Selvages Christmas Tree Ornament

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Supplies:

7" X 10" Base Fabric (Muslin or ?)
At least 18 Selvages Edges 1 1/2" by at least 7"
10" Length of Ribbon for hanging loop
Buttons for star at top of tree
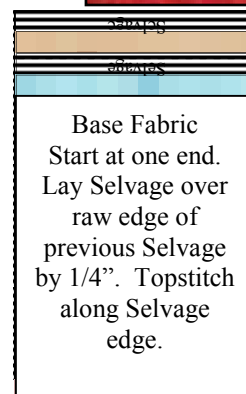More Buttons and Lace to embellish as desired

Assembly:

Note: Pick a mix of selvage edges... With and without writing, white or print to the edge. And don't leave out those fringed edges!

Making The Selvage "Fabric":

1. Lay one selvage at one short end of your muslin base fabric aligning the selvage edge with the raw edge of the muslin.

2. Position a second selvage strip so it's selvage edge covers the raw edge of the first strip by about 1/4". Stitch along the selvage edge of second strip through all layers.

3. In the same manner, position a third strip over the second and stitch.

4. Continue in this way to cover the entire muslin base.

5. Using template given, cut two tree shapes from your selvage fabric, following diagram at right. It is important to have the templates oriented so the print on the selvages is right side up!

6. If desired, "decorate" your tree a bit with embellishments of buttons and lace, staying away from the seam allowances.

7. Place the trees selvage sides together and stitch around, leaving an opening to turn.

8. Turn right sides out. Stuff through opening. Slip stitch opening closed.

9. Stitch ribbon to top of tree to form a hanging loop. Cover edges of ribbon with buttons.

10. If desired, continue to "decorate" your tree with embellishments of buttons and lace.

Base Fabric
Start at one end. Lay Selvage over raw edge of previous Selvage by 1/4". Topstitch along Selvage edge.

Tree Template

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