



Pattern of the Month - December 2016

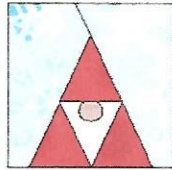
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**Tomte's Trees** 28" x 24"

*A paper pieced quilt with 4" blocks*

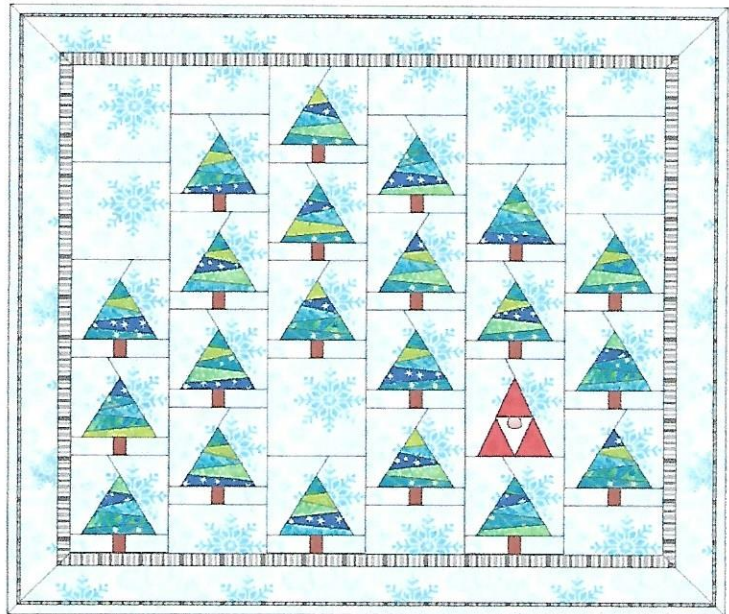
Last month's pattern was a Little Tree, and as promised, this month's pattern is for a winter wall hanging. The final 4" block is Tomte, a Swedish gnome, possibly a distant relative of Santa. He is the guardian of a family and their land, protecting the homestead and all its creatures. Solitary and sometimes

mischievous, he lives in the forest, although he has been known to hang out in the barn with the horses.



Tomte

The gnome in our little quilt is the keeper of a hillside of little trees.



This month's pattern uses 21 Little Trees plus one 4" Tomte block (use the foundation pattern provided on a separate page). For this quilt, you'll need about 1½ yards of background fabric for the quilt top (2 yards if you want to use the same fabric for the back, too), and assorted scraps for the trees. If you've already started making some Little Trees, you have a head start! Please refer back to the November Pattern of the Month for paper piecing directions, and make one more block—Tomte—and arrange him with some trees as shown, or any way you like, filling in with a few plain background squares as needed. Notice that in the quilt shown, every other vertical row begins and ends with a half-drop; this staggers the trees so they look like they are on a hillside.

*\*(See cutting directions below for measurements of plain squares and half-drop rectangles.)*

Pieces to pre-cut (for Tomte block):

Red (suit and hat)

Cut three 2½" squares (A2, A3 and A4)

White (beard)

Cut one 2½" square

For A1

Nose

Embroider, draw, or applique at upper edge of beard fabric, either before or after sewing seam A1/A2.

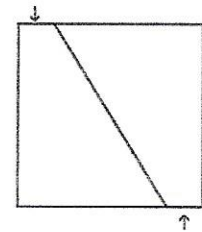
Background

A5 and A6: Lay two 5" squares of background fabric with right sides together and cut diagonally as shown →

*(Note: this is a different angle than the Little Tree block)*

Separate the right and left pairs; this makes two mirror image pairs (you only need one pair per block.)

1-3/8"



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To complete the 6 *vertical* quilt rows as shown, \*cut from background fabric: five 4½" squares and six 2½" x 4½" rectangles (half-drops). Inner border is cut 1" wide (striped fabric to suggest fencing) and outer border cut 2" wide, from background fabric. A piped binding is shown, or use a plain binding.

Tomte 4" block - paper foundation pattern

