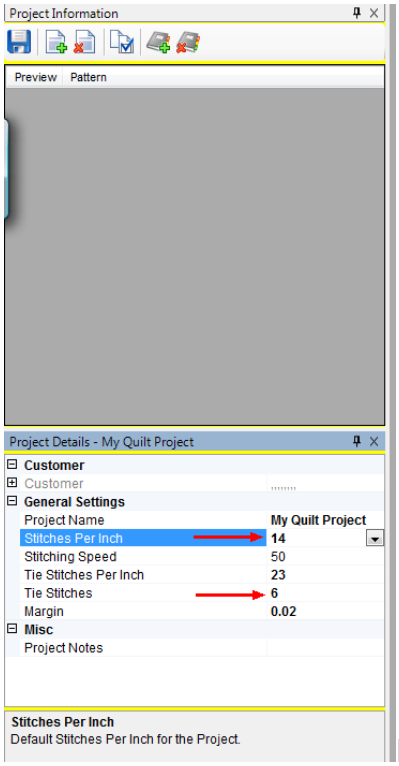
Instructions for using Christmas Tree Skirt patterns on a Statler Stitcher
(This for the skirt patterns with number 10 designation)

Load backing, batting and tree skirt fabric on the machine. The backing fabric will be the back of the tree skirt so use appropriate fabric.

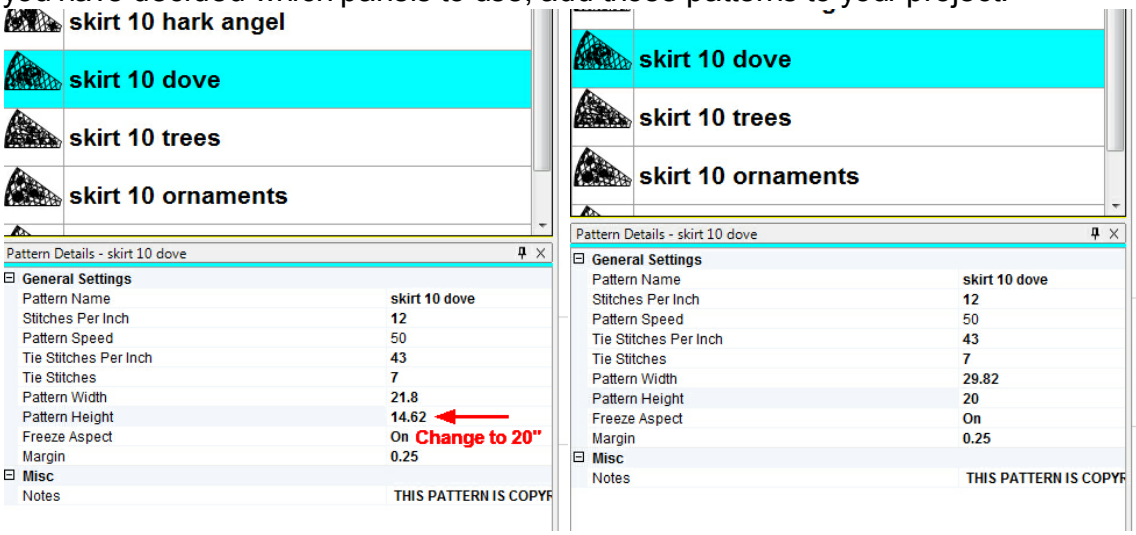
As designed, the skirt is 14.6 inches tall giving you a finished tree skirt that is about 40" wide. I would increase the size to 20 inches in height, giving me 60" wide skirts. I love using the 118 inch wide cotton sateen fabric for this project but you can use whatever you want. You could seam 3 widths of 42" fabric together to get the width. You will need a minimum of 45 inches of fabric.



