

3-D Stitched Fabric Leaves

Supply list (1 page)

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These three-dimensional leaves are stitched by machine, fun, relatively easy to make, and remarkably realistic. Real leaves are the source for the templates used to create these ruffled fabric facsimiles. Batiks are lovely; the leaves can be enhanced with colored pencils for realism. The completed leaves can be added to clothing or art quilts as an embellishment or as mats or ornaments. Once you learn the process, you will want to make lots of them. They are a beautiful way to use up leftover scraps of fabric.



Please be courteous to others by arriving for class with the correct supplies. Contact me at 503-888-9784 or helene.m.knott@gmail.com if you have any questions.

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Thank you, Helene

TOOLS/MATERIALS:

- **Fabrics:** You can choose a couple of Fat Quarters in 'leaf' colors – green, yellow, gold, orange, red... the two colors should be slightly different shades of the same color. Batiks are a good choice as they are mottled, and may have organic looking textures that can be exploited to add a textural shaded effect. If you collect scraps, a variety of 6" (or so) pieces will work great.
- **Freezer Paper:** a foot or so from a roll.
- **Pencil:** to trace templates.
- **Scissors:** a pair of utility scissors for cutting freezer paper as well as sharp fine bladed craft scissors for trimming and shaping your leaves. **Note:** Large shears will not work for this.
- **Light to medium weight, non-woven interfacing:** This can be fusible if you wish but does not need to be.
- **Sewing thread:** In colors that match your fabrics as well as some contrasting 'leaf' colors for stitching the veins.
- **Sewing Machine:** Capable of zig zag and free motion stitching with both a Zig Zag foot (preferably open toed) **and** a free motion foot.
- **Extra needles:** Bring extra Machine Quilting or Microtex/Sharps needles in sizes 11-14.
- **Sewing pins**
- **Seam Ripper or Sewing Stiletto**
- **Colored pencils:** Optional, but they can be used to enhance the realism of your leaves. A good brand like Prismacolor® work best (you can also use Inktense® watercolor pencils). I will bring some to share.
- **Leaf patterns:** Each student will receive a couple of sheets with leaf patterns.