

## **Don't Sit Under The Apple Tree**

Finished size 20 x 20 inches.

### **Fabric Requirements**

Although the pattern instructions are in inches, most retailers will sell fabric in metric measurements. Patchwork fabric is usually about 42 inches in width. Patchwork fabric shops will also sell fabric in fat quarters which are approximately 18x 20 inches.

### **For the Apple Tree block you will need:**

Sky fabric: One fat quarter.

Pale green fabric: 25cm full width.

Tree Trunk fabric: Approx. 9 x 10 inches.

Four different green fabrics for the leaves: one strip of each green measuring 1½ x approx 22½ inches – enough to make fifteen 1½ inch squares of each green.

Red fabric for apples:

Scraps for bird

### **Cutting**

#### **From the sky fabric cut:**

Four squares measuring 4½ x 4½ inches.

Two rectangles measuring 8½ x 4½ inches.

Six squares measuring 2½ x 2½ inches

One square measuring 2⅞ x 2⅞ inches

Two rectangles measuring 6½ x 2½ inches.

One rectangle measuring 18½ x 2½ inches.

#### **From the pale green fabric cut:**

Eight squares measuring 2½ x 2½ inches.

#### **From the tree trunk fabric cut:**

One rectangle measuring 4½ x 2½ inches

One square measuring 2⅞ x 2⅞ inches.

One square measuring 2½ x 2½ inches.

#### **From the other four different green fabrics cut either:**

One strip measuring 22½ x 1½ inches

Or

Or fifteen 1½ inch squares.

### **Piecing.**

Take ¼ inch seams.

#### **Strip piecing the four patch leaf blocks.**

Take two strips of green fabric, place right sides together and sew together along one long side.



Open out and press towards darker fabric.



From the joined strip, cut fifteen pieces, each 1½ inches wide.



Repeat with the other two joined strips.

You should now have fifteen units of each colourway.

Take a unit of each colourway and place right sides together, with the seams in opposite directions. Stitch together.



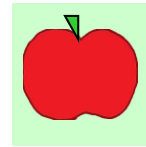
Open out and press.



Make fifteen of these blocks.

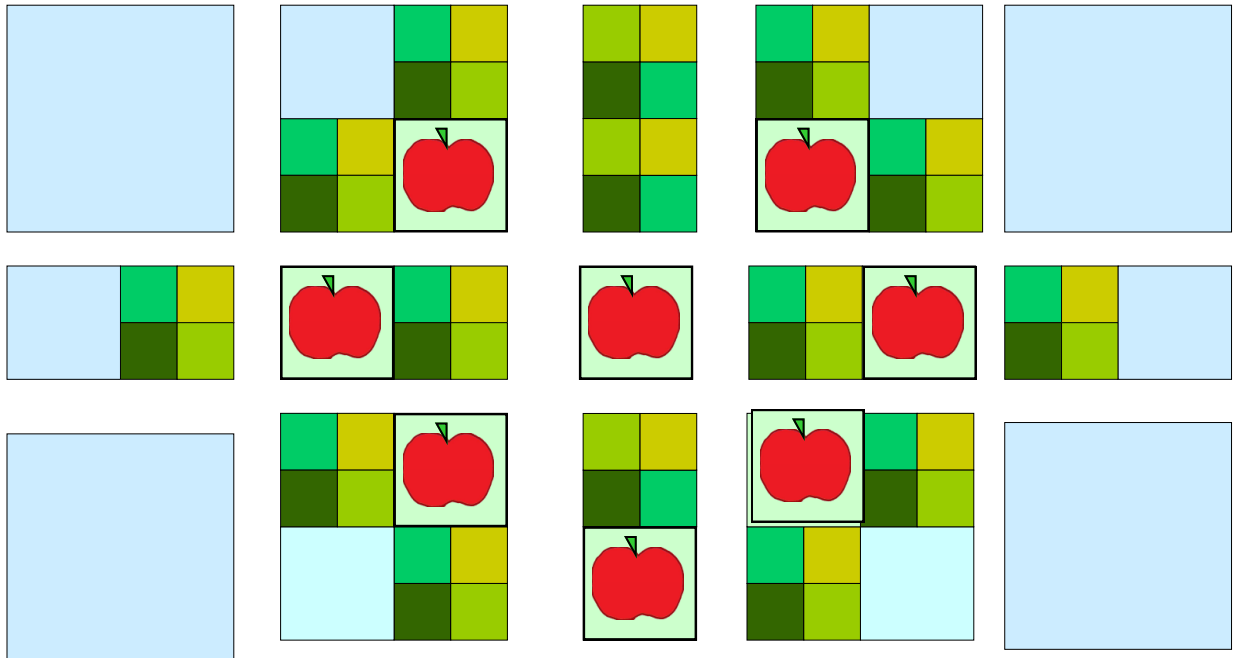
Appliquing the apples.

