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Shades of Autumn Runner



Add touch of color to your Thanksgiving table. Appliquéd leaves will last long after the colors of their real counterparts have faded.

SPECIFICATIONS
 Skill Level: Beginner
 Runner Size: 50" x 14½"

INSTRUCTIONS

Preparing the Appliqué

Step 1. Trace a total of 22–24 leaves in a variety of sizes onto the paper side of the fusible web using patterns given or selecting fallen leaves from your favorite trees and leaving at least ¼" between pieces when tracing.

Step 2. Cut out shapes, leaving a margin around each one.

Step 3. Fuse shapes to the wrong side of the batik scraps as desired; cut out shapes on traced lines. Remove paper backing.

Step 3. Lay a straightedge from the marked line to the creased center and trim to make an angled end, again referring to Figure 1.

Step 4. Repeat Step 3 on the remaining end to complete cutting A.

Step 5. Center and sew a B strip to opposite long sides of A; press seams toward B strips.

Step 6. Using a straightedge, trim ends of B strips at the same angle as A as shown in Figure 2.

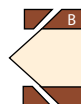


Figure 2

Step 7. Align straight end of C with one angled end of A-B and stitch as shown in Figure 3; press seam toward C. Trim the angled end as in Step 6, again referring to Figure 3. Repeat with C on the opposite end.

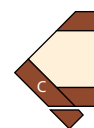


Figure 3

Completing the Runner Top

Step 1. Fold the A background rectangle in half along length and crease to mark the center.

Step 2. Measure 5" in from each short end along each side and mark as shown in Figure 1.

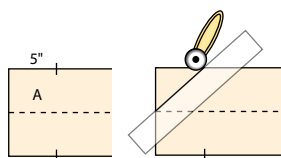




Figure 1

Designer's tips

- If you are fusing a light fabric onto a dark background, consider double-fusing the light fabric to avoid having the darker fabric show through the light fabric. Simply fuse two pieces of the lighter fabric together before tracing and fusing the pattern shape. This will result in a heavier feel to the finished project, but it does prevent those annoying shadows from showing through.
- When doing raw-edge appliqué with fusible web, reduce the stitch length to 1.8. This will help you create smooth angles and curves when stitching. Use a Microtex 70/10 needle. It results in a smaller needle hole in the finished project.
- Batiks work well for machine appliqué. They are a finer weave and don't fray nearly as much as regular cottons.

FABRIC Measurements based on 42" usable fabric width.	PATTERN PIECES	#STRIPS & PIECES	CUT	#PIECES	SUBCUT
Scraps autumn-color batiks	8		Appliqué pieces as per instructions		
 ⅓ yard cream mottled batik*	A	1	9" x 42"		
 ⅞ yard brown mottled batik*	B	2	3½" x 36"		
	C	2	3½" x 42"	2	14" strips
	D	4	2½" x 42" binding	2	18" strips

FABRIC Measurements based on 42" usable fabric width.	PATTERN PIECES	#STRIPS & PIECES	CUT	#PIECES	SUBCUT
Backing			58" x 22"		

SUPPLIES

- Batting 58" x 22"
- All-purpose thread to match or contrast with fabrics
- 1 yard 18"-wide fusible web*
- Basic sewing tools and supplies

*Batiks from Hoffman Fabrics and Bosal fusible web used in sample.

Step 8. Repeat Step 7 with D strips referring to Figure 4 to complete the pieced top.

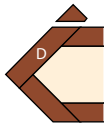


Figure 4

Completing the Runner

Step 1. Select 10 or 12 leaf shapes in a variety of shapes and colors. Arrange and fuse shapes to one end of the pieced top referring to the Placement Diagram and project photo for positioning. Repeat on the opposite end of the pieced runner.

Step 2. Layer, quilt and bind referring to Finishing Your Quilt on page 96.

Step 3. Using thread to contrast or match leaf fabrics, stitch close to the edge of each shape and add leaf vein lines as desired to finish the runner.

Step 3. Join binding strips on short ends with diagonal seams to make one long strip; trim seams to ¼" and press seams open. Fold the strip in half along length with wrong sides together; press.

Step 4. Sew binding to the right side of the quilt edges, overlapping ends. Fold binding to the back side and stitch in place. **QW**

