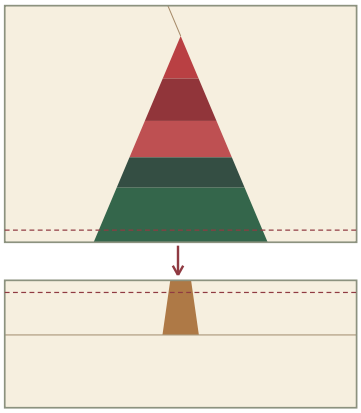


Sew and press

Unfold the paper. Stitch on the printed line. Press the new fabric open on the fabric side with a dry iron.

Prepare the heart and pocket

Finish the patchwork and quilt the backing before attaching the pocket. This keeps the inside smooth when a handle slides in.



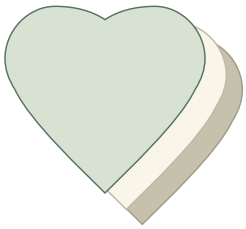
Match centers at the join.

01 Join the two foundations

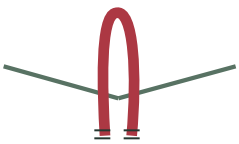
Trim C and D on their heavy rectangular outlines. Mark the centers of their joining edges on the fabric. Peel paper from the joining allowances. Place C's bottom edge against D's top edge, right sides together. Match the centers and sew a ¼-inch seam. Remove the remaining paper and press the seam open.

02 Cut the pocket and lining

Prick the three registration dots on B. Align them with the tree tip and both base corners on the fabric face. Trace and cut B. Cut one B from the lining. Place the two B layers wrong sides together and baste ⅛ inch from their edges.



Face, batting and back



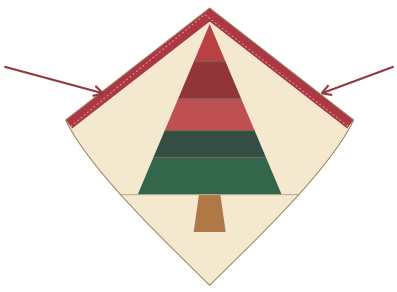
Loop ends on the back

03 Quilt and trim the body

Layer the back right side down, batting in the middle and holly fabric right side up. Baste. Quilt a few gentle lines through the sandwich, following the spacing specified for your batting. Trace A on the quilted face, cut on the outline and transfer both shoulder marks.

04 Make and attach the loop

Press the 1 × 3½-inch strip in half lengthwise. Open it, press both long edges to the crease, fold again and edgestitch. Turn both ends under ¼ inch. Form a loop and stitch the ends side by side on the back, ½ inch below the center dip, with the loop rising above it.



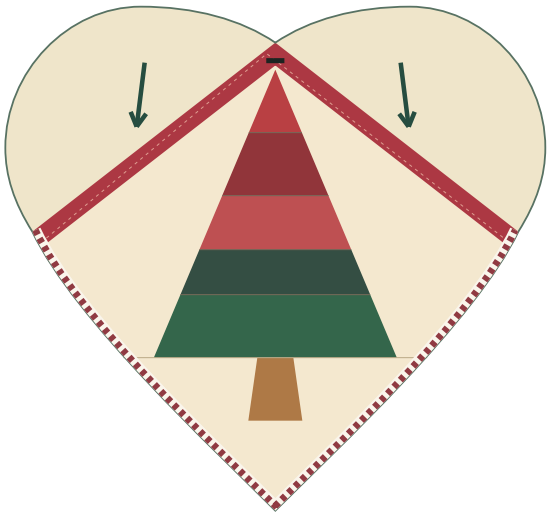
Bind both upper slopes.

05 Bind the pocket openings

Use one 6-inch strip per slope. With right sides together, sew the first strip to the front with a ¼-inch seam. Wrap it to the lining, turn its raw edge under and slipstitch over the seam. Trim the tip end flush with the other slope. Bind that slope the same way, turning its short end under at the peak to enclose the first strip. Trim both shoulder ends flush.

Assemble and bind

The pocket fastens around the lower heart and at one small point near the loop. A spoon can enter from one side and a fork and table knife from the other.



ATTACHMENT POINTS

- Baste the lower edge.
- Leave both slopes open.
- Tack the peak after binding.

01 Position the pocket

Lay the heart face up. Align B's bottom point and shoulders with A. Baste from shoulder to shoulder around the bottom, ⅛ inch inside the edge. Pin the loose pocket peak and the loop away from the center dip for binding.

