



Lethbridge Centennial Quilt Guild



Newsletter November 2010

We were welcomed to the LSCO gym by lovely piano music by Chloe C. Thanks Chloe, that was great.

About 60 ladies braved the cold to come out to the last guild meeting of the year, and were welcomed by our President Corie. Also present was April G, Marion J's guest (the only guest tonight).

Corie introduced the new Social Committee: chair Marilyn S, Jill G, and Jennifer M, as well as the Guild Greeters: Judy B, Pjam, Gladys L and Judy G.

Announcements:

- Nellie K is the keeper of the guild pins and will bring them for sale at the January meeting.
- There will be an extra Executive meeting on Dec. 11 to collect and discuss input on how we move forward meeting the needs of our growing guild while staying true to the vision of founding members.
- On Feb. 5 (with an alternate date Feb. 12) there will be a Super-Sew Saturday at the LSCO from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Come and go or come and stay. Members are strongly encouraged to use that day for "sewing-to-give" e.g. leaf bowls for CQA, community quilts, dolly quilts, items for your favourite charity etc.
- Pjam showed the sample she made of the leaf bowl for LSCO. It is not hard to make and