

Holly Wreath

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Make this fun wreath in a few hours and use it for years to come! It combines felting with free motion stitching for a fun, dimensional wreath.

Sewing Supplies:

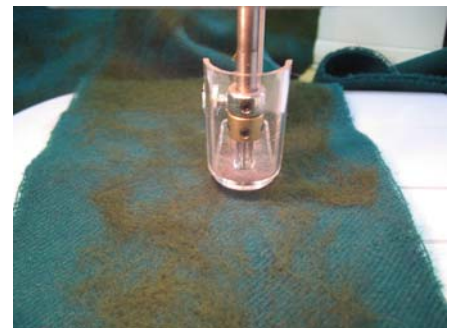
Husqvarna Viking Sewing Machine
Huskystar ER10 Needle Felting Machine
Husqvarna Viking Fab-U-Motion/Fabric Mover with
Stitch Regulator by Quilter's Cruise Control
Green Wool Felt or Woven Wool Yardage
18" x 21" Cranberry Red Wool for Background
2/3 yard Backing Fabric



Green Roving, Wool or Silk
Red Variegated Wool Yarn or Red
Roving
Red and Green Sewing Thread
Golden Threads Pounce Set #140002380
YLI Machine Quilting Thread Foliage V23 #644244VA023

Sulky 30 wt. Blendable Thread #4035
Size 90 topstitch Needle
Open Toe Free Motion Spring Foot #413037645
1/4" wide Steam-A-Seam 2 #140000195
3/16" Dowel Cut in Half to Create Two 18" Pieces
1/2 yard 1/4" Wide Green Ribbon

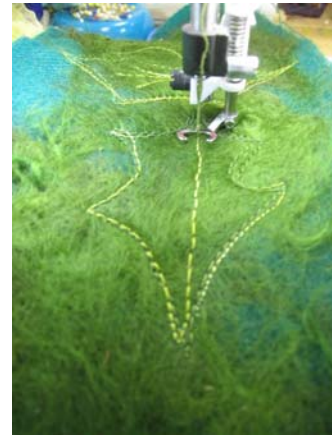
1. We stitched the holly leaves free motion without a pattern, but if you would like a pattern to follow, print the instructions including the leaf template page.
2. Remove the thread from your sewing machine but put in a full bobbin. Insert a size 90 or 100 needle. Stitch over the printed lines. You are perforating them to create a pattern to transfer with Pounce. Set aside.
3. Place your green fabric under the needles of your Huskystar ER10 Needle Felting Machine. Place green roving on top of the fabric. We mixed some of the darker colors to create variations in the green colors. You can also use hand dyed roving or dye what you have with Tsukineko Inks. You only need a thin layer; it's all right if some of the green fabric shows through. We purposely used an emerald green for the base fabric and darker holly type greens for the roving. The contrast gives depth to the finished leaves.



4. If desired, place your perforated pattern on the felted wool and rub with your Pounce Pad to transfer the leaf shape to your felted wool.



5. Insert a size 90 Topstitch Needle into your sewing machine. Thread with YLI Variegated Green Foliage Quilting Thread on top and green sewing thread in the bobbin. Place your Husqvarna Viking Fab-U-Motion/Fabric Mover with Stitch Regulator by Quilter's Cruise Control on your machine. Attach the Open Toe Free Motion Spring Foot. Set your machine for free motion. Stitch the holly leaves on the felted fabric. You can stitch on the lines if you Pounced the design, or else stitch free motion. Stitch twice around the outer perimeter of the leaf, then once in the center and veins. Don't try to stitch on the same line twice, let them be a bit apart.



6. You need approximately 40 leaves. When they are complete, cut them out about 1/8" to 1/4" outside the stitching.

7. Arrange the leaves in a circle on the cranberry red wool rectangle. Pin in place. Take the pinned wreath to your Huskystar ER10 Felting Machine and needle felt the leaves to the background fabric. Be sure to remove the pins as you go, before felting that area. Felting over a pin will break your needles.

8. Cut 1" pieces of red yarn or small bits of red roving. Form a small circle and felt berries. Felt the berries in place.

9. Back at your sewing machine, thread with Sulky Blendable 30 wt. thread on top and red sewing thread in the bobbin. Stitch the berries to highlight them.



10. Assemble your hanging. Cut your backing fabric 21" x 24". Place the backing fabric right side down on a flat surface. Press 3/4" to the wrong side on all four edges. With the wrong side up, place Steam-A-Seam 2 on all four edges near the folded edge.

11. Place the backing on a flat surface wrong side up. Place the felted wreath on top right side up. Bring the sides of the backing to the front to form a 3/4" border. Press with steam to fuse. Bring the top and bottom to the front 3/4" and press with steam to fuse.

12. Insert the dowel in the top and bottom. Using leftover yarn, tie a hanging cord on. Make a bow with the ribbon and tack in place onto the wreath.