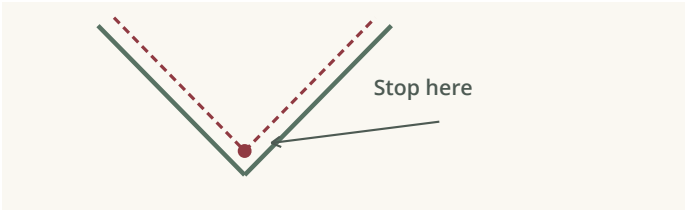
02 Bind the outer heart

Start on a lower side. Turn under the starting end of the 30-inch bias strip by ¼ inch. With right sides together, sew around the edge at ¼ inch. Shape the point and dip as drawn below. Slip the finishing end ½ inch under the folded start to enclose it.

03 Secure the peak

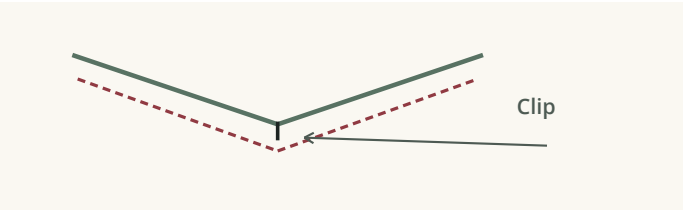
Wrap the binding to the back. Turn the long raw edge under, cover the seam and slipstitch. Unpin the pocket peak and loop. Set the peak over the bound dip. Sew a ¼-inch horizontal tack through pocket and body, ¼ inch below the dip. Backstitch to secure.

At the bottom point



Stop ¼ inch from the next raw edge and backstitch. Fold the strip away from the heart, then back down along the next edge. Restart where the two ¼-inch seam lines meet. Fold the miter on the back as you wrap the binding.

