

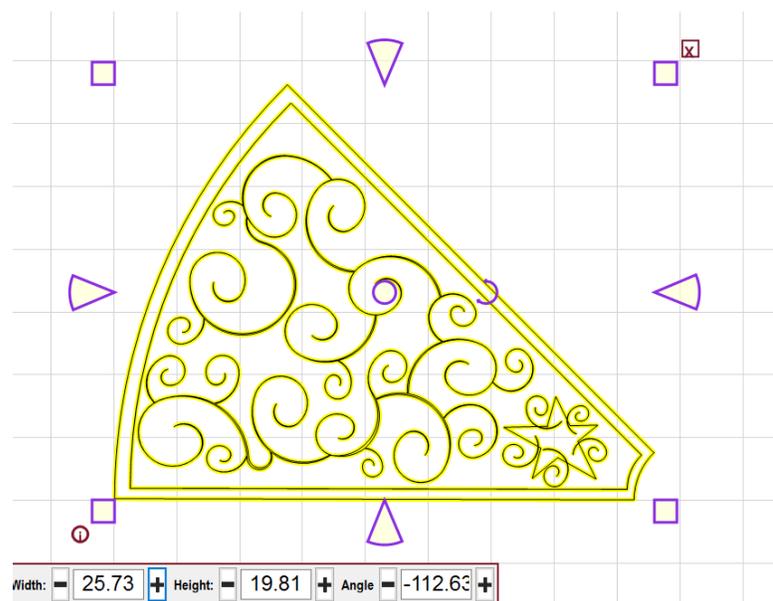
Basic Steps for making a Primitive-Burlap Christmas tree skirt with applique



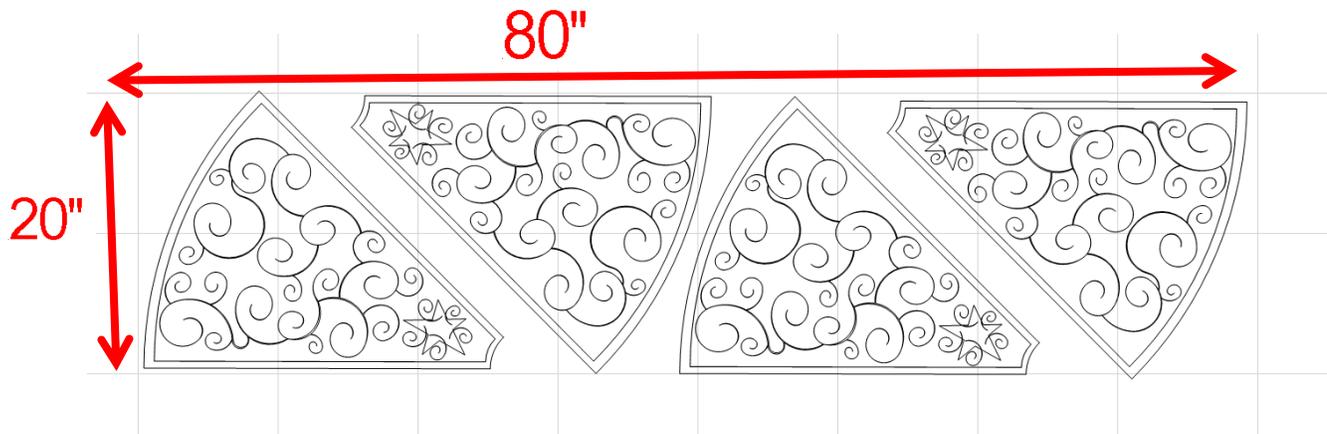
You will need to buy several yards of 60" burlap. For a tree skirt made at the default size you will need about 6 yards. How much depends on how large you make your tree skirt. I used burlap on the front and the back with batting in between.

In order, to make the largest skirt possible you will need to stitch the skirt in this orientation. The skirt is 25.73" long making a tree skirt that is about 50" wide. When oriented in this way, you can stitch this, at this size, if you have 20" of throat space.

You will need to stitch 8 of these pieces.



I found it helpful to put my fabric on longways to do this. Then there would be 2 sets like this.



I would quilt all the basic tree skirts backgrounds first. Once they were all done, I would go back and put on the appliques. If your throat space is smaller than 20", you will have to reduce the size of all the tree skirts equally until the pass will fit in your available space.

There are several appliques that work well on this tree skirt. Rea primitive Christmas 001– 024. Because this is a more primitive version, I used cottons, batting, felt all without fusibles. I thought the rough edges went with the primitive feel. I used buttons, bell, etc. to embellish and add eyes. All the stitch maps for these items are in the document, *Primitive Christmas Series Stitch Maps*.

Once all the quilting and applique is done, remove the sandwich from the machine, I cut my tree skirt leaving about .5" outside the outside stitching line. I seamed on the inner stitching line. I put the "seam" on the top not on the bottom.

Once all the seams were stitched, I began to unravel the seams. You had to pick out or remove that outside stitching line.