

Sunset & Vine

THIS WALL HANGING IS 52" X 40" AND FEATURES QUILT THROUGH APPLIQUÉ FOR LEAVES, FOLD OVER APPLIQUÉ FOR STEMS AND THREE DIMENSIONAL LEAVES AT TOP OF THE QUILT.

MATERIALS



- Yardage requirements vary depending on variety of fabrics used. You will need ninety five 2 1/2" x 9" pieces cut from a variety of fabrics in assorted colors (16 colors used in sample)
- Sashing strips 1/2 yard cut into six 2 1/2" x Width of Fabric (WOF - usually about 40-42") pieces
- Yardage requirements for stems and leaves vary depending on number of stems and leaves desired. Stems and leaves 3/4 to 1 yard fabric cut into seven 2" x WOF pieces and about thirty eight pieces of fabric cut in leaf shape (I used Accuquilt die #55455 Orange Peel 4 1/2" for the leaves and if you plan on a *very curvy* vine, stem fabrics should be cut on the bias.)
- Twenty eight pieces of wash away stabilizer cut in leaf shape
- Fusible medium weight stabilizer cut into five pieces of leaf shape for three dimensional leaves at the top of quilt
- 1 2/3 yards of 42" to 45" wide fabric for backing
- Cotton thread for piecing and quilting
- 60" x 48" Batting
- Binding 1/2 yard fabric cut into six 2 1/2" strips
- Safety pins, temporary basting spray or wash away thread for basting quilt layers together



LET'S SEW

Sew 2 1/2" x 9" pieces together in rows using a 1/4" seam along the 9" sides. Each row should have 19 pieces to make a row for a finished length of 38 1/2". Press seams to one side. Make five rows.

Sew rows together with the 2 1/2" strips in between and one on each end. See photo of finished quilt for reference. I did not "match" the pieced rows across the sashing, but it would make a great modern quilt if they were matched.

Layer the pieced quilt top, batting and backing. Secure with pins, spray basting or basting with wash away thread. Quilt in seams of sashing strips to hold layers together while adding stems and leaves using a walking foot and cotton thread.

Cut leaf shape out of fabric and wash away stabilizer. Layer stabilizer on wrong side of the fabric with edges even and stitch around edges with a 1/4" seam allowance. Pull stabilizer away from fabric and cut a slit in stabilizer only. Turn fabric and stabilizer to right side and carefully push out points and edges. Seam together stem strips end to end. Use a diagonal seam as shown to reduce bulk. Fold strip in half along long side. Place strip on quilt and sew through all layers keeping a scant 1/4" seam from raw edges of stem strip. Fold strip over to conceal raw edge and sew strip down along the fold through all layers.

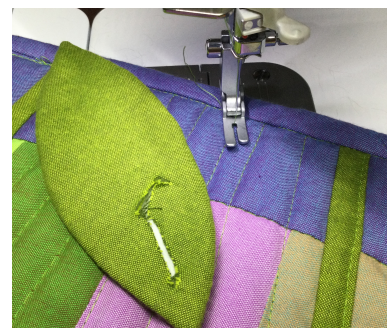
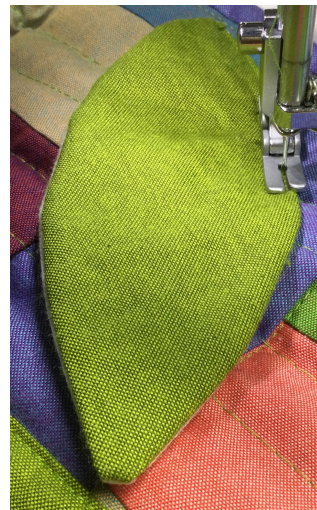
Add additional quilting lines vertically between the stems.

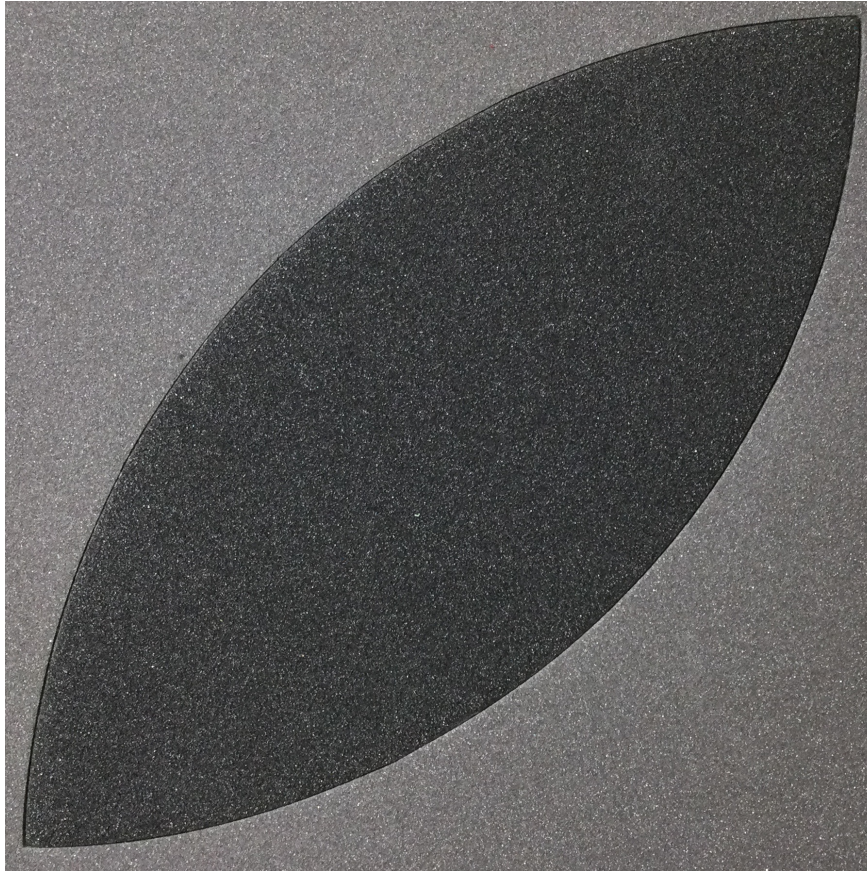
Place leaves along stem where desired and stitch through all layers along the edges. If a little stabilizer shows that's okay because it will dissolve when we rinse and block the quilt. Additional vertical quilting lines can be added between the stems and over the leaves.

Dampen quilt to remove wash away stabilizer. Lay quilt flat to dry and block corners square. Allow to dry.

Square up edges and bind the quilt.

Prepare a three dimensional leaf for the top of each stem by fusing medium weight stabilizer to as many leaf shapes as you have stems. (Five in the sample quilt.) Layer these leaf shapes with an un-fused leaf shape right sides together and raw edges even. Sew around the edges. Carefully cut a small slit in the un-fused fabric towards one of the pointy ends but not to the point. Turn the leaf to the right side through the slit and carefully push the edges and points out. Press leaf. Place a leaf at top of stem, partially on the quilt and the cut side down concealed by quilt. Stitch leaf down around edges and through all layers including the binding. On back of quilt, hand sew un-stitched portion of leaf to conceal slit on back of leaf.





CREATIVE OPTIONS

- Color blend fabrics in the rows horizontally or vertically.
- Vary the size of the stem or piece fabrics from dark to light along the stem.
- Make leaves in a variety of fabrics and sizes.
- Make all the leaves three dimensional by substituting fabric for the wash away stabilizer. Cut slit as you do for the top leaves. Place slit side down and stitch through the center of leaf only making sure you stitch around slit.
- Quilt can easily be make smaller or larger with smaller/larger pieces or fewer/more rows.