At the center dip

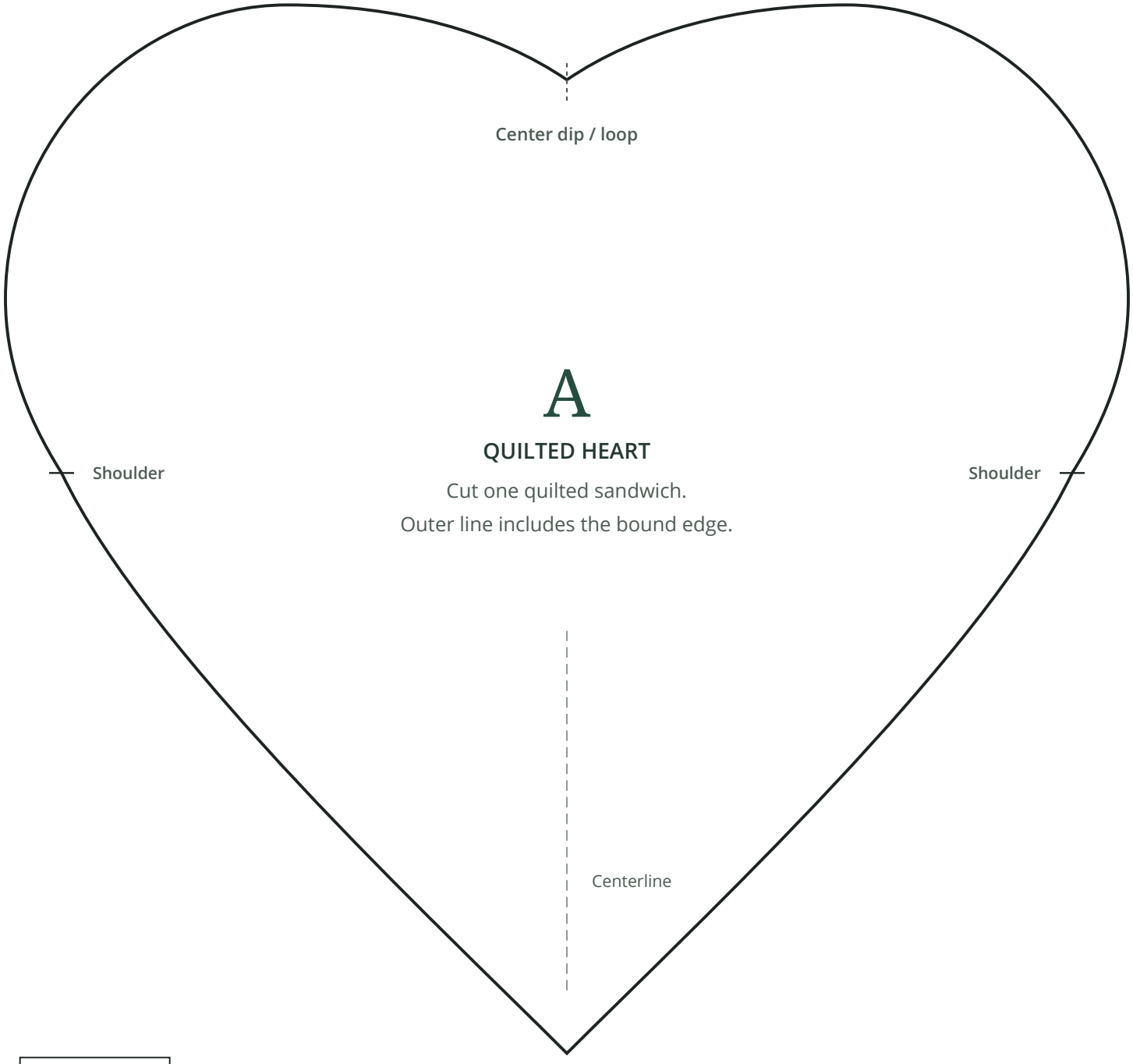


With the pocket peak pinned aside, staystitch the body ¼ inch from the dip. Clip only the body to just short of that seam. Ease the dip open as you sew the bias, pivot at the valley and smooth the binding to the back.

Check the fit by sliding utensil handles behind each diagonal. Both openings lead into one lined pocket.

A Heart body

Trace the heavy outline onto the quilted sandwich. Transfer the two shoulder marks and the center dip to the face. The outside edge will be wrapped with binding.



