# Instructions for Maple Leaf Mug Rug



# **Design files**

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Where ### is the extension of the file format for your embroidery machine.



# Shopping List ☐ Floriani No Show Mesh Stabilizer ☐ 5" x 6.5" piece of batting ☐ 5" square of background fabric ☐ 2" x 5" side strip ☐ Two 5" x 7" backing pieces ☐ 5" square for leaf ☐ Painter's tape (helpful) ☐ Hoop with a 5" x 6.5" stitch field





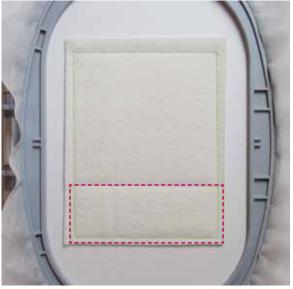


- · Hoop the No Show Mesh Stabilizer.
- Load the design into your machine.
- Start the machine. The first stitches are placement stitches for the batting.
- When the machine stops, lay the 5" x 6.5" batting rectangle inside the placement lines.



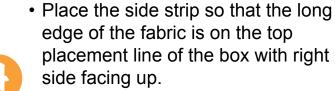
Start the machine.

• The machine will stitch a rectangular box to tack the batting down, so that it doesn't shift.



- Start the machine again.
- The machine will stitch another box.
- This is where you will place the side strip.





- The fabric width will be the same as the width of the batting.
- Don't start the machine yet!



- Now lay the 5" backing fabric square on top of the side strip with right side together.
  - Tape the sides to hold in place.



- Start the machine.
- The machine will stitch a seam from right to left.







- When the machine stops, flip the background fabric over.
- Finger press the seam.
- You can tape it to hold it in place if you like.





### Start the machine

• The machine will stitch a rectangular box about 1/4" from the edge to help hold the fabric in place.





• The machine will stitch a placement line for the appliqué leaf.

Note: you can keep the same thread in your machine for the placement stitches





- Lay the 5" square of leaf fabric over the placement lines.
- You can tape this down if you like.





- Start the machine.
- The machine will tack stitch the fabric in place.





- When the machine stops, remove the hoop from the machine, but do not remove the project from the hoop.
- Lay the hoop and project on a flat table.
- Trim away the excess leaf fabric.
- Return the hoop and project to the machine.



- Change your thread to Green or brown for the stem.
- · Start the machine.
- The machine will stitch the stem.

Mine stem is green in the photo.





- Change the thread to your leaf color.
- Start the machine.
- The Machine will stitch the satin edge around the leaf.



- Change the thread to the color you would like for the quilting.
- I usually go with a thread color that blends with the background fabric.
  - Start the machine.
  - The machine will quilt around the design.

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 Take the two 5" x 7" back pieces, and fold them in half so they are 5" x 3.5"





 Lay one of the folded back pieces over the mug rug. The fold will be in the center of the mug rug, and the raw edges will be at the bottom.





 Lay the second folded back piece over the top of the mug rug. The fold will be in the middle, and the raw edge at the top.





• Tape over the folded seams with painter's tape, so the presser foot does not get caught under the seam.



### Start the machine

- The machine will stitch a rectangular box about 1/4" from the edge to hold the backing fabric in place.
- You can remove the tape in the middle section, but leave the tape in place on the sides.



## • Start the machine again.

- The machine will stitch a zig zag finishing edge around the perimeter.
- You can remove all the tape now.
- · Some tape may get caught in the stitches, but it won't show.







 Trim away any excess fabric past the zig zag line, being careful not to cut through the zig zag finishing stitches.





- Turn the mug rug right side out. I turn one side at a time, and I use a chop stick in the push out corners.
- Enjoy your mug rug this fall, and thanks for all your support!

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