

Suite Express

Tree Skirt

Designed by Vanessa Stevens
using the Suite Christmas collection by RJR Fabrics



Finished skirt measures 50" diameter



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Suite Express Color Card
Suite Christmas fabric collection

Fabric A
#2792_011



Fabric B
#2792_001



Fabric C
#2791_012



Fabric D
#2791_011



Fabric E
#2791_001



Fabric F
#2790_001



Fabric G
#2789_001



Fabric H
#2788_001



Fabric I
#2786_001



Fabric J
#2785_001



Fabric K
#2787_001



Yardage Requirements

(Suite Christmas collection)

1/4 yard each:

Fabric C - #2791_002

Fabric D - #2791_011

Fabric F - #2790_001

Fabric H - #2788_001

Fabric I - #2786_001

1/3 yard of Fabric E - #2791_001

2/3 yard of Fabric G - #2789_001

3/4 yard each:

Fabric J - #2785_001

Fabric K - #2787_001

3 yards each:

Fabric A - #2792_011

Fabric B - #2792_001

3 yards backing fabric

56" square of batting

18"-wide fusible webbing: approximately 5-1/2 yards for tree skirt ring and 4 yards for applique shapes

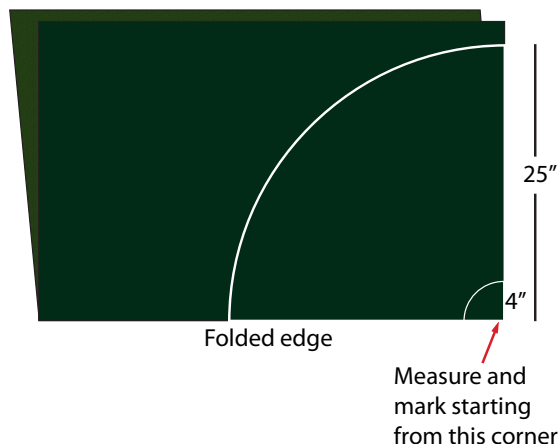
24" square of paper (or smaller sheets taped together) for creating ring template

Basic sewing supplies

Cutting and Preparation

From Fabric A, cut:

Two 42" x 54" pieces. To create the background circle, fold one 42" x 54" piece in half right sides together so it measures 42" x 27". Starting in a corner by the fold, use a fabric measuring tape to measure 25". Mark with a pencil. Move the tape measure in an arc across the fabric, always starting in the folded corner, and mark as you go to create a quarter circle. In the same manner, mark the inner circle by measuring 4" from the corner.

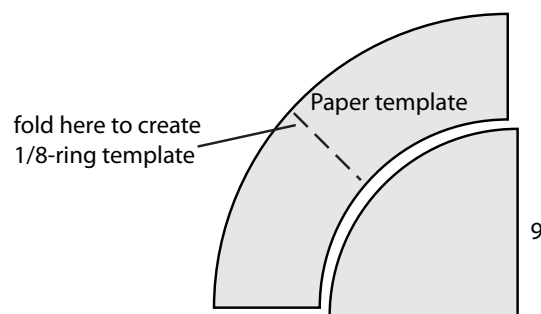


Cut along the lines to create a half circle after unfolding. Repeat with the second piece.

From Fabric B, cut:

Cut two half circles in the same manner described for Fabric A.

To cut the ring shape from fusible web, use the method described for creating a quarter circle from Fabric A on a 24" square of paper. (Fusible web isn't typically available in 24" widths, so a smaller template is required and the fusible web ring will be assembled in sections.) Create the quarter ring shape by measuring 9" from the corner instead of 4". Fold the paper quarter ring in half so it is 1/8 of a full ring. Trace this 1/8-ring onto the paper side of fusible web eight times. Set aside these 1/8-rings to use for fusing the tree skirt layers together.



Trace applique template pieces onto fusible web, and cut out roughly approximately 1/2" past edges. Fuse onto wrong side of appropriate fabric and cut out neatly on the drawn line. Label pieces as you cut and stack all pieces for each train car in a pile.

To fussy-cut Fabric J pieces, refer to Layout Diagram before cutting. Cut around desired area leaving at least 1" past motif edge. Cut fusible webbing 1/2" smaller than roughly cut fabric; fuse to back of fabric, and then neatly cut out desired motif.

From Fabric H, cut:

3 round peppermint stacks (3 wagons)

From Fabric J, cut:

- 6 bows (engine, 3 wagons, 2 coal cars)
- 19 assorted ribbon candy pieces (3 wagons, 3 coal cars)
- 6 round peppermints (2 cabooses)
- 2 round peppermint rows (2 passenger cars)
- 2 round peppermint piles (2 wagons)
- 2 peppermint stripes (2 passenger cards)
- 3 candy cane bunches (3 wagons)

