

"Falling" – Month 6

This month you will add borders, applique more leaves and finish your quilt.



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

1½ metres (1½ yards) bright autumn-toned batik fabric for the border

1 metre (1 yard) dark chocolate brown fabric for the border and binding

Batting measuring at least 38 inches x 62 inches

Backing fabric measuring at least 38 inches x 62 inches

Applique:

Print the attached blowing leaf templates.

The leaves this month are all twisted as the blow away in the Autumn winds. Where the leaf is folded, use two different fabrics – one for each side as you did with the folded leaf last month. Use your darker reds and browns for these leaves as they are more ‘autumn-y’ and have fallen from the trees.

Refer to the following photos, but you may add as many leaves as you like. Make sure they are swirled across the quilt, blowing from the left to the right and ending up in a bit of a pile at the bottom left hand corner. They are no longer neatly on each block – cross seam lines and overlap other leaves.

Add the leaves on the quilt first, as this is easier to manage before adding the borders and border leaves.

Fuse the shapes in position then use 2 strands of embroidery floss to buttonhole/blanket stitch around each leaf shape. Refer to the templates for the stems and leaf veins and backstitch them on.



You will find that you can keep your work in rows still at this point. Just join the rows together as you need to, when a leaf overlaps a seam.

As shown above, applique the three extra blowing leaves from the 4-leaf block you did last month.

The following picture will give you an idea for where to position the leaves on the pieced quilt top. Feel free to add more than we did, but just make sure they are blowing across to the right hand side.

First Border:

The first border has mitred corners to give an illusion of perspective.

From the bright autumn-toned batik fabric, cut 2 strips measuring 4 inches x 33 inches. Both ends need to be cut at 45 degree angles for the mitered border. Cut one and check the measurement, before cutting the other. Remember to leave a seam allowance to join the corners together. Refer to the photos below.





Add your bottom border strip first and applique the falling leaves on.



Now add the top border and join all of your rows together to finish the centre panel.

From the bright autumn-toned batik fabric, cut 2 strips measuring 4 inches x 57 inches for the side borders. Cut one corner first at the 45 degree angle, and double check your measurements, trimming to fit if necessary. Cut the other end and sew the length of the border strip to the side of your quilt top.

When the four border strips have been added, sew the mitred corner seams at each corner, making sure your quilt top lies flat. Press.

Second Border:

From the dark chocolate brown fabric, cut two strips measuring 1½ inches x approx. 57½ inches. (Double check your measurements before cutting.)

Sew these strips to the sides of your quilt top. Press.

From the dark chocolate brown fabric, cut two strips measuring 1½ inches x approx. 35 inches for the top and bottom borders. Sew in place and press.

Quilting:

Place the backing face down on a large flat surface and tape the edges out flat, then lay the batting and quilt top right side up over it, smoothing out any wrinkles as you go. Pin or thread-baste the layers together in a four inch grid.

Quilt in the ditch around each block in the pieced centre panel. To give perspective, we then quilted radiating quilting lines on the outer bright batik border only. Refer to the following diagram and photo.

Use a pin to mark the centre of the quilt. Use your large ruler to continue the 45 degree lines in from each mitred corner and place a pin to mark the point where they meet in the centre.

The second and fourth points are in the centre of the fourth square down from the top, and the fourth square up from the bottom as detailed in the diagram.

If your ruler isn't long enough, use a piece of ribbon or yarn to mark out the angle of the quilting lines. These angled lines are shown in red on the diagram and are only quilted on the bright batik border. The blue dotted lines are a guide only.

To finish, add swirly wind lines as indicated on the diagram. Don't quilt over the applied leaves.



Binding:

Use the dark chocolate brown fabric for your binding.

Cut 2½ inch wide strips from your remaining piece of fabric and join them with 45 degree seams. Press the ¼ inch seams open, then fold the strip in half, right sides out and press.

Beginning about halfway along one side of the quilt, join the binding to the edge with a quarter inch seam, mitring each corner as you go. Trim the batting and backing a quarter inch beyond the edge of the quilt top. Turn the folded edge of the binding to the back of the quilt and slip stitch it in place with thread that matches the binding.

