

Sep 2024 BOM - "Appliquéd Leaf" with Eleanor Burns' flip fusible method.

Leaf Block:

Background - cream tone on tone, cut 11" square.

Leaf: autumn colors; use any leaf shape you want. If you are new to machine appliqué, you may want to use a leaf pattern that is fairly simple.

There are lots of free clipart sites that have leaf outlines. (Search for "free printable leaf templates.") This site has some nice autumn leaf patterns: (<a href="https://nemade-gifts-made-easy.com">homemade-gifts-made-easy.com</a>). Scroll down to the Autumn Leaf section, find one you like and use the first pattern (one leaf per page).

Use a lightweight fusible web product (one that has paper on both sides). I don't suggest any of the heavier fusible as they can gum up your needle. Trace your pattern on the paper, cut around the leaf at least a 1/4-1/2 inch outside the pattern lines. Take the other side of the paper off and iron it on the WRONG side of your fabric, Cut on the lines and then peel the paper off and press it on the background square, roughly centering the leaf in the middle.

You may use any type of stitch on the leaf to appliqué it to the background, i.e. satin stitch, close zigzag stitch, decorative stitches.