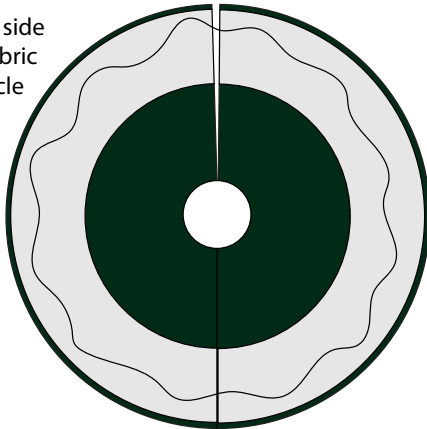
From Fabric K, cut:

250" of bias cut strips 2-1/4" wide

Making the Skirt Top

1. Sew the two Fabric A half-circles together along one straight edge to make a circle with a slit to the center hole. Repeat with the Fabric B half-circles.
2. Adhere the fusible 1/8-rings to the wrong side of the Fabric A circle. Drawing freehand, mark gentle waves and curves on the fusible web, using the tree skirt image as reference. Trim the Fabric A circle along the wavy line you drew.

Back side
of Fabric
A circle



3. Fuse the Fabric A wavy-edged circle to the Fabric B circle, aligning the slits.



4. Using a pressing sheet, build and fuse each train car's details in place before fusing to the tree skirt.

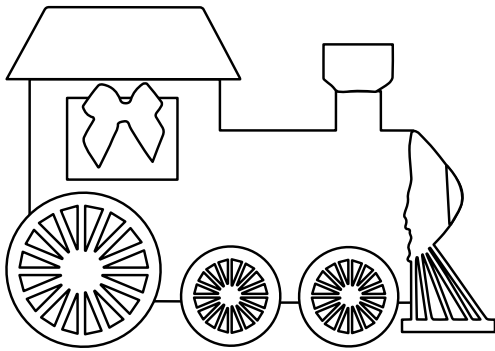
5. Referring to the tree skirt image and Layout Diagram for reference, lay out the trees, train cars, and links between cars on the tree skirt. Fuse all pieces into place, beginning with the trees in the background. Use a zig zag, blanket or other decorative stitch to secure the applique pieces in place.

Finishing the Tree Skirt

1. Layer the backing face down, batting, and tree skirt top face up. Baste layers and quilt as desired. Trim around the tree skirt, including up the slit and inside the center circle.
2. Use the bias-cut Fabric K strips to bind the tree skirt.

