

"Falling" – Month 5

This month you will applique a few different leaves.



You Will Need:

A good variety of leaf green, and autumn coloured fabrics. Mix and match solids, patterns and prints and batik fabrics as well.

2-3 skeins of mid-light greeny grey embroidery floss

Fusible webbing for applique

Applique:

Print the attached leaf templates.

You need to make three of the 7-leaf design as you have done in the previous months.

Use the fusible webbing to fuse a leaf to each block, then use 2 strands of embroidery floss to buttonhole/blanket stitch around each leaf shape. Refer to the template for the stems and leaf veins and backstitch them on.

Use that same template and make one block with three leaves missing as shown. Use yellow-y coloured fabric for this block. Cut out the three missing leaves separately (from the same fabric) and put aside for now.

Use the second template of the folded leaf to make one block. As pictured, use a different colour for the folded up underside of the leaf. Use autumn colours for this block.

Put aside for now.

Assembly:

The stitched blocks are arranged in a 5 x 10 grid. Try to place the greener leaves towards the top, with the more autumn-y colours closer to the bottom. Take some time with this, as you need to have different backgrounds next to each other, and preferably different leaf fabrics as well.

Note that some of the bottom left blocks have no leaves – just the stitched oval shape.

Refer to the pictures on the following page.

When you are happy with your arrangement, sew the blocks together in horizontal rows of five. Make sure you label each row number in order, so you can keep your complete arrangement correct. Do not join these rows together yet.

Next Month, you will add the blowing leaves and finish your wallhanging.



Note that the 4-leaf block you stitched this month is positioned 7 rows down on the left hand side and the folded over leaf is in the middle of row 5.

You can now sew the first 5 rows together for the top part of the wallhanging. Leave the other rows unattached for now.

Play with the block arrangement until it looks something like this.

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