

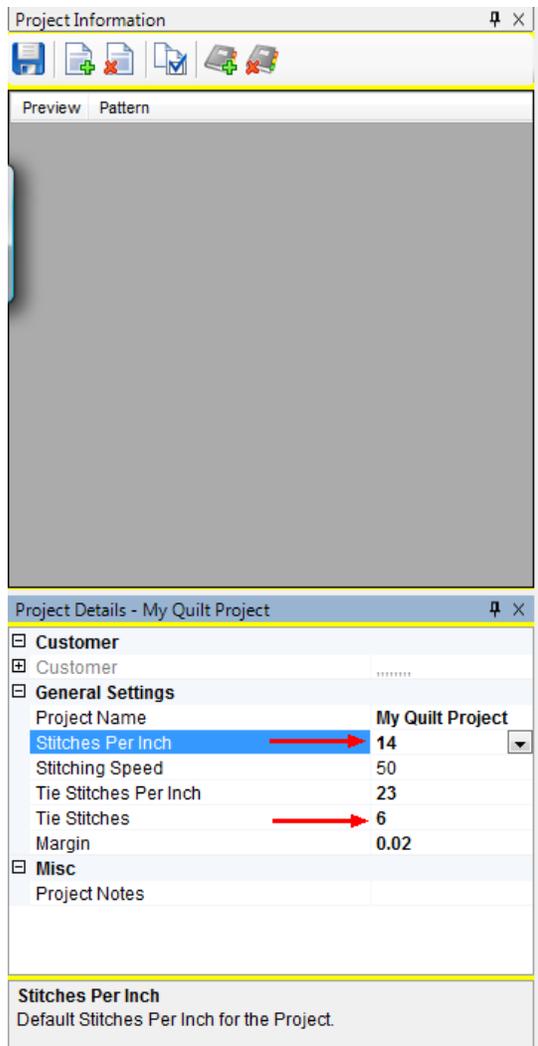
Instructions for using Christmas Tree Skirt patterns on a Statler Stitcher

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.

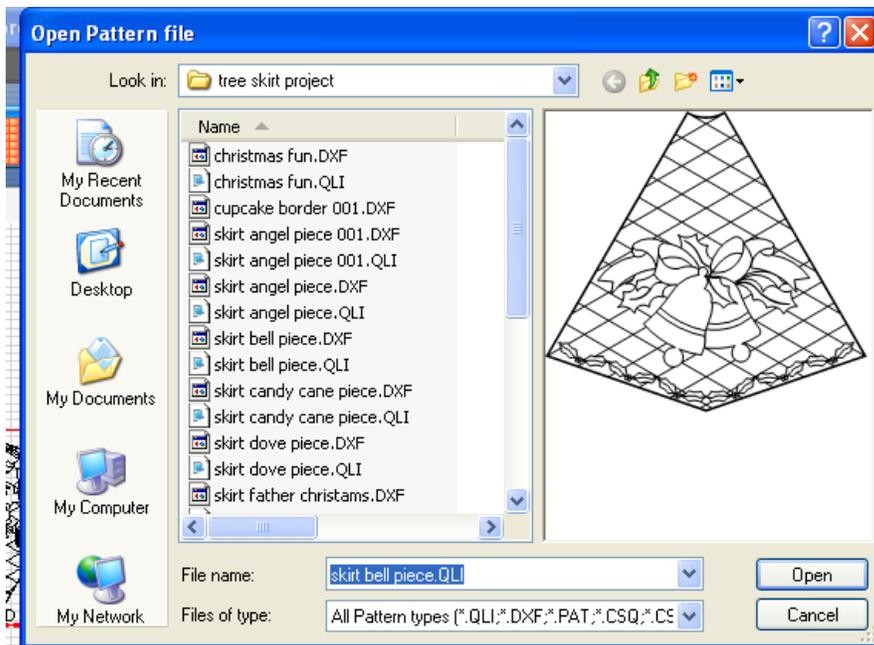


As designed, the stocking is 24.56 inches tall. Most folks do not have machines that can handle a panel that big so the instructions are for making the panels 20" tall giving you a finished tree skirt that is about 45" wide. I love using the 118 inch wide cotton sateen fabric for this project but you can use whatever you want. You could seam 3 widths of 42" fabric together to get the width. The patterns are designed to sew the designs first and then pause to allow you to change thread color. I would do the designs in a contrasting thread color and then match the background for the crosshatching.