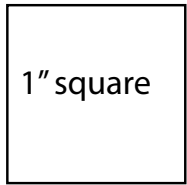
Layout Diagram



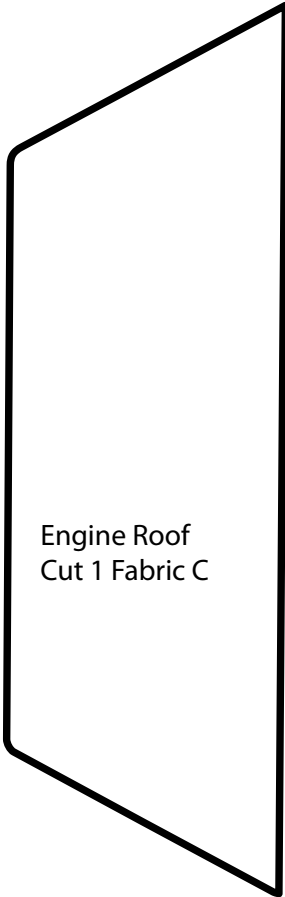


Engine - Make 1

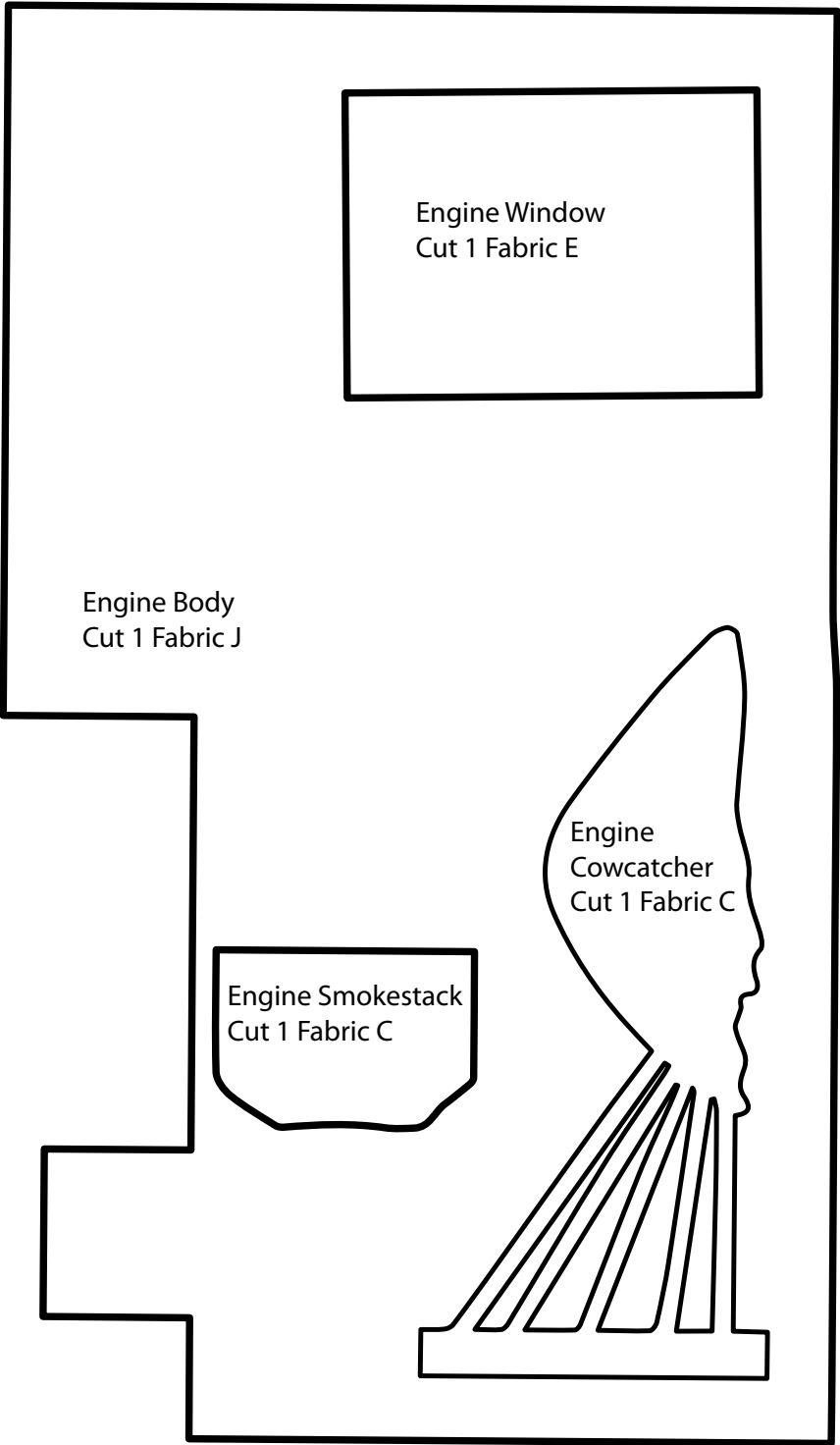
Templates are shown in reverse at 100%.
Trace number listed onto fusible web and
then fuse to indicated fabrics.



Engine Light
Cut 1 Fabric E



Engine Roof
Cut 1 Fabric C



Engine Window
Cut 1 Fabric E

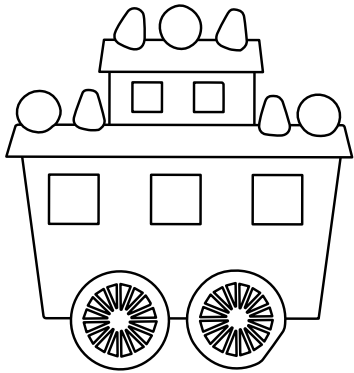
Engine Body
Cut 1 Fabric J

Engine Smokestack
Cut 1 Fabric C

Engine
Cowcatcher
Cut 1 Fabric C

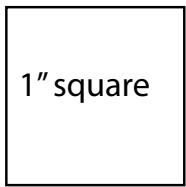
Additional Engine Cutting:

- Cut 2 Fabric E wheel circles
- Cut 2 Fabric D wheel spokes
- Cut 1 Fabric E large wheel circle
- Cut 1 Fabric E large wheel spokes
- (Wheel templates on p. 7)