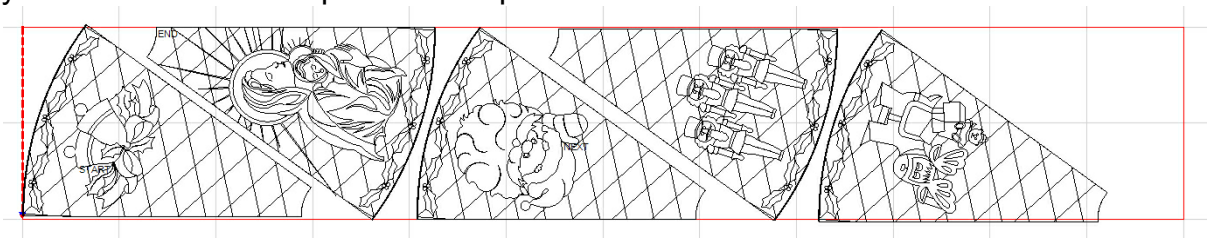
I prefer to sew out these panels with a stitch length of 14spi. It is easy to have them all come in a 14 spi if you change the default in the project window before you add your patterns. I also prefer competitive ties.

Each tree skirt is made up of 10 panels. All the skirt patterns are interchangeable. You could use the same pattern 10 times or mix and match however you would like. Once

you have decided which panels to use, add those patterns to your project.



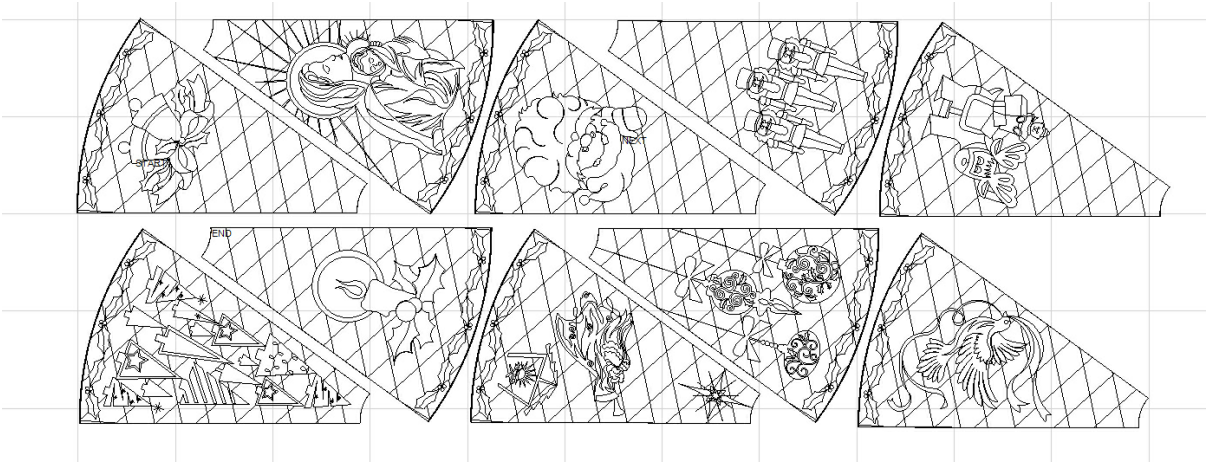
Once I have set the pattern heights for all the patterns in the pattern mode as above, I put 5 of the patterns onto the cad screen.
Use the boundary mode and mark your sewing area. In this example I have a 20" x 120" sewing area.
You will need to rotate 2 of the patterns by 180 degrees to make the maximum use of your fabric. Place all 5 patterns into place.