Note:

We worked two, 3D leaves hanging over the border. These are made by fusing two pieces of fabric together back to back, then cutting out the shape with a template. Blanket stitch around all edges, then carefully stitch them to the quilt. Fold up one edge and tack it in place.

**Label & Hanging Sleeve:**

It is important to attach a rod pocket and label to each quilt you make with the date, your name and details like the name of the Quilt and for whom it was made. Labels can be as simple as just writing with a colourfast fabric marker on a square of pale coloured fabric, or you might choose to embroider those details, or applique another few leaves to decorate the label.

Congratulations – You've Finished!

You must be thrilled with your new quilt and we're certain that you will receive many great compliments on your work.

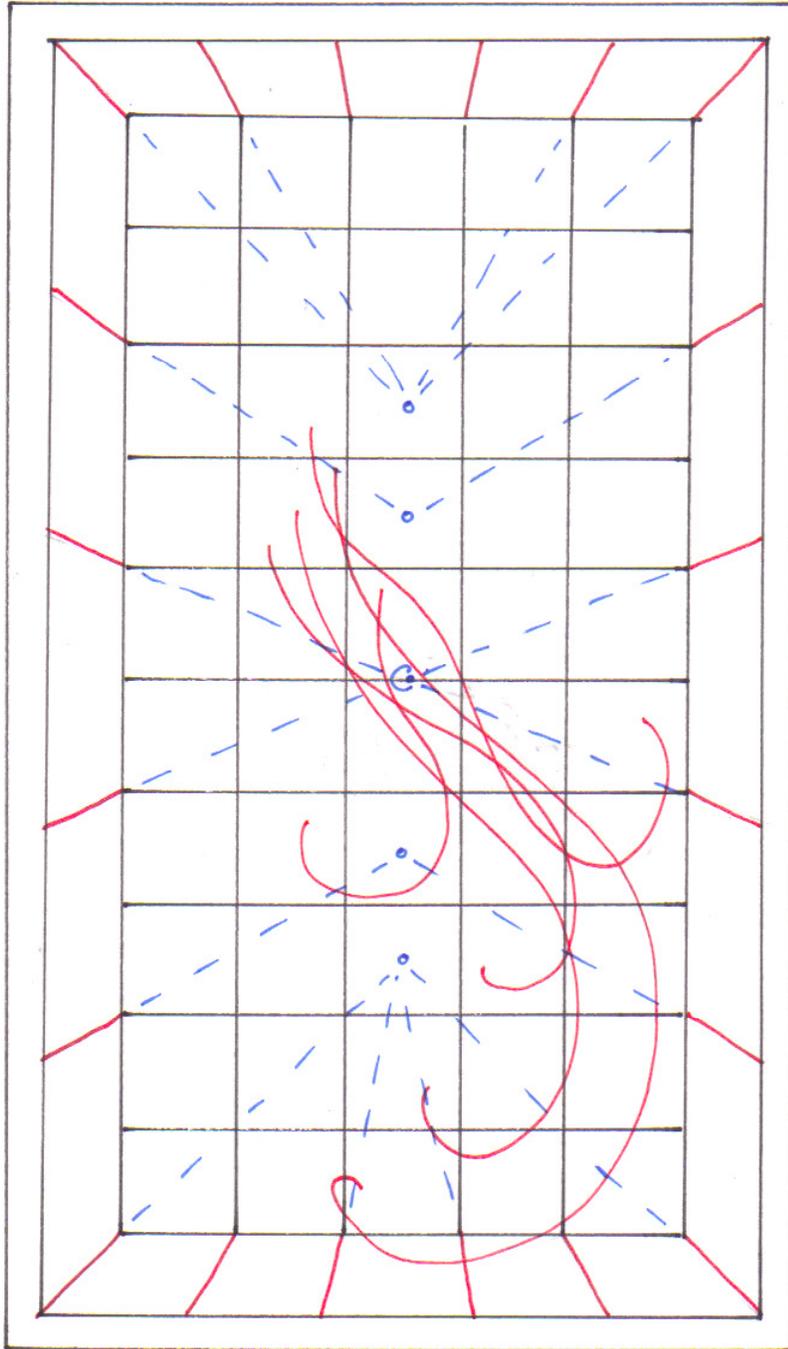
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Quilting Diagram – Month 6