Caboose Car - Make 3

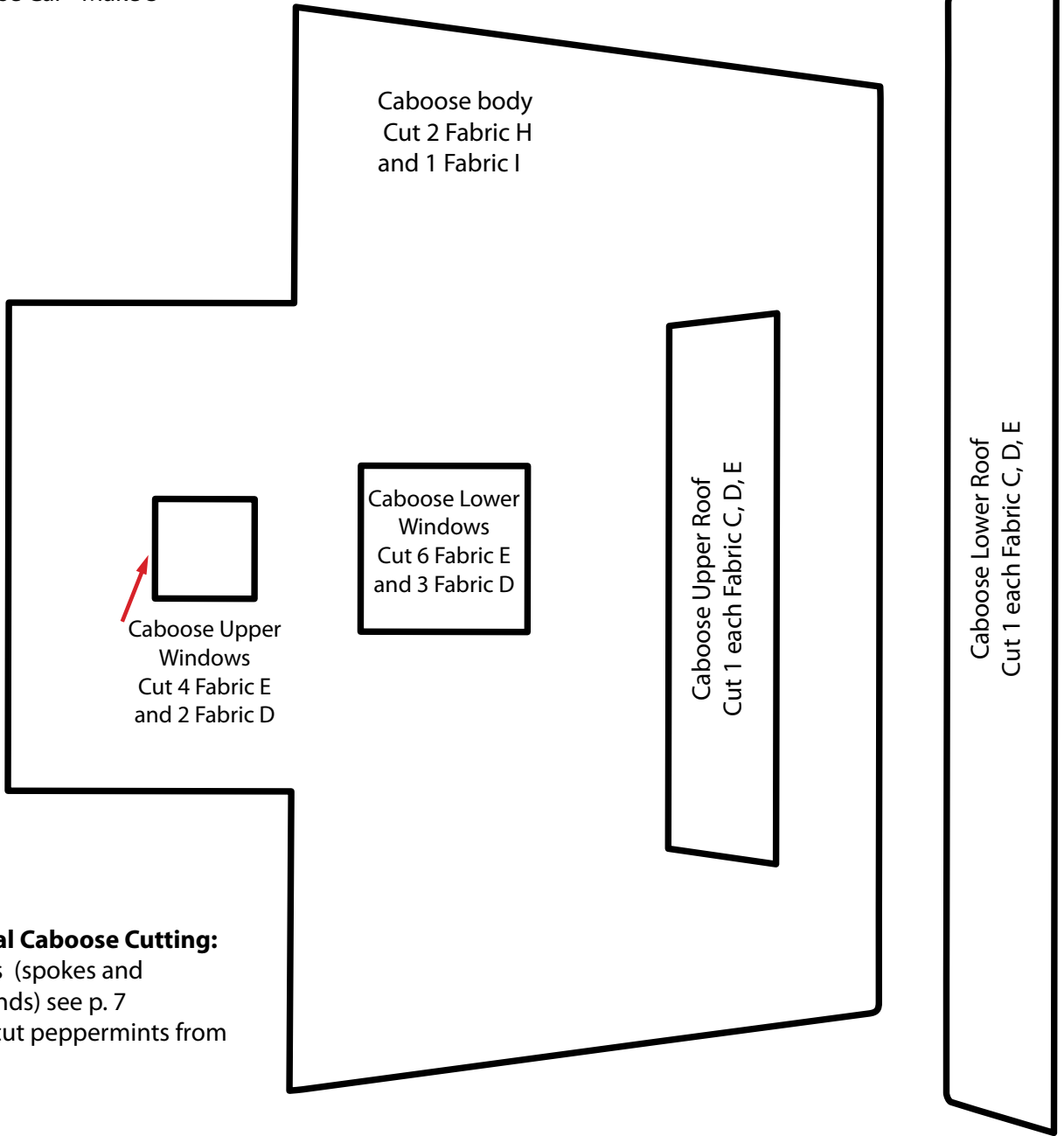
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1" square

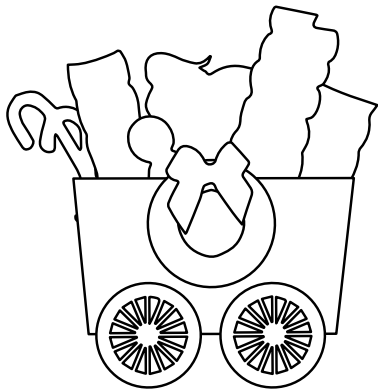


Caboose
Gumdrops
Cut 8 Fabric F



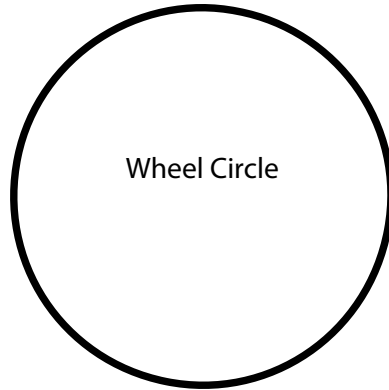
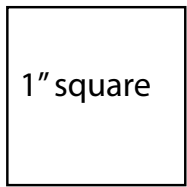
Additional Caboose Cutting:

- * 6 wheels (spokes and backgrounds) see p. 7
- * 6 fussy-cut peppermints from Fabric J

