



Step 1: Branch/trunk assembly

- For your protection, always wear safety glasses and gloves.
- Divide the (12) branch pieces into (6) matched pairs and lay them out as seen in Fig. 1.
- Determine whether you plan to stake, stand or mount your finished tree. Trees can be staked into the ground or into a pot full of stones, for example. You can build the included base stand. Or you can mount your tree to a wall. If staking, position the trunk so that the pointed end is at the bottom. If using the included base stand or mounting, position the trunk so that the squared-off end is at the bottom.
- Abutt the angled ends of each pair of branches and position them on the tree trunk as seen in Fig 2.

NOTE: Placing the branches exactly as shown in Fig. 2 will result in small spaces between each set of branches and the amount of bare trunk shown at the bottom of the tree. If more or less space (or no space) is desired between sets of branches, or if more or less bare trunk at the bottom is desired, simply place the sets of set of branches either closer together or further apart.

- Once comfortable with the position of the branches, evenly apply wood glue to both pieces of each pair of branches and reposition them on the trunk. Apply even pressure until glue is completely dry. Use clamps if desired.
- Repeat until all branches are glued into position and each of the branch assemblies is thoroughly dry.

Items needed for assembly

- 1 – 1 x 4 x 40" tree trunk
- 6 – 2-piece branch assemblies (Fig. 1)
- 4 – 1 x 4 x 5" base stand pieces (Fig. 3)
- OPTIONAL – Clamps
- 1 – Wood glue
- Drop cloth or covered work surface
- Rag for glue clean-up

Note: Finish your Reclaimed Pallet Board Christmas Tree with paint, stain, glitter, stencils, etc., or leave unfinished and enjoy its natural, rustic finish. Match any décor, indoors or out, any way you like. For outdoor use, protect your project with a water-proof/weather-proof sealant.

Step 2: Optional base stand assembly

- If you wish to display your tree as a free-standing decoration (as opposed to mounting it or staking it, use the (4) 1 x 4 x 5" pieces to build the base stand. Use wood glue to adhere them to the base of the tree trunk in the configuration illustrated in Fig. 3

NOTE: Before glue begins to set, check that the trunk and all 4 base stand pieces are flush against a hard horizontal surface. This will ensure that once the glue is dry, the tree will stand straight and its weight will be evenly distributed across all 4 supports.

- Clamp if desired and allow glue to dry completely before adding any custom finishes.

Step 3: Finish & display

- As noted above under *Items needed*, finish (or not) as you desire.
- If mounting, purchase the hardware of your choice, including, if necessary, the appropriate wall anchors for the wall material on which you wish to display your Christmas tree. Hang and enjoy.
- Other display options include staking it into the ground outside, or standing it in a pot full of stones, either inside or outside. For outdoor use, protect with a water-proof/weather-proof sealant.

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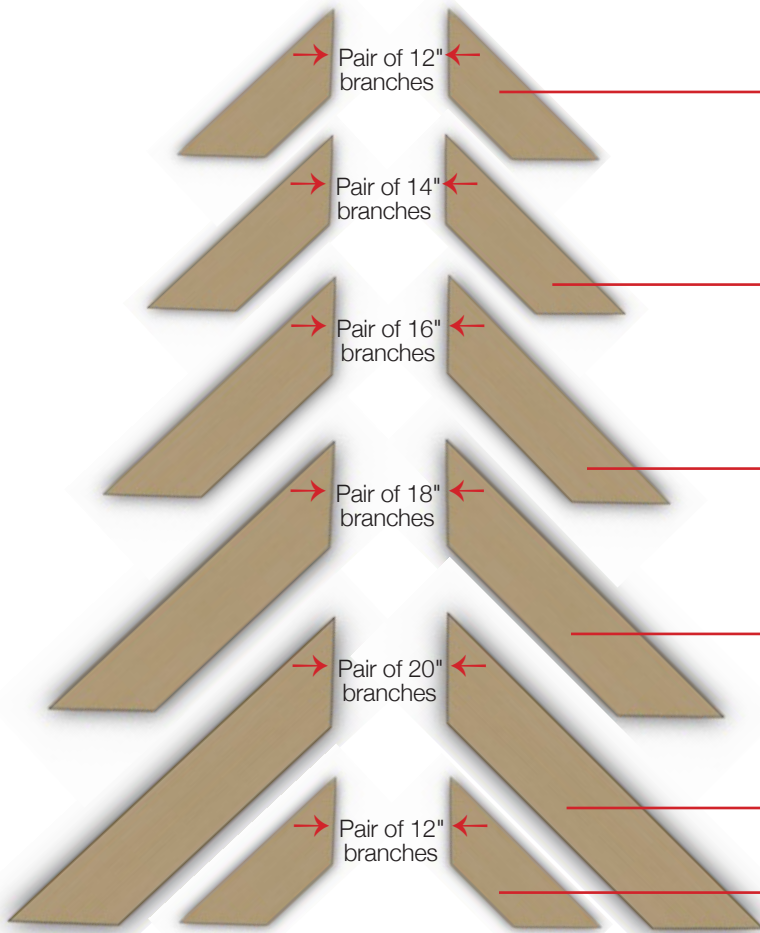


