



Project Number:	CS0162F
Technique:	Paper Piecing, Applique
Size:	8 ½" x 10 ½" unfinished
End Use:	Wall Hanging
Skill Level:	Experienced

The veins of the Ash Leaf create a distinctive pattern that is replicated in the strip piecing of this month's block.

Required products: Coats Machine Embroidery thread, Coats Paper Piecing Thread

Materials

- 8 ½" x 10 ½" light blue for background, FreeSpirit Designer Essential solid CSFSESS.CRYST, Crystal
- 10" X 10" soft yellow for leaf, Rowan Kaffe Fassett Shot Cotton, SC64 Sunshine
- 10" X 10" dark green for leaf, 103 Rowan Kaffe Fassett Shot Cotton, SC56 Moss
- 10" X 10" light green for leaf, 103 Rowan Kaffe Fassett Shot Cotton, SC95 Honeydew
- Coats Paper Piecing thread, color 8440 Khaki
- Coats Machine embroidery thread, color 444 Olive
- 8 ½" x 10 ½" stabilizer for applique
- 8 ½" x 10 ½" lightweight fusible webbing

Additional Requirements

- Sewing Machine
- Iron & Ironing board

Instructions

1. Trace the outside of the leaf onto the paper side of the fusible webbing. Set aside.
2. Photo copy the paper piecing pattern onto lightweight paper. Cut the pattern in half down the center vein and roughly around the outside edge.
3. Cut the three fabrics for the leaf into 1 1/2" wide strips.
4. Refer to the picture of the block for fabric placement. For each paper-pieced section, place piece 1 on the unmarked side of the paper pattern, right side up, making sure that it covers the entire area of the pattern piece. Place piece 2, right side up, positioning it so that it covers its pattern piece. Carefully flip piece 2 over onto piece 1, so that the right sides are together, making sure that fabric from both pieces covers the sewing line and allows for the seam allowances. Pin the pieces in place. Turn the paper pattern over and sew on the line between pieces 1 and 2.
5. Flip piece 2 over, so that the right side is facing up, and press. Check again to make sure that fabric covers the entire pattern piece.
6. Repeat steps 2 and 3 for the remaining pattern pieces. When you have completed piecing each section, trim the vein seam allowances to 1/4". Matching the top, bottom, and stripes, sew the center seam. Press open.
7. Carefully remove all but the top and bottom paper pieces from the wrong side of the pieced leaf.
8. Place the fusible webbing with the leaf traced onto the paper side on the wrong side of the pieced leaf. Use the paper you left on the back to line up the webbing. Using the manufacturer's instructions, fuse the center of the leaf. Remove the remaining paper and finish fusing the webbing. Cut out the leaf.
9. Put the stabilizer on the back of the background fabric. Using machine embroidery thread 444, use a decorative stitch to sew around the outside of the leaf.
10. Using the same thread and a wide zig zag stitch, sew the center vein.
11. Remove the stabilizer.



Finished Wall Hanging

add ¼ seam
allowance to each
side to piece the 2
leaf halves together