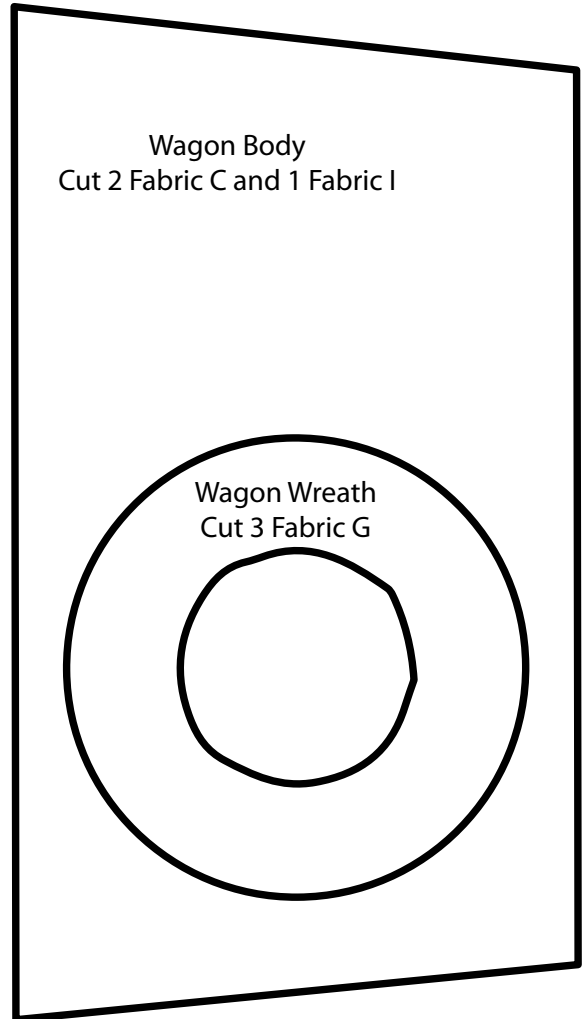


Wagon Car - Make 3

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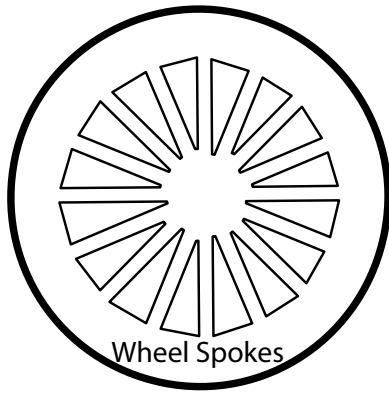


Wheel Circle

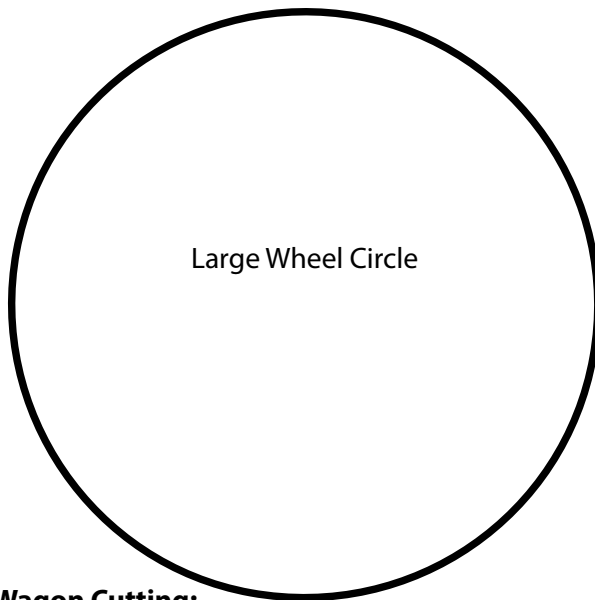


Wagon Body
Cut 2 Fabric C and 1 Fabric I

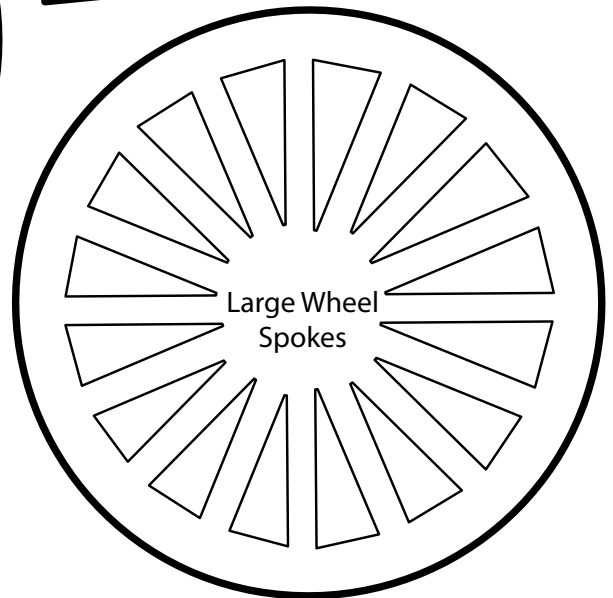
Wagon Wreath
Cut 3 Fabric G



Wheel Spokes



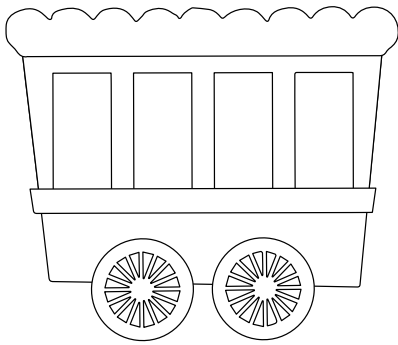
Large Wheel Circle



Large Wheel
Spokes

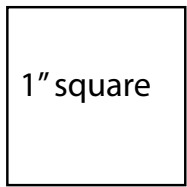
Additional Wagon Cutting:

- Cut 6 Fabric E wheel circles
- Cut 2 Fabric F wheel spokes
- Cut 4 Fabric D wheel spokes