Trace the apple template on to bondaweb.  
 Cut out roughly and iron on the back of red fabric.  
 Cut round the apple accurately.  
 Peel of the backing paper and iron the apple on to a 2½ inch square of pale green fabric.  
 Machine satin stitch around the apple.  
 Embroider the apple stalk.

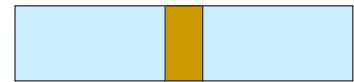


Make eight of these apple blocks.

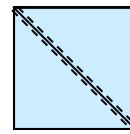
Following the diagram, stitch the tree branches together.



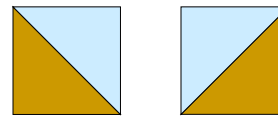
Take the rectangle of tree trunk fabric and the two  $8\frac{1}{2} \times 4\frac{1}{2}$  inch rectangles of sky fabric and stitch the tree trunk between the two rectangles of sky.



Take a  $2\frac{7}{8} \times 2\frac{7}{8}$  inch square of tree trunk fabric and a  $2\frac{7}{8} \times 2\frac{7}{8}$  inch square of sky fabric and place right sides together.  
Draw a diagonal line from corner to corner.



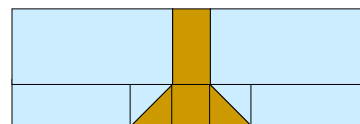
Cut along the drawn line and press open.  
(see 'How to make half square triangles' on [www.patchesandpots.co.uk](http://www.patchesandpots.co.uk)).



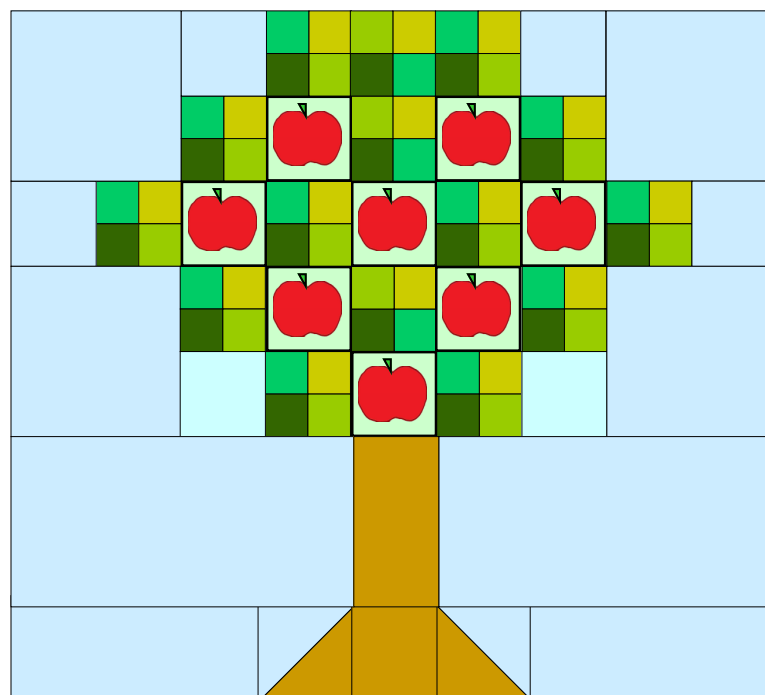
Take the  $6\frac{1}{2} \times 2\frac{1}{2}$  rectangles of sky fabric and stitch a half square triangle to each one.  
Then take the  $2\frac{1}{2}$  inch square of tree trunk fabric and stitch between these units.