Fig. 1

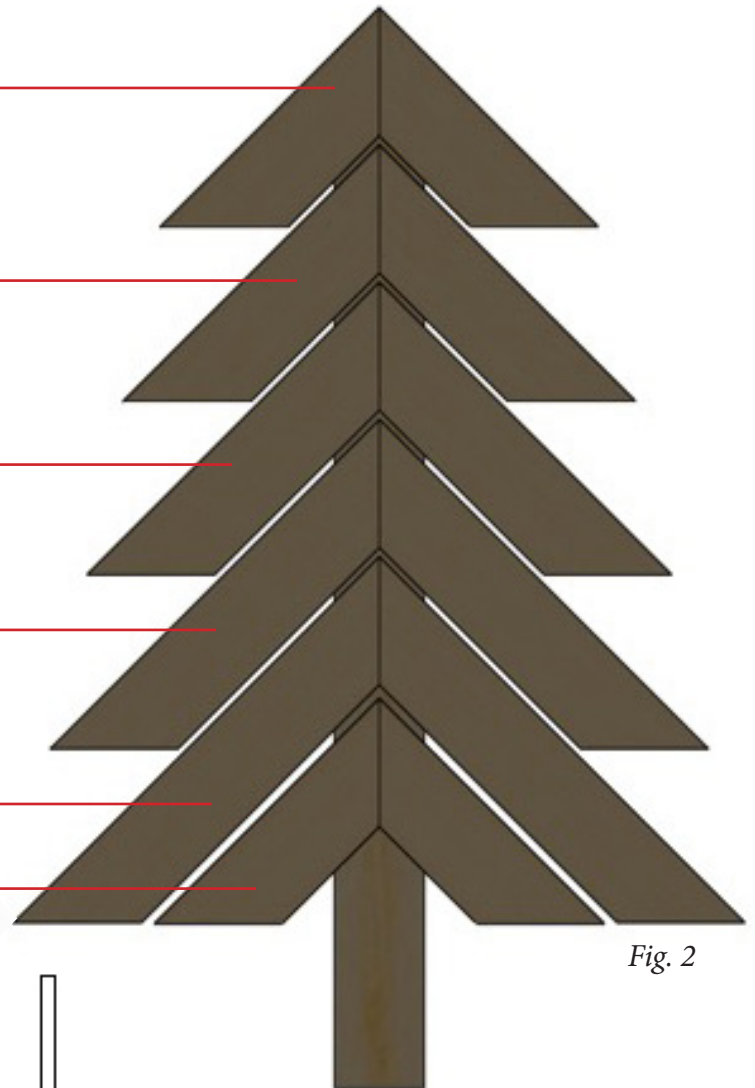


Fig. 2

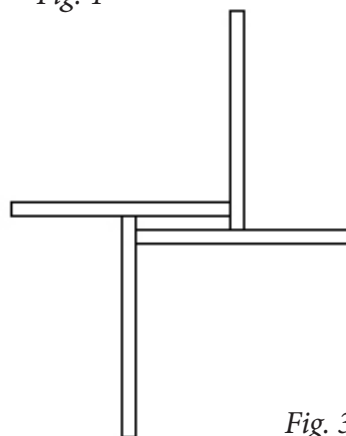


Fig. 3

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