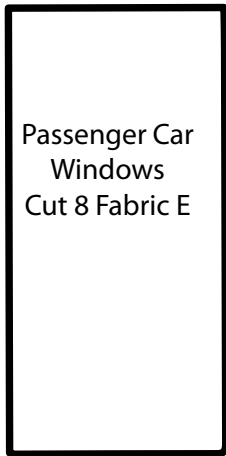


Passenger Car - Make 2

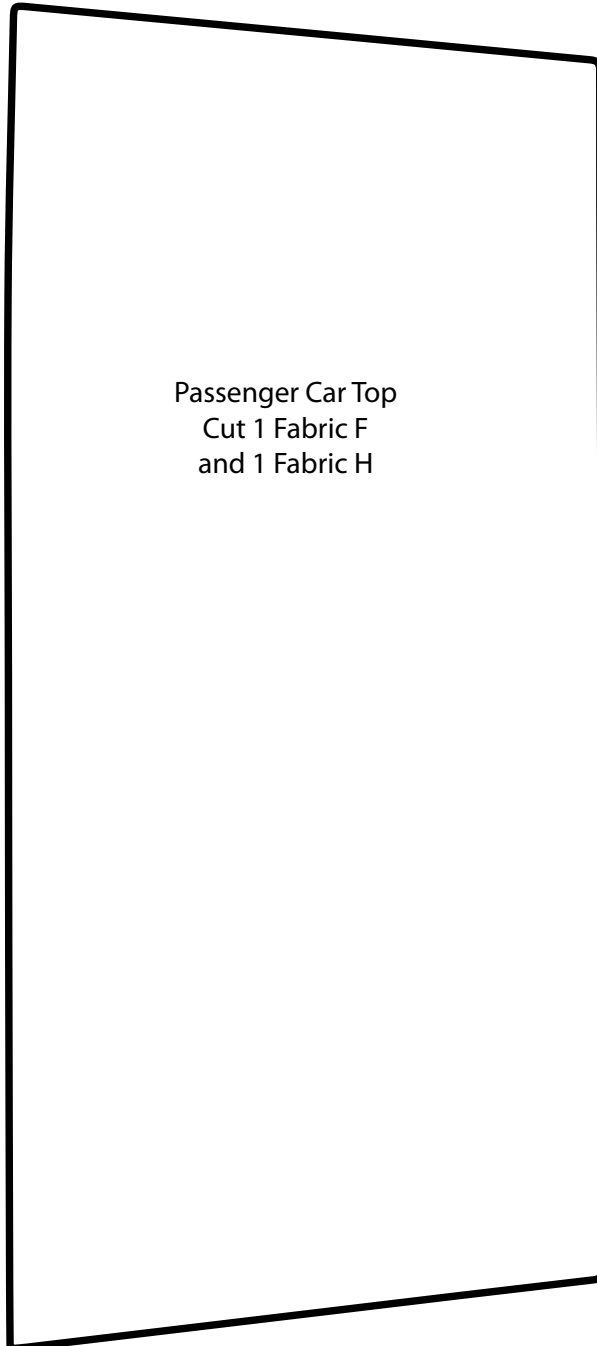
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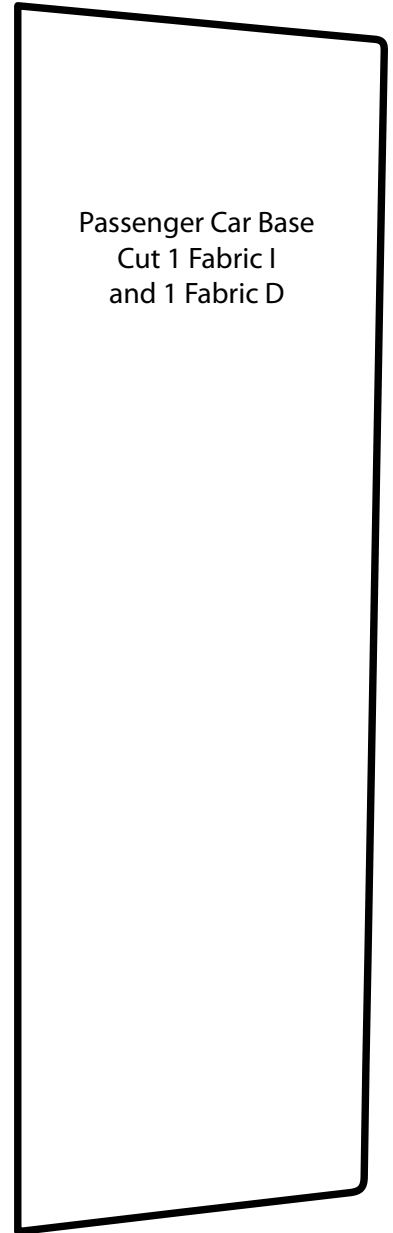
1" square



Passenger Car
Windows
Cut 8 Fabric E



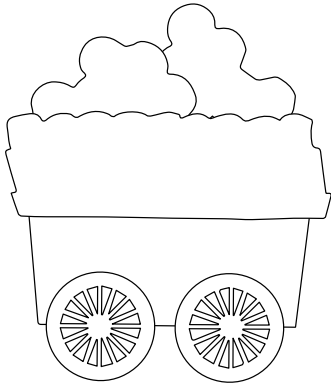
Passenger Car Top
Cut 1 Fabric F
and 1 Fabric H