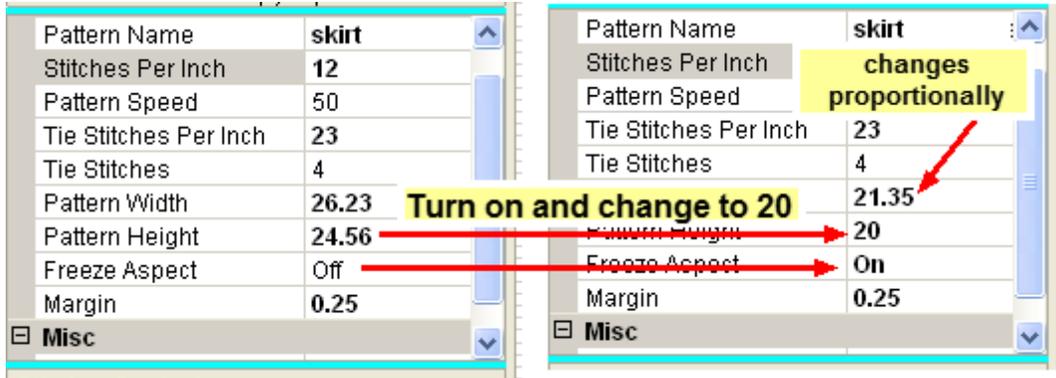
I prefer to sew out these panels with a stitch length of 14spi. It is easy to have them all come in a 14 spi if you change the default in the project window before you add your patterns. I also prefer 6 ties stitches.



Each tree skirt is made up of 6 panels. All the skirt patterns are interchangeable. You could use the same pattern 6 times, use 6 different patterns, or mix and match however you would like. Once you have decided which 6 panels to use, add those patterns to your project.



You will need to set the height of each pattern to 20" (or whatever you want to use). For each panel, you need to be sure to turn on the freeze aspect before changing the height.



Once I have set the pattern heights, I just use repeat pattern and put all the patterns onto the CAD screen. I set half of them to a rotation of -60 degree and the other half to 120 degrees.

- skirt santa peice
- skirt candy cane piece
- skirt bell piece
- skirt angel piece 001

Selected Pattern Details

General Settings	
Stitches Per Inch	14
Pattern Speed	50
Tie Stitches Per Inch	23
Tie Stitches	6
Selected Pattern Width	24.68
Selected Pattern Height	22.71
Freeze Aspect	Off
Selected Pattern Rotation	-60

