

# Tree of Strength for Australia

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Finishes at 12 1/2 inches

All the greens use 2 1/2 inch strips so check out your scrap bin.

## Cut:

Brown (for trunk) 1 piece 3 1/2" x 9" (will be trimmed later)

Cream cut 1 square 7 7/8" then cut in 2 diagonally from corner to corner to make 2 triangles.

Green triangles either cut 6 from 2 7/8" squares cut in half diagonally **OR** use a half-square-triangle ruler to cut them from 2 1/2" strips. See: <https://www.sewwhatyvette.com/half-square-triangles/>

Green rectangles cut from 2 1/2" strips, 1 of each: 2 1/2" (square) 4 1/2", 6 1/2", 8 1/2", 10 1/2".

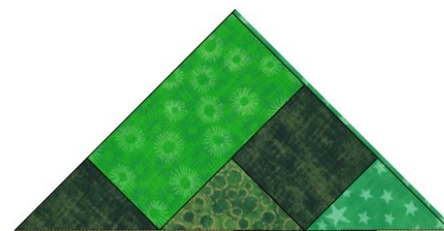
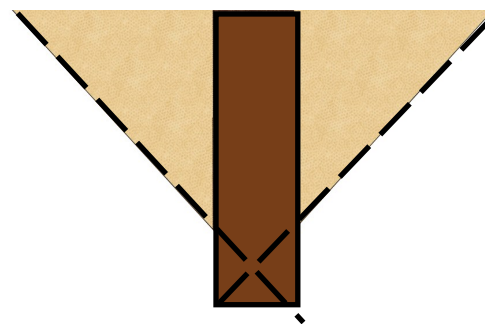
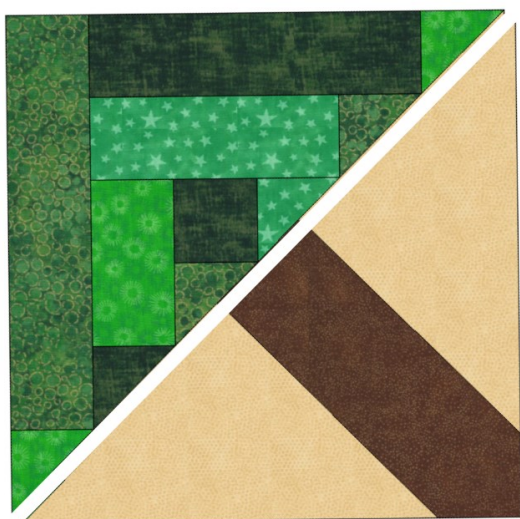
## Sew:

Sew the brown strip between the 2 cream triangles as shown with the top edges even. Press the seams toward the brown, then trim the bottom into a point, using your ruler to follow the lines of the triangle.

Lay out the remainder of the pieces using my diagram as a guide. The triangle pieces are interchangeable so play around with the layout until you like what you see.

Sew one triangle to each of 2 sides of the 2 1/2" square as shown. Press the first seam toward the triangle, the second toward the square. This is your base triangle.

Lay it back into position so you don't get yourself all mixed up.



Using my diagram as a guide, sew the remaining triangles to the correct end of the corresponding rectangles. Press the seams toward the triangles.

Arrange the pieces back into position, then select the shortest remaining strip and sew it to the base triangle as shown, press the seam the strip you just attached.

Continue adding the strips until you have a complete tree. If you cut and sewed accurately the base of your triangle should be pretty straight. If it's a bit off, trim it.

Sew the final seam, joining the trunk to the tree top.