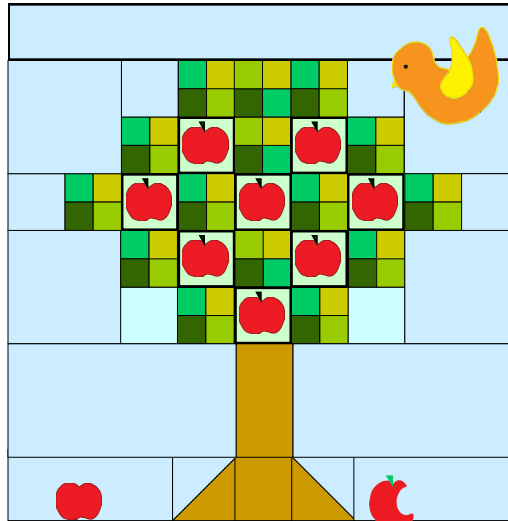
Now stitch this strip to the tree trunk unit.



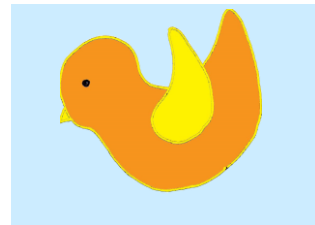
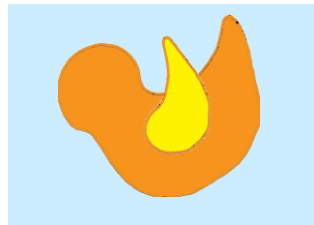
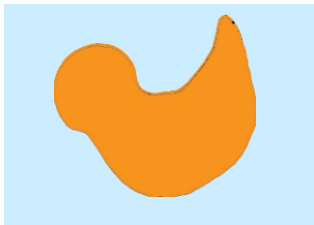
Join to the main tree branches.



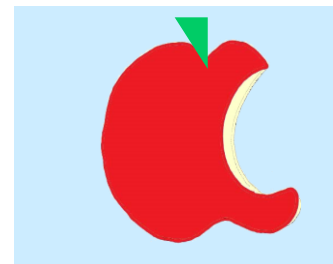
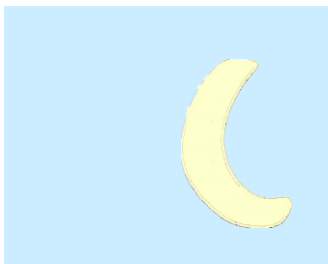
Take the strip of sky fabric measuring 18½ x 2½ inches and stitch to the top of the tree.



Trace the bird body and wing on to bondaweb. Cut out roughly. Iron on to bird fabrics. Cut out accurately and, using the picture as a guide, iron the bird body into the sky. Place the wing and iron on. Satin stitch around the outline of the bird. Embroider eye and beak.



Trace the bitten apple and the apple core templates on to Bondaweb. Cut out roughly. Iron on to the apple and core fabrics. Cut out accurately. Peel off Bondaweb. Iron the apple core on to the background and place the apple over it as shown. Embroider stalk.



Using the same method, appliqué an apple on to the ground. The appliqué shapes are on the following page.

This completes 'Don't sit under the Apple Tree'.

This pattern is just a sample. Patches and Pots purchased patterns are supplied in booklet form, in an A5 sized envelope.

Appliqué Templates