Passenger Car Base
Cut 1 Fabric I
and 1 Fabric D

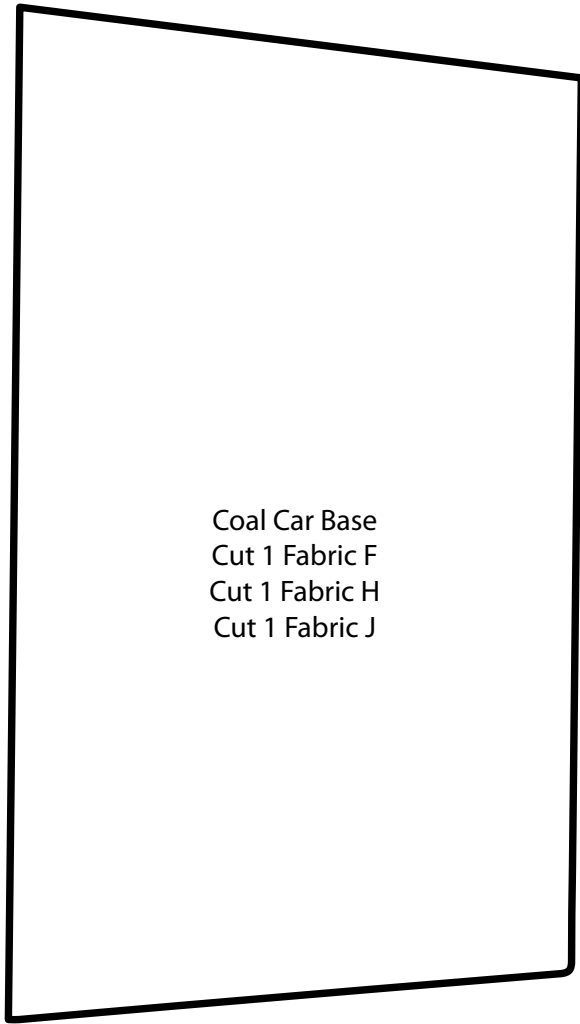
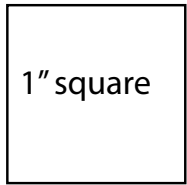
Additional Wagon Cutting:

- Cut 4 Fabric E wheel circles
- Cut 2 Fabric F wheel spokes
- Cut 2 Fabric A wheel spokes