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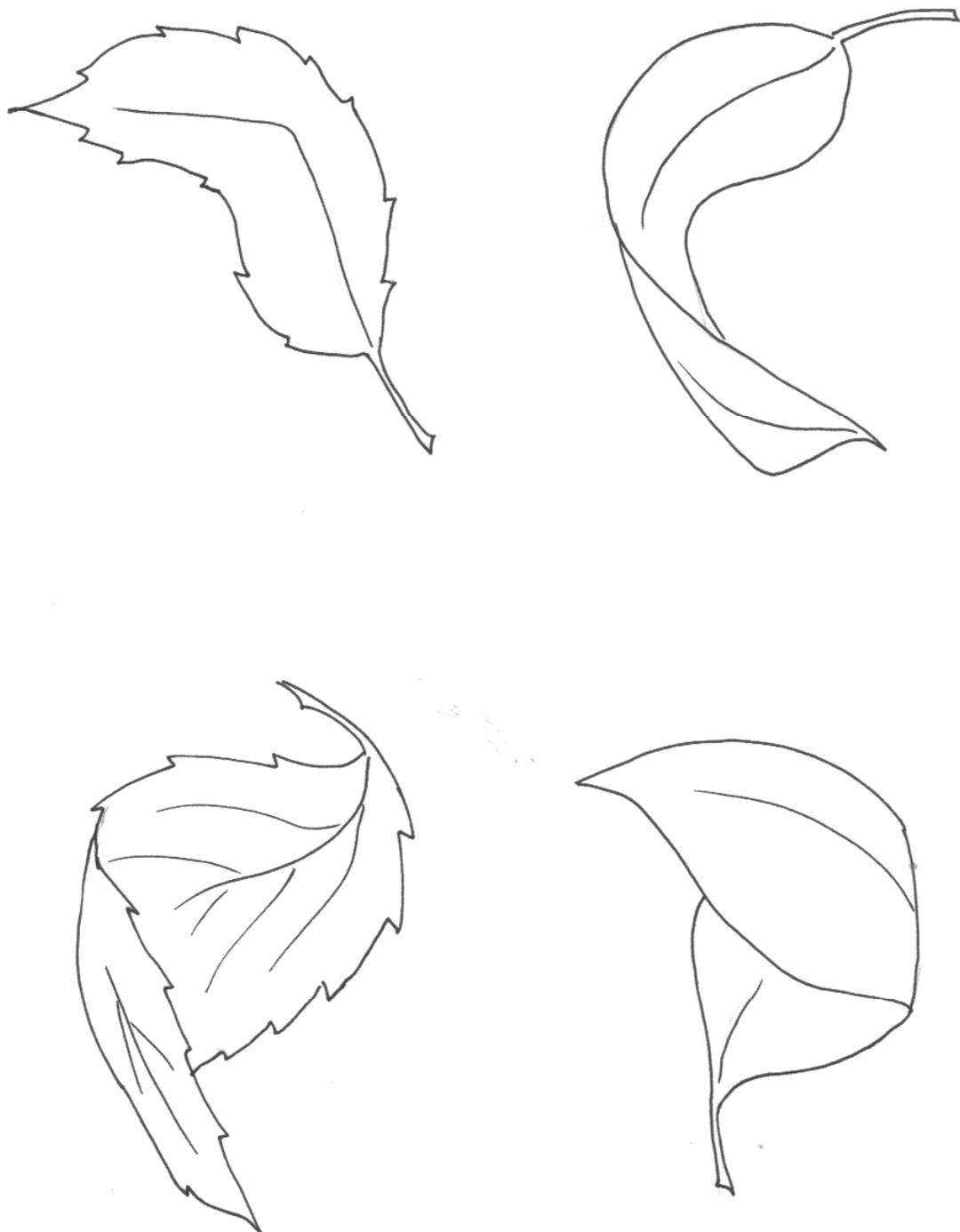
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