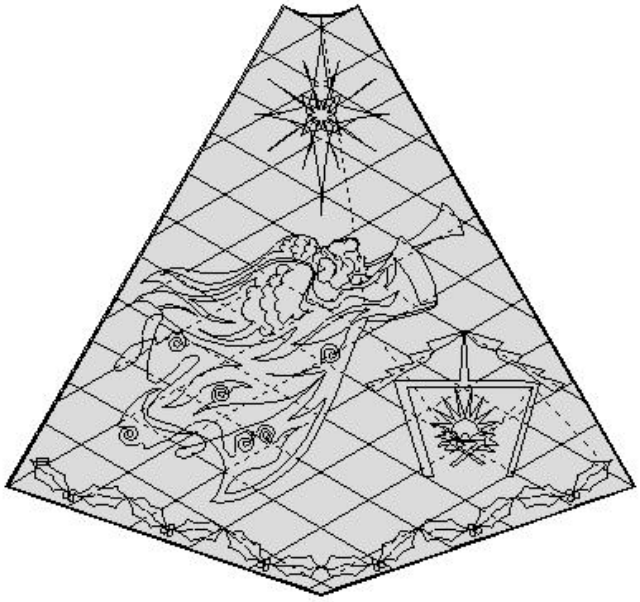
Quilt them out.
Roll the fabric.

Repeat with the next 5 patterns.

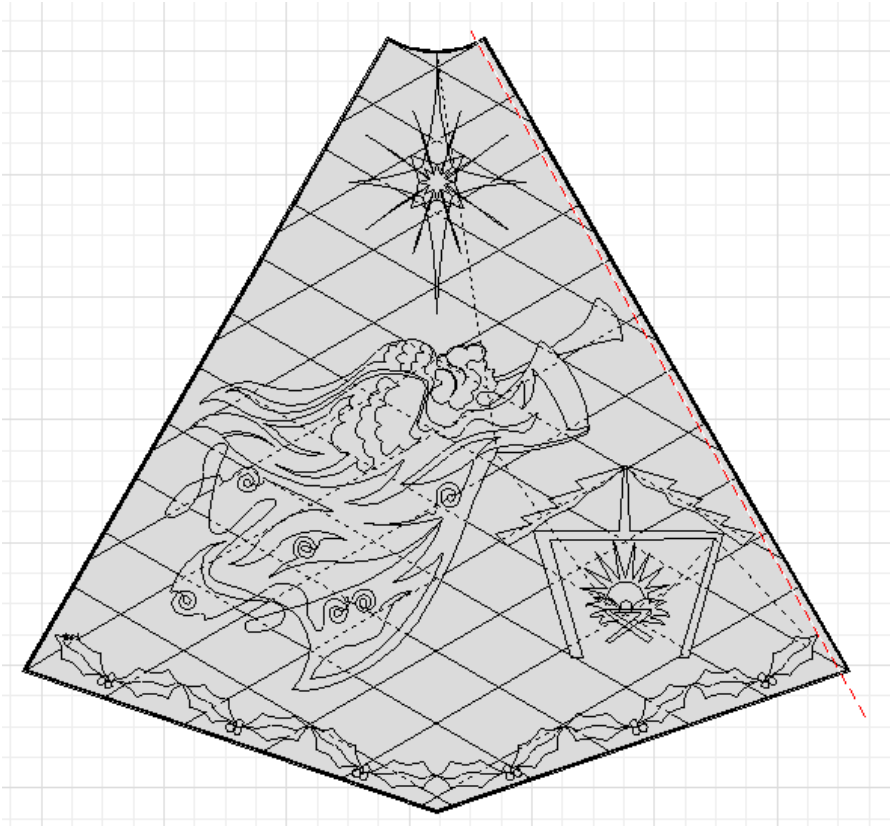
Then finished sew out should look like this:



Remove the panels from the quilting machine. Using a rotary cutter trim each panel right up next to the last row of stitching.



With right sides together, sew the panels together using a quarter inch seam allowance.



You don't want to sew the final seam that would complete the circle.

Get some nice lace that has a finished binding on one side and from the right side of the top corner, topstitch into place. You can go right around the center, then down the side, around the bottom edge and finish at the end of the bottom edge. We left one side without the lace and the side with the lace covers up the unlaced edge.

