

Basic Instructions for making 2023 Christmas Tree Skirt Pattern

Default size: 18.98" x 36.61" for the half pattern.

It will make a 36.61" circular tree skirt.

There are 2 center options: one has a hole in the center to allow you to make a tree skirt and the other is filled in so that you could use it as a table topper.

To Stitch:

Put the main pattern on the screen.

Make a copy.

Rotate the copy 180 degrees.

Line up the two patterns. Just get close, you will have to make adjustments once you stitch the first pass.

Put in the center pattern you want to use.

Now you can make adjustments to the size if you want. You can enlarge if you have extra throat space. You can shrink if you have less throat space but **you must enlarge or reduce all at the same time.**

Load your backing (can be anything, will not be seen), batting and fabric on your longarm. I recommend a very thin batt to help with shrinkage. You'll need a spi of 14 to 16.

Mark the center and bottom half patterns as sewn.

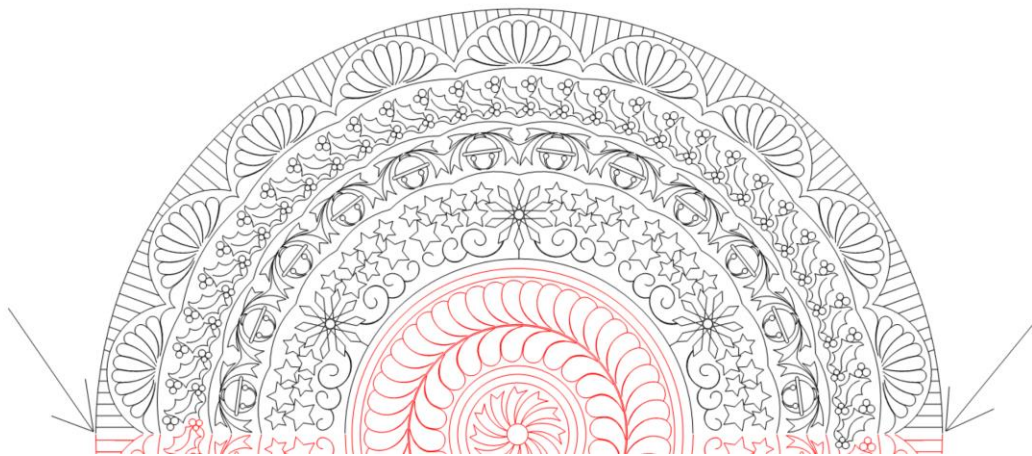
You will stitch the top half of the skirt first.

It will stitch from the outside in.

Roll the quilt but make sure you have access to the bottom of the pattern you just stitched.

You need to measure from the left outside circle to the right side of the circle.

From arrow to arrow but on the actual quilt.



Now toggle the toggle the bottom half as unsewn (top should already be toggled sewn).

Select pattern and look at the width. You need to change the width of the pattern to match the width that you got from measuring.

Make sure that you have not turned off the freeze aspect.

This is how it should look.

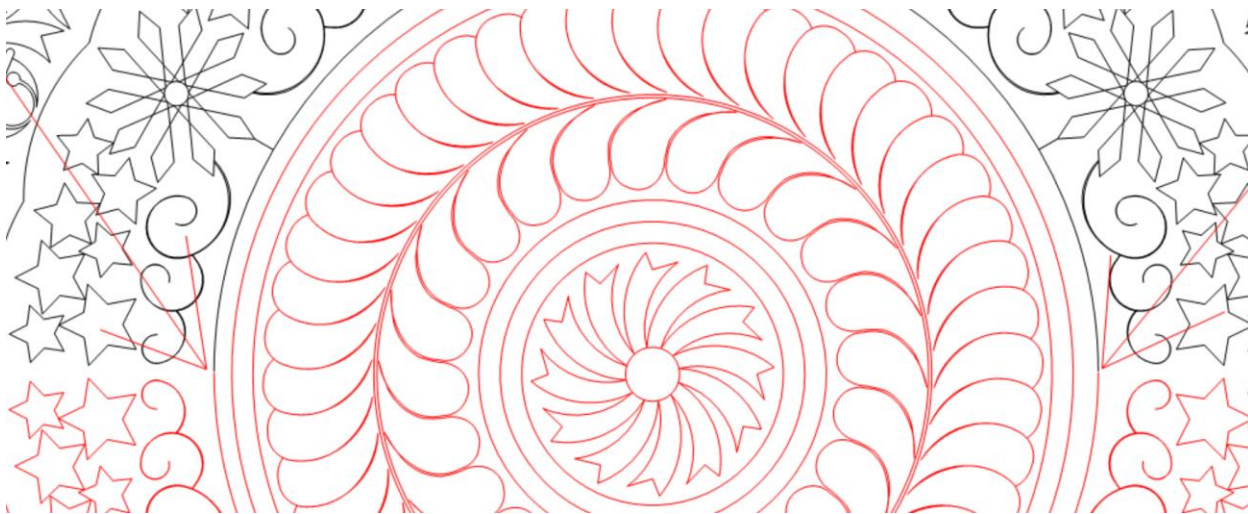


You need to line up the bottom pattern to the actual position of the stitched top half pattern.

You can place the head at the left side of the outside circle (where the left arrow was in previous diagram) then select the bottom half pattern and move it until the upper left point lines up to the upper pattern. If you had to change the width of the bottom pattern then, on the CAD screen, the right side will not match.

Stitch out.

Now you need to measure the interior circle.



Find the center, between those 2 points and place a pin. Position the head such that the needle is directly over the center. Put the center

pattern onto the CAD screen. Adjust the width of the center pattern to be $\frac{1}{2}$ " smaller than the measured space.

Now position the center of the pattern such that the center of the pattern falls right on the center of the crosshairs.

Stitch.

Finishing

If you are making a table topper, cut out the quilted piece $\frac{1}{4}$ " away from the outside circle. You can bind traditionally. **OR** You will have to put right sides together with the quilted piece and the backing fabric. Pin. Stitch around the perimeter, leaving an opening for turning. Turn. Close opening.

If you are making a tree skirt you will cut out the entire piece $\frac{1}{4}$ " away from the outside circle. You will cut from outer edge to inner circle (I recommend cutting where the 2 patterns joined) and then cutting out the center giving yourself $\frac{1}{4}$ " from the stitching.

You can bind traditionally or put a backing fabric, right sides together, on the piece and stitch around the piece leaving an opening for turning. You will have to clip corners and inner curves. Turn. Close opening. Add ribbon or fabric to tying opening closed.