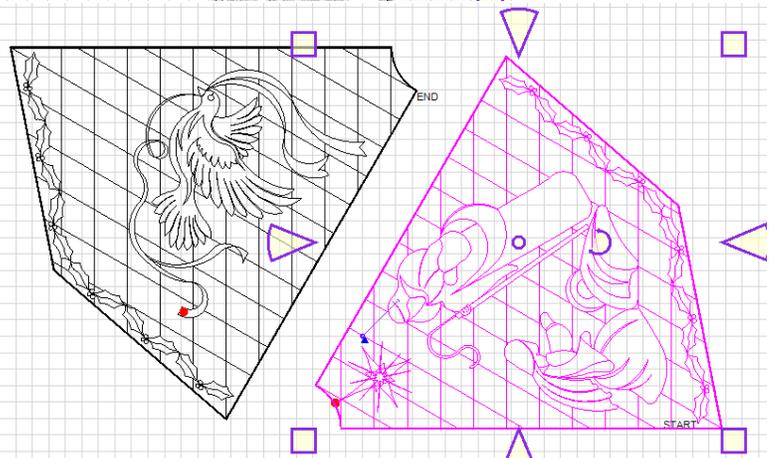
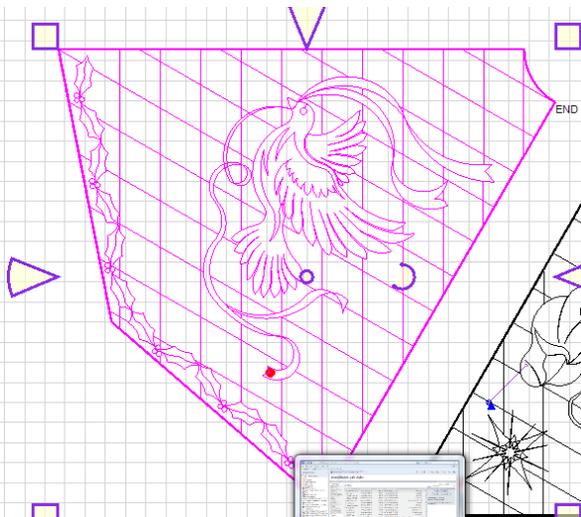
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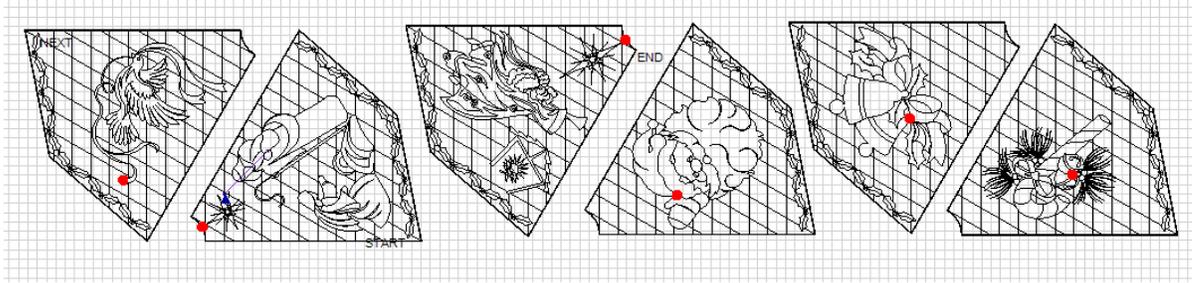
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Pattern Speed	50
Tie Stitches Per Inch	23
Tie Stitches	6
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Selected Pattern Height	22.72
Freeze Aspect	Off
Selected Pattern Rotation	120

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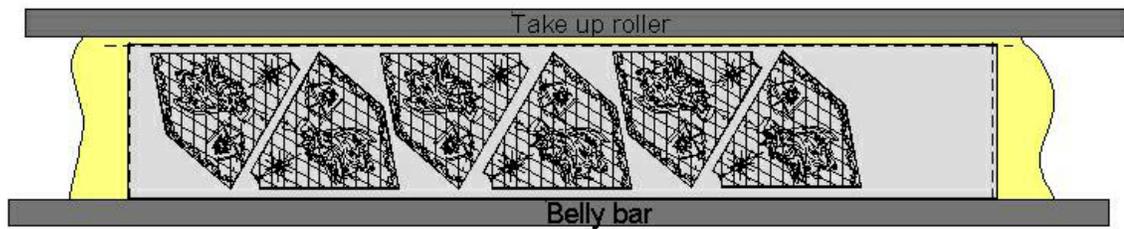
Then arrange them on the CAD screen like this.



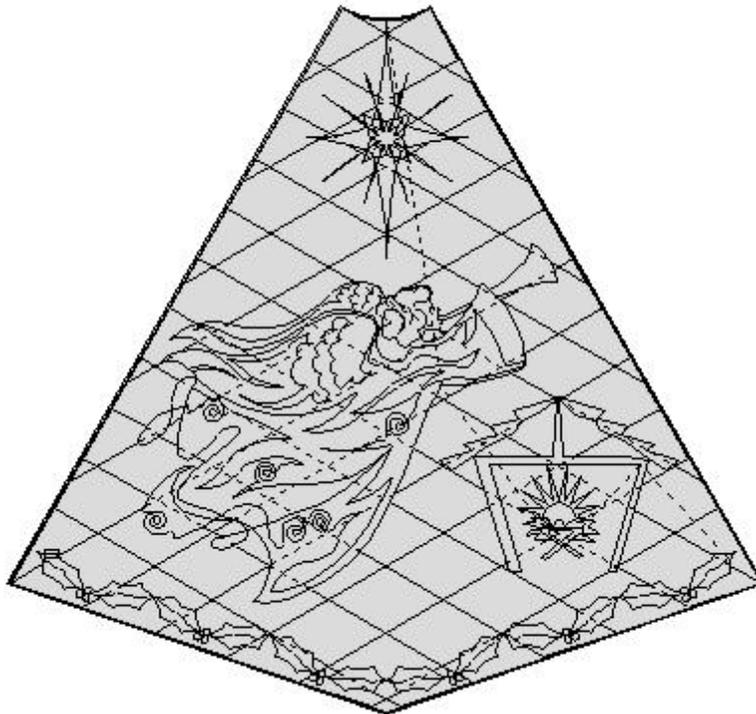
Be sure to save your project, if you know how, reset the sewing order so that the panels will set one after another (f8).

