

Autumn Leaf Napkin Ring



This Autumn Leaf Napkin Ring project is the perfect compliment to the Autumn Leaf Napkins from Gifts Galore Interactive. Take a cup of hot tea to your favorite room and spend an afternoon creating these napkin rings to add to your table.

Skill Level: Beginner

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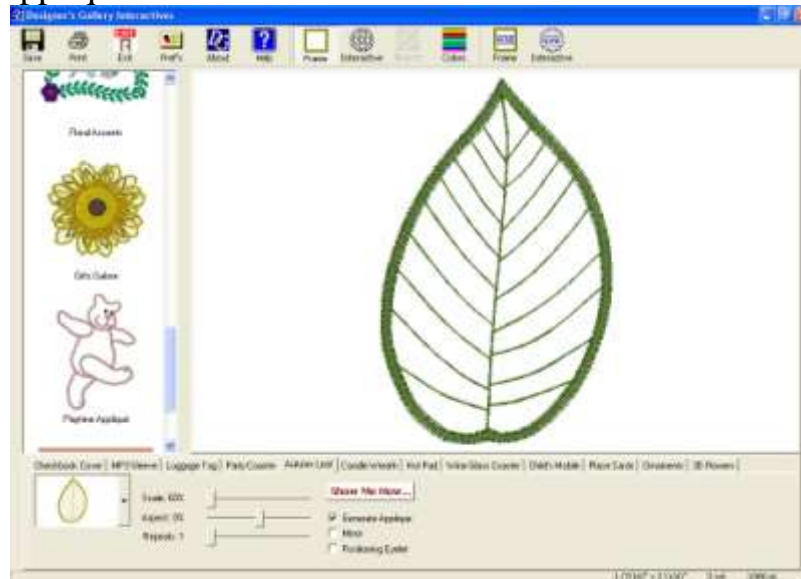
Supplies:


- Baby Lock embroidery machine
- ¼ yd. bronze silk dupioni
- ¼ yd. coordinating sparkle organza
- ½" dark color elastic-6" piece for each napkin ring
- Baby Lock Dissolve Away Mesh Water Soluble stabilizer
- Baby Lock Press Away Topping Press Away stabilizer
- Embroidery thread assortment
- Bobbin wound with thread used in the needle
- Temporary spray adhesive
- Rotary cutter and ruler
- Small appliqué or embroidery scissors
- Hand sewing needle

Instructions:

Create Designs:

1. Open Gifts Galore Interactive software.
2. Select the Autumn Leaf tab and then click the arrow on the Design selection box to view the list of leaves available. Select the Birch leaf from the list.
3. Using the Scale slide bar, size the leaf down to 60%, the smallest size available.
4. Click to place a check in the Generate Appliqué box; selecting appliqué.



5. You are now ready to save the design. Click “Save”  found in the tool bar. Name your file, select your USB drive or other location using the “Save in” drop down menu. Select the format from the list by clicking the down arrow on the “Save As Type” box and clicking the desired format. Click “Save”. If your machine requires media other than a USB drive, follow the manufacturer’s instructions to transfer the design to that media.
6. Repeat this with the Maple and Oak leaves saving them as you saved the Birch leaf.

Prepare the Fabric:

7. Fabric preparation for this project couldn’t be easier. Simply layer a piece of the Dissolve-Away Mesh stabilizer between 2 layers of the sparkle organza for half of the leaves. For the second half, hoop the silk dupioni with the Baby Lock Press Away Topping. To minimize the number of times you will need to rehoop your fabric, use the largest hoop for your machine. You are ready to move to the machine.

Embroidery at the Machine:

8. Using embroidery edit or similar function of your machine that will allow you load more than one design into the embroidery field, load the leaves onto the machine.
Note: For a set of four napkin rings, you will need to embroider four of each leaf on both the organza and the silk.
9. Thread the machine with rayon embroidery thread to match the organza in both the needle and the bobbin. Stitch the leaves. Repeat until you have all the leaves needed to complete your set of napkin rings.
10. When all the pieces have been completed, cut them out using small embroidery scissors. Cut close to the satin stitching being careful not to cut the stitches.
11. Once all the pieces have been cut out, rinse the organza leaves in warm water to remove the water soluble stabilizer. Spread a towel and lay the pieces flat to dry.
12. With a dry iron, press away the stabilizer from the inside of the silk leaves.
13. Using a hand sewing needle threaded with thread to match the leaves, tack six leaves on to 6" piece of elastic. Alternate between the organza and silk leaves as you go. You will use one of each leaf from both the organza and the silk. When you get to the last leaf, bring the elastic around to form a ring. Tack through the leaf and both layers of elastic.
14. Repeat this for each napkin ring.



Add these to your Autumn Napkins to complete your Thanksgiving table.