Finishing Your Quilt

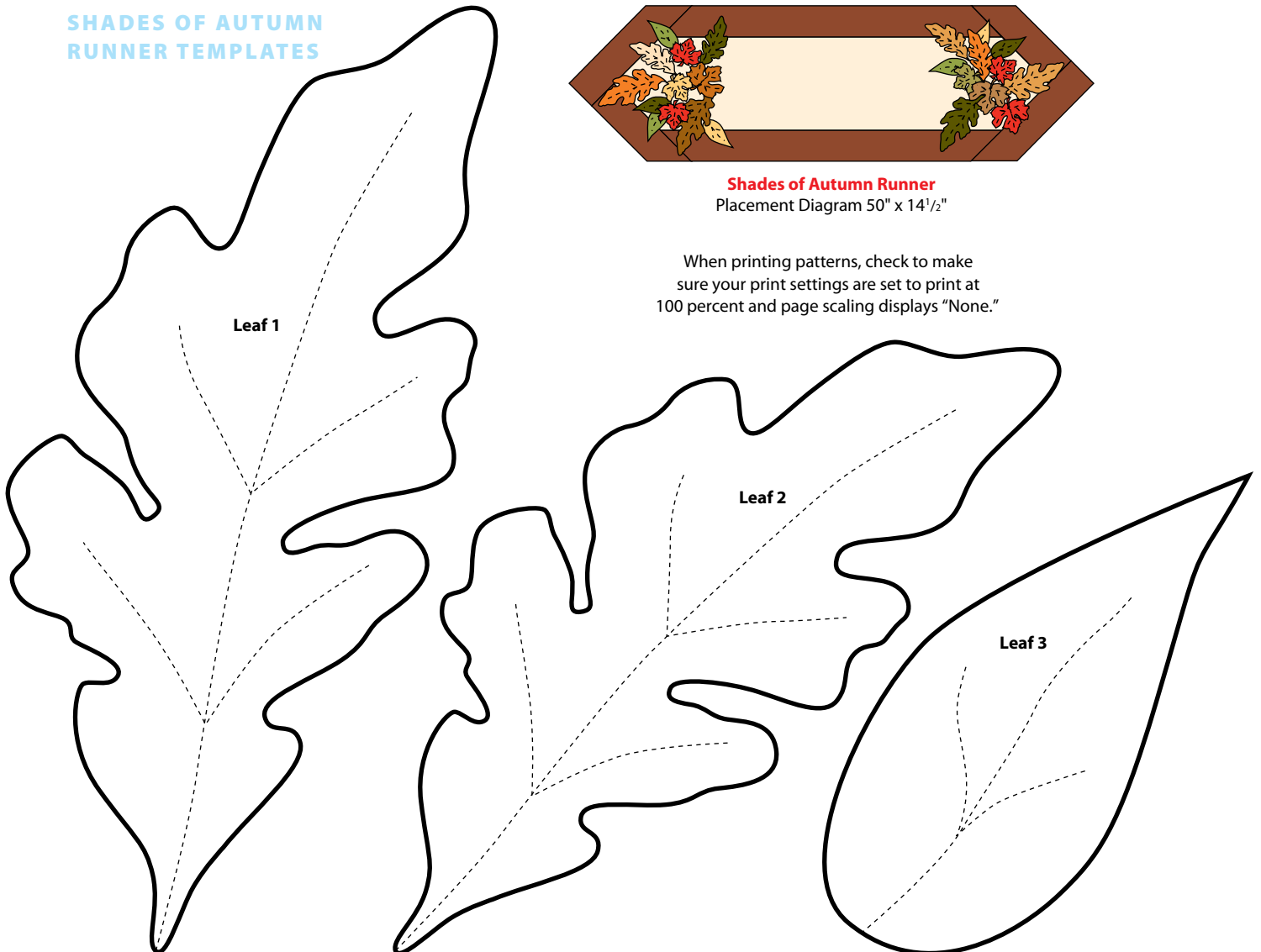
Step 1. Sandwich the batting between the completed top and prepared backing; pin or baste layers together to hold.

Step 2. Quilt as desired by hand or machine; remove pins or basting. Trim excess backing and batting even with quilt top.

How to Quilt

Quilting with a random stippled loop suggests falling leaves swirling in the autumn breeze.

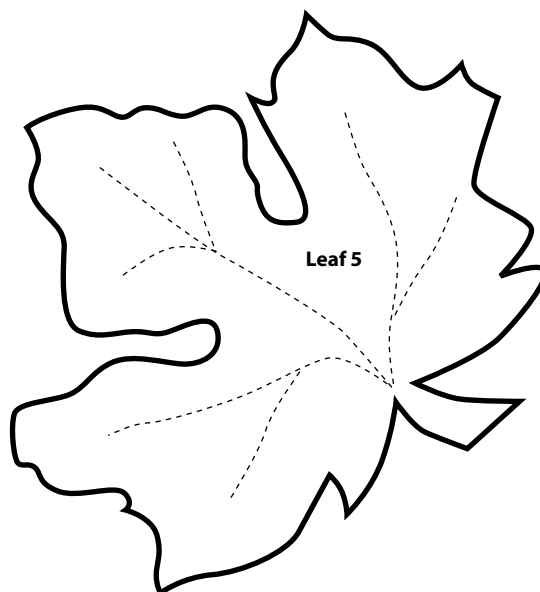
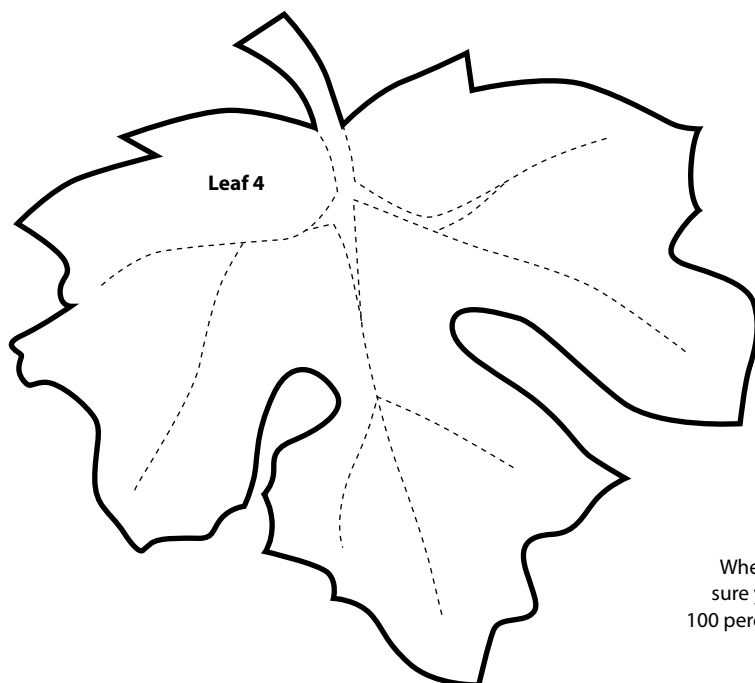
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Placement Diagram 50" x 14½"

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