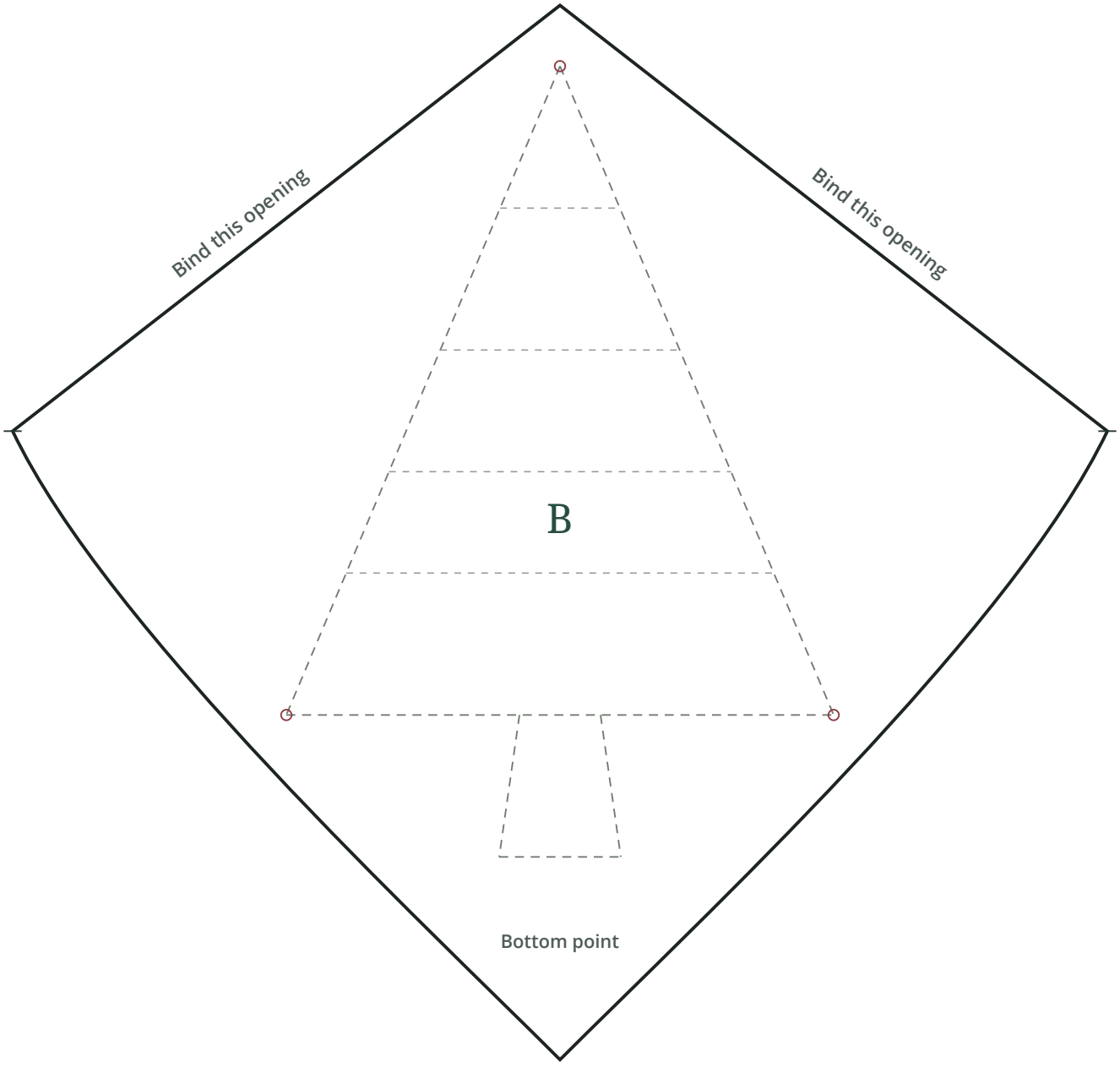
1 inch

Check the printed scale

Measure the square in both directions. Each side must be 1 inch (25.4 mm).

B Front pocket

Cut one pieced front and one lining on the heavy outline. The dashed lines show the finished patchwork. Use the three small circles as registration holes when positioning B.



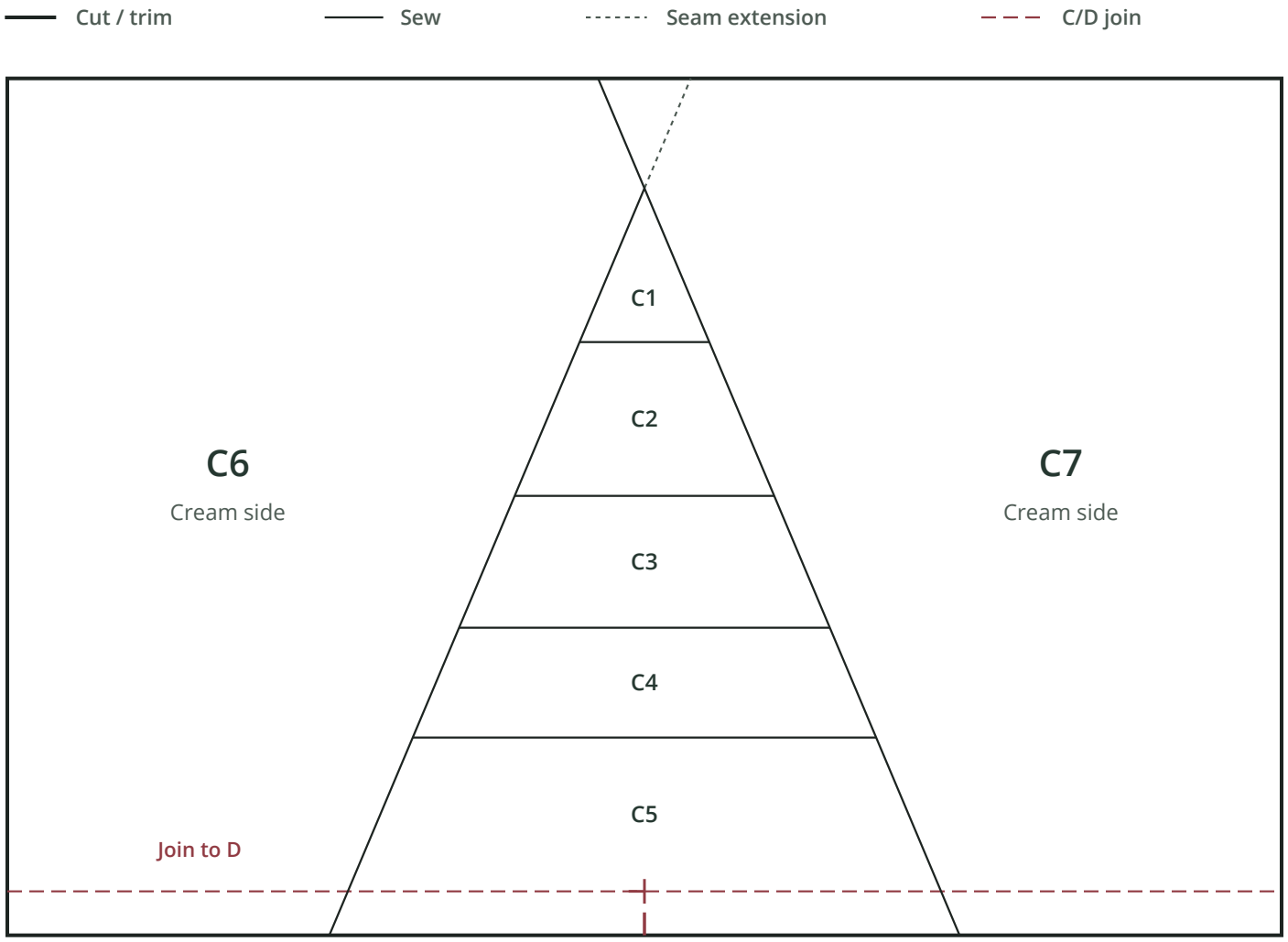
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C Upper tree foundation

