

FALL FELT EMBROIDERY

1. Cut out leaves from the provided template and place on the felt. Cut out shapes of your preferred colors, ignoring the leaf stems. You can do just one larger leaf or multiple smaller ones.
2. Place the inside of the hoop on a flat surface, center the burlap cloth on top, push the outside of the hoop down over the burlap, and tighten the screw.
3. Arrange the leaf shapes on the cloth, and add the optional buttons. Once you're pleased with your arrangement, it's time to start sewing!
4. The provided thread has 2 strands—separate out a single strand. Thread the needle and make a knot at the end of your thread.
5. You'll be using a whipstitch: From the back side of the burlap, pull the needle through the burlap to the edge of one of your felt leaves. Push the needle through the top of the felt and burlap to the back, about an 1/8 or 1/4 inch from the edge. Repeat this step all the way around the leaf, spacing the stitches out, and keeping your stitches pointed towards the center of the leaf. For the final stitch, tie off the end in a knot on the back of your project.
6. Do this same process with any other leaves you've decided to use. Sew on any buttons you'd like!
7. The final step in finishing your project is to neatly trim and secure the excess material. Fold it in towards the back and either tape it in place, or use simple stitches to stitch the folded fabric together. Or remove the burlap from the hoop, tape the edges, and frame the project.
8. Hang up your project, then take a picture of your creation and tag us on Facebook or Instagram! Check out some embroidery books from the library and start working on your next project.

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