

Machine-Appliquéd Leaf Blocks

Materials (makes two blocks):

1 dark green background - 9 ½" x 9 ½"	1 light green background - 9 ½" x 9 ½"
1 dark green leaf - 7" x 8"	1 light green leaf - 7" x 8"
2 pieces Lite Steam-A-Seam2 – each 7" x 8"	1 cardstock for leaf pattern– 7" x 8"
2 pieces of medium tear-away stabilizer – each 9" x 9"	

1. Using leaf pattern on cardstock, trace leaf on one side of Lite Steam-A-Seam2 paper backing. Remove other side of paper backing and place leaf (sticky side down) on wrong side of light leaf fabric, pressing with fingers. Cut around leaf shape. Remove paper backing, center light leaf on right side of dark background, and press according to Steam-A-Seam directions, using pressing cloth. Leaf is now permanently attached to background. Repeat with dark leaf fabric and light background.

2. Pin stabilizer to back of each block. Use a blanket stitch, satin stitch, or other decorative stitch and machine stitch around outside edges of leaves using a matching or contrasting thread.

3. Using rotary cutter and ruler, cut leaves in half lengthwise. Carefully tear stabilizer away from back of blocks. Sew one dark and one light background together with a ¼" seam. Press seam open. Repeat with other dark background and light background. Trim each block to 8 ½" x 8 ½".

Leaf Pattern - Box measures 7" x 8"