Quilt out the designs.

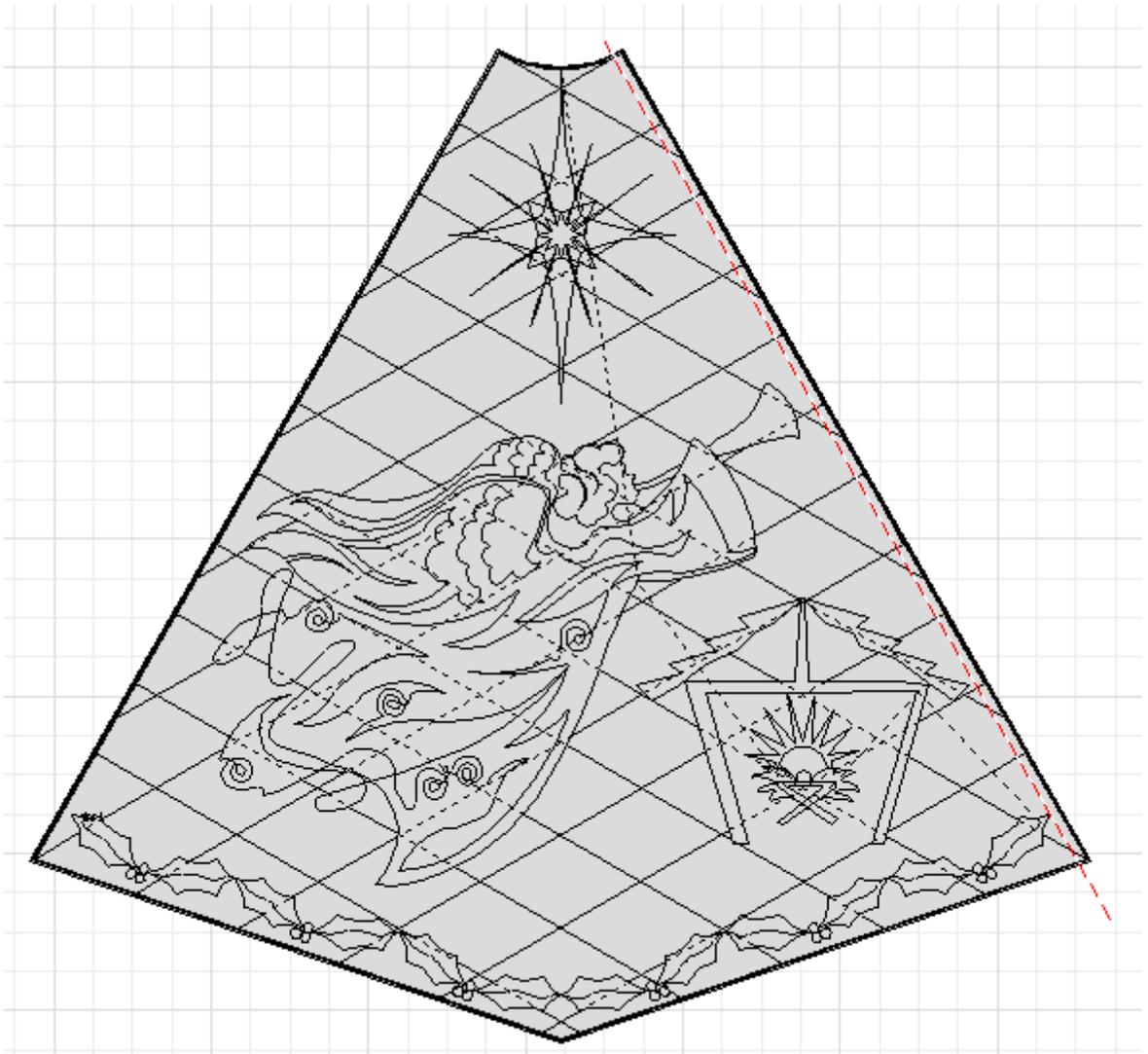
When you are done it will look like this.