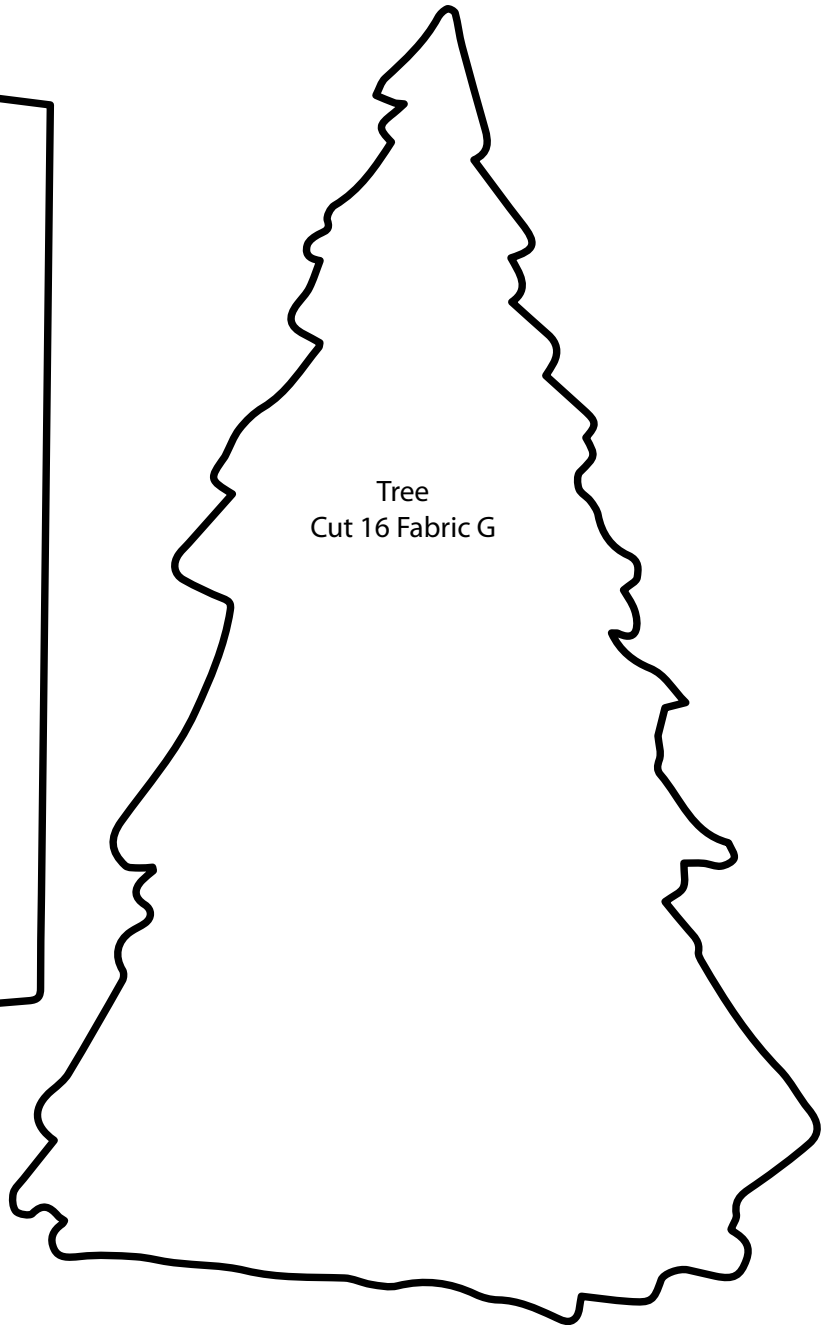


Coal Car - Make 3

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Coal Car Base
Cut 1 Fabric F
Cut 1 Fabric H
Cut 1 Fabric J

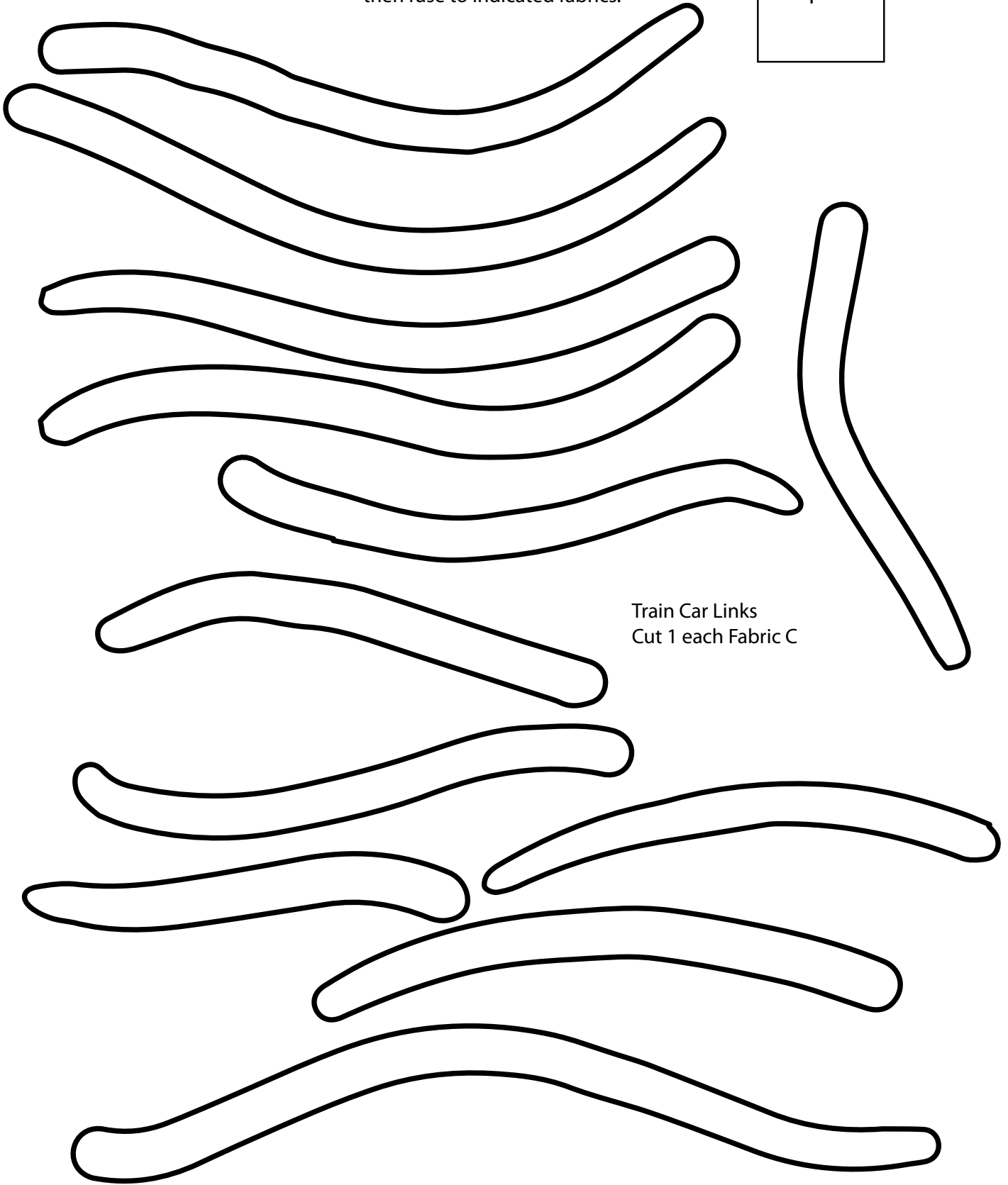
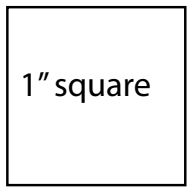


Tree
Cut 16 Fabric G

Additional Wagon Cutting:

- Cut 6 Fabric E wheel circles
- Cut 2 Fabric F wheel spokes
- Cut 4 Fabric A wheel spokes

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Train Car Links
Cut 1 each Fabric C