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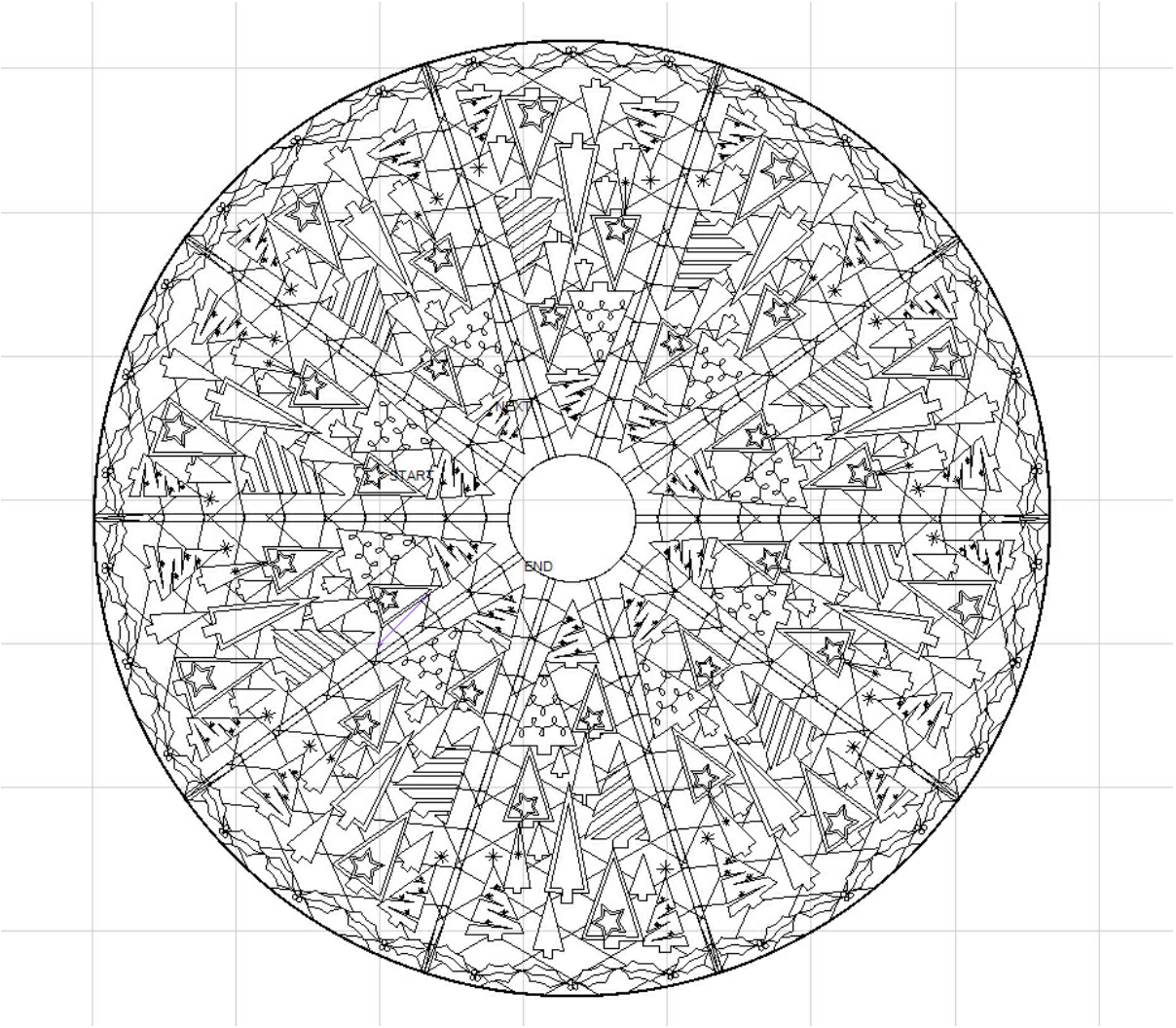
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