Use one copy per holder. The printed side faces the needle. Add C1 through C7 in order, then trim the finished unit to the heavy rectangle. The ¼-inch joining allowance is included.



At the tip, sew the C6 seam along its dotted extension. Sew C7 last so the cream sides meet cleanly at the tree tip. The tiny center tick at the lower edge matches the tick on D.

The trimmed C rectangle measures 7¼ × 4⅞ inches.

1 inch

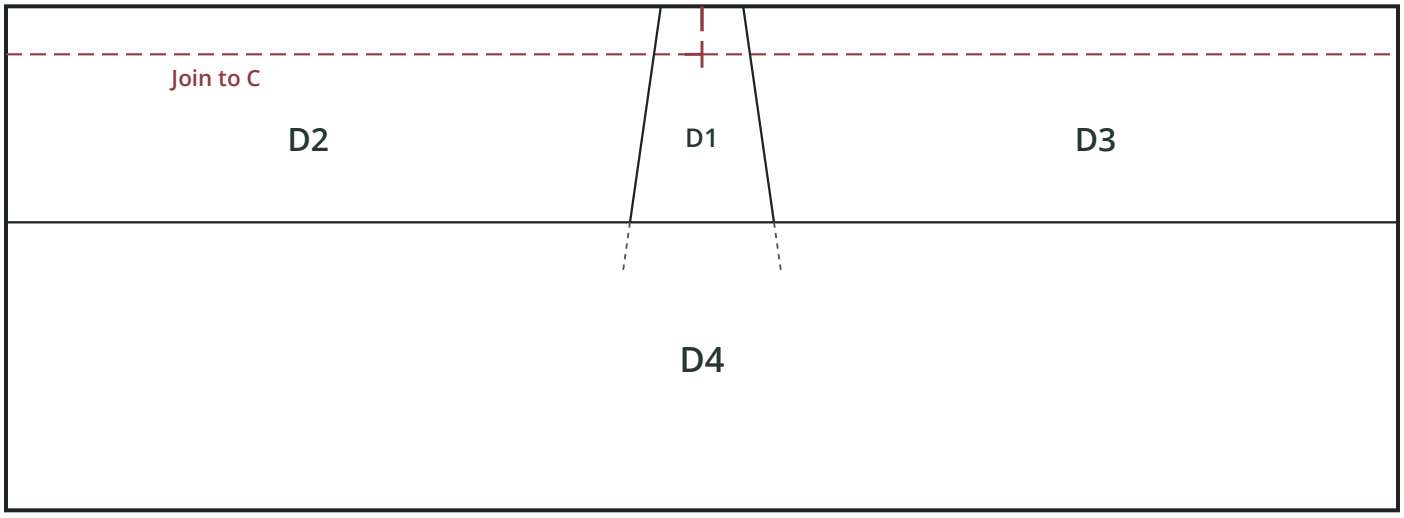
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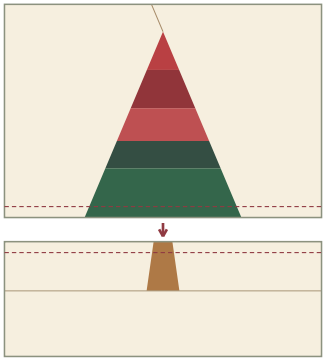
D Lower trunk foundation

Use one copy per holder. Place D1 first, sew the cream sides D2 and D3, then add D4. The heavy outline and the joining allowance match the system used on C.

Cut / trim Sew Seam extension C/D join



Match the panels at the trunk



D's top edge goes against the bottom edge of C. Match the two center ticks, place the right sides together and sew ¼ inch from the raw edges.

After joining, the tree should measure 4 inches from the tip to its base and 3⅜ inches across the base. The trunk finishes ⅞ inch high, ½ inch wide at the top and ¾ inch at the bottom.

The trimmed D rectangle measures 7¼ × 2⅝ inches.

1 inch

Check the printed scale

Measure the square in both directions. Each side must be 1 inch (25.4 mm).