

Falling Leaf



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Supply List:

- background fabric
- stash yarns, perle cottons, embroidery floss, metallic threads, etc.
- crewel needle appropriate for chosen threads and yarns
- 6” embroidery hoop
- pencil
- crayons including white
- spoon
- basic sewing supplies
- iron
- paper towels
- optional: beads, buttons, sequins, etc. for embellishment
- beading needle and thread

Directions:

1. Find the center of the fabric and make a small mark.
2. Trace leaf design onto center of fabric using a pencil.
3. Using a white crayon, color the entire leaf pressing down on the crayon to get good coverage.
4. Begin outlining the leaf with one color and repeat with second and third color to get variation and shading.
5. Outline leaf veins in the same manner graduating the size as the veins branch out.
6. Begin coloring the leaf foundation using multiple colors and shade toward the edges.
7. With a smooth surface such as the back of a spoon, begin blending the crayon and pushing color into the fabric.
8. With an iron, press between two paper towels to set and blend crayon even more.
9. Begin stitching the leaf using various threads with any embroidery stitches. These may include: straight stitches, chain stitch, running stitch, stem stitch, outline stitch, whipped backstitch, etc. Vary the thread thickness for outline, veins, etc.
10. Have fun creating an original leaf. Optional: embellish with buttons, beads, sequins, etc.
11. Finish the leaf in various techniques: an ornament, a framed piece, add to tote bag, etc.



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