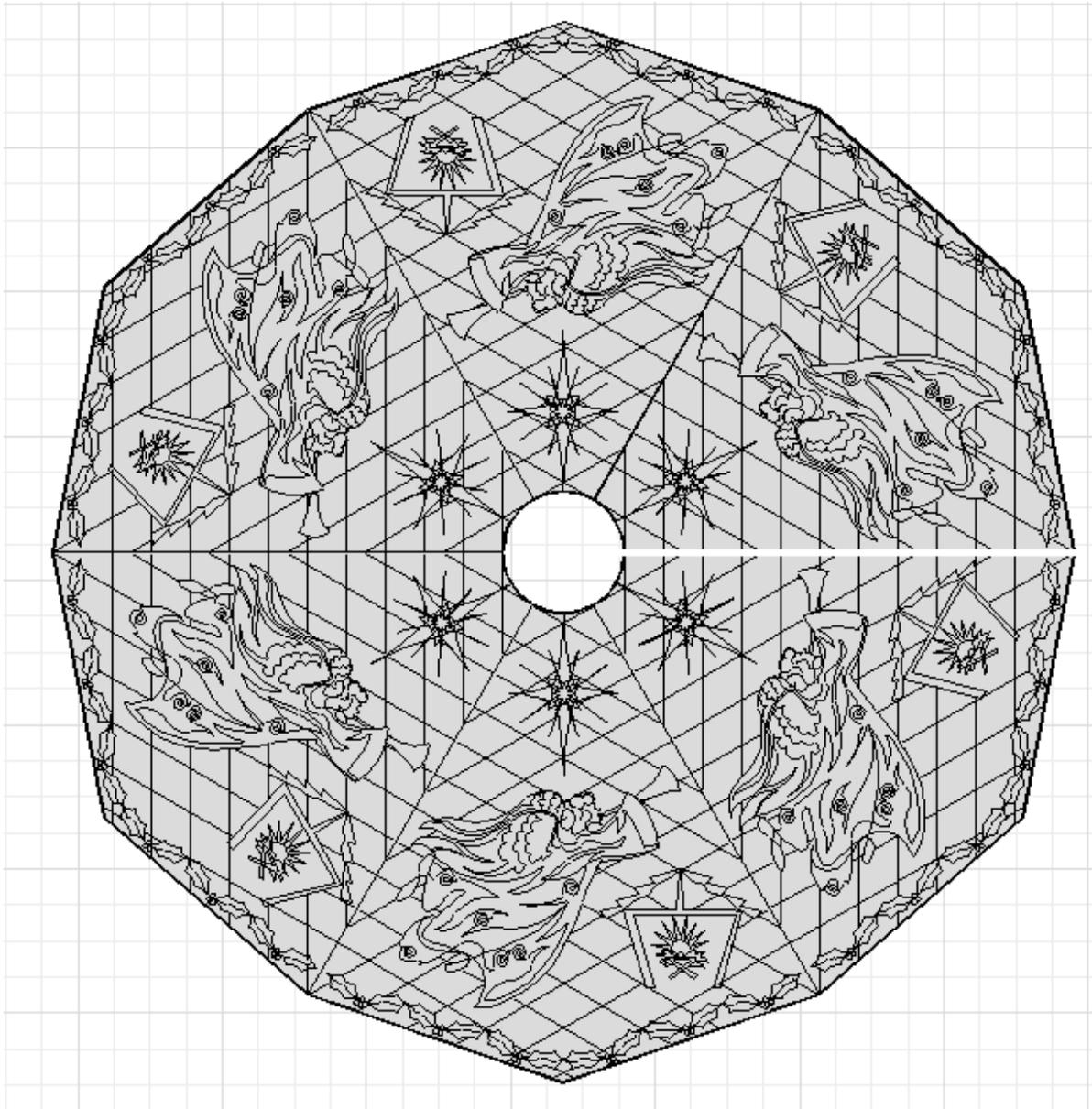
Remove the panels from the quilting machine. Using a rotary cutter trim each panel right up next to the last row of stitching.



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.

