Winter Woods Supply List

I am so thrilled you are taking my Winter Woods class. This is a fun project using a strip pieced background, a LOT of measuring and cross cutting to "plant" trees, and then a bit of fusing. I call the technique Guided Impro and I think you're going to LOVE it! So let's plant some trees! For the best class possible, I'm going to suggest you tackle a few basic steps on your own, prior to coming to class. Don't fret – it's basic strip piecing, and I KNOW you can do it!

Required Materials:

- [] Patience
- [] A sense of humor
- [] Optional kits available at www.tamarinis.com

To get the MOST out of your class, I recommend making the following cuts and just a bit of pre-sewing (note that I have NOT listed all cuts, as we will NOT get the entire quilt done in class. I have to save some fun for you!)



Fabric (colors from pattern are used - feel free to choose your own) Backing not listed

Fabric A Light Gray ½ yd	Cut: (1) 6 ½" strip	Cut: (1) 8" strip			
Fabric B Black 1 ¾ yds	Cut: (1) 6 ½" strip (bark)**	(2) 4" strips (sashing)	(3) 3" strips (border)	(4) 2 ½" strips (sashing, border)	(2) 2" strips (sashing)
Fabric C Medium Gray 1 ¾ yds	(1) 7" strip	(1) 6 ½" strip	(3) 4 ½" strips (side borders)		
Fabric D Dark Gray 1/3 yd	(1) 6 ½" strip	(1) 4" strip			
Fabric E White 1 ½ yds	(2) 7" strips	(2) 5 ½" strips	(3) 4 ½" strips	(2) 2 ½" strips	
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^{*}please note we will NOT complete the entire quilt in class.

Sewing Supplies:

[] Thread
[] Scissors
[] Pins
[] Seam Ripper (keeping it real!)
[] Rotary Cutter
[] Rotary Mat (18" x 24" or larger)
[] Rotary Ruler – long (suggest 6" x 24" or longer)
[] Chalk Marker (Clover chalko liner works great) or other fabric marking tool
[] Template Plastic (optional)

^{*}for your best class experience, please precut and LABEL your pieces so you can quickly identify them during class

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Before Class:

Please complete Steps 1 - 10 (see below). You don't need to do any additional cutting, other than if you want to go ahead and trim the two sides even. Don't worry about the width – if yours is longer or shorter, that's fine. We will discuss in class!

Why do this?

This is time consuming, but easy, and if you have the background pieced prior to class, you can relax and enjoy learning the "planting" process!

What if I can't piece the background ahead of time?

No worries – you can do it in class. Just realize you may not get to "plant" many trees!

Putting the Background Together:

This quilt is built from the back forward. You will be piecing your entire background, and then cutting the background into pieces and adding the trees. (yikes, I know it sounds scary, but it's actually pretty easy!)

1. Use Diagram 1 as a guide, and begin piecing the strips together in the order shown. The cut strip sizes are shown on the diagram. Based on your fabric choices, you may press to the "B" bands, or to the other (A-E) bands. However, I recommend pressing all of these seams open. If you struggle with distortion when sewing strip sets, many find it helpful to alternate the direction you sew the strips to help prevent "bowing" and distortion.

Sew (1) 6 ½" Fabric A strip to (1) 2" Fabric B strip. (There is no need to cut the strips right now. 40" is listed as the average strip length. You will trim your strip set even when you have completed sewing it.)



DIAGRAM 1

- 2. Sew (1) 7" Fabric C strip to the bottom of the Fabric B strip.
- 3. Sew (1) 4" Fabric B strip to the bottom of the Fabric C strip.
- 4. Sew (1) 6 ½" Fabric D strip to the bottom of the Fabric B strip.
- 5. Sew (1) 2 ½" Fabric B strip to the bottom of the Fabric D strip.
- 6. Sew (1) 8" Fabric A strip to the bottom of the Fabric B strip.
- 7. Sew (1) 4" Fabric B strip to the bottom of the Fabric A strip.
- 8. Sew (1) 6 ½" Fabric C strip to the bottom of the Fabric B strip.
- 9. Sew (1) 2" Fabric B strip to the bottom of the Fabric C strip.
- 10. Sew (1) 4" Fabric E strip to the bottom of the Fabric B strip.

If you held your mouth just right, and pressed as you went, your strip set should measure 48" high. Trim the edges even and to 32" wide. Your background should be 32" wide by 48" high. Relax – if your measurements are slightly different, it is all good. It just means your trees may be closer together or further apart, and your final project may be a slightly different size.

Design Note: If you don't trim to 32", your trees on the left-hand side will be further apart.

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