

Ornament Bouquet and Vase



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Ornament Bouquet

Note: Instructions to make a bird, leaf and petal flower are available in Quick Quilts #102 Summer 2009. Instructions for the remaining (2) flowers and the vase are shown below.

Materials You Will Need:

4" x 12" print piece (per flower)
6" x 12" print piece (per bird or leaf)
6" x 12" piece of batting (per object)
Mini clothespins (1 per object)

Embroidery floss in coordinating colors
Fabric glue
Monofilament
Template plastic
Fiberfill

Preparation:

Trace each shape onto template plastic and cut out.

Making Flower #2

1. Cut out (2) B templates from the print fabric and (2) from the batting, and (2) C templates from a different print fabric and (2) from batting.
2. Layer the (2) B fabric circles right sides together and position the two batting circles on top. Stitch around the outer edge using a 1/8" seam allowance. Clip curves as needed. Repeat with the (2) C fabric circles and batting circles.
3. Using the mark on the template for placement, cut a 1" slit through (1) layer of fabric only, turn each circle right side out, and press. Whip stitch the opening closed.
4. Center the smaller circle on the larger circle and position (2) leaves behind the larger circle and pin in place. Machine stitch a spiral shape on the smaller circle, securing all layers together.

Making Flower #3

1. Using a pinking rotary cutter or shears, cut (4) large B template circles from the print fabric and (3) small C template circles from the batting.
2. With each fabric circle right sides up, alternately layer the fabric and batting circles, beginning and ending with fabric.
3. Position (2) leaves behind the flower and machine stitch a spiral shape to secure all layers, leaving approximately 1/2" unstitched around the outer edges.
4. If desired, stitch on a pom-pom or button for a flower center.

Finishing

Adhere a mini clothespin to the back of each flower covering any slits that show.

Vase

Materials You Will Need:

- 5/8 yard of a stripe print
- (4) 5" x 10" pieces of cardboard
- (1) 5" square piece of cardboard

Cutting Directions:

- From the stripe print, cut:
- (1) 10-1/2" x 41" piece
 - (1) 5-1/2" x 11" piece

Making the Vase:

1. Fold the 10-1/2" x 41" stripe piece in half widthwise right sides together and stitch 1/4" seams along each long edge, leaving the short end open. Turn this fabric sleeve right side out.
2. Slide a 5" x 10" cardboard piece into the sleeve, positioning it against the folded edge of the fabric. Add the remaining (3) pieces of cardboard so each piece butts up against the next without overlapping. Fold the raw edges in next to the last piece of cardboard and whipstitch the sleeve closed.
3. Whipstitch the left edge of the sleeve to the right edge, creating a box shaped vase.
4. Fold the 5-1/2" x 11" stripe piece in half widthwise right sides together and stitch 1/4" seams along the top and bottom edges, leaving the end open. Turn this fabric sleeve right side out.
5. Slide a 5" square cardboard piece into the sleeve. Fold the raw edges in and whipstitch the sleeve closed to create the vase bottom.
6. Whipstitch the base bottom to one end of the vase.
7. Insert a glass vase or cup inside the fabric vase to weigh it down and hold the branch/ornament bouquet.

