

# VIVO<sup>™</sup> by SINGER<sup>®</sup> Leaf Embellished Skirt



Fall into fashion with a stitched autumn leaf embellished skirt. You can choose a new skirt or spruce up one in your closet that needs a little something extra. Either way, you'll have an updated item to wear this season!

### **Shopping List:**

- ☐ Skirt
- ☐ Solid Cotton Fabric 1/4 yard of each
- □ Thread

- ☐ Scissors or die cut
- ☐ Fabric marking tool



#### What to Cut:

1. Cut leaves from cotton fabrics

#### How to Assemble:

- 2. Group leaves in stacks of 3 or 4, layering colors. Pin together.
- 3. Using fabric marking tool draw desired vein lines on top leaf in each stack.
- 4. Set your machine for a straight stitch.
- 5. Thread the top of the machine and bobbin with all-purpose thread in a color that contrasts fabric.
- 6. Carefully stitch veins into stack of leaves. To turn, stop sewing with the needle down in the fabric, lift the presser foot and rotate fabric to the new direction and lower the presser foot before beginning to sew. The presser foot will help you guide the cardstock evenly while stitching.

NOTE: The more slowly you sew the more control you have guiding the fabric while stitching.

7. Backstitch at the beginning and end of the stitching to help secure the thread in place.

NOTE: What is backstitching? Backstitching secures the machine stitching so the threads do not become loose and pull out. It is done by reversing a few stitches on top of or just next to those machine stitches at the beginning or end of a line of machine sewing. How to backstitch: Position needle about ½" from top edge of fabric. Stitch in reverse almost to the raw edge. Change to forward and stitch to the end of the fabric. Reverse and backstitch about ½".

- 8. Wash and dry leaves to add distressed details.
- 9. Pin distressed leaves in place on skirt.
- 10. Stitch leaves in place following vein lines using technique as before.
- 11. Trim threads.
- 12. Enjoy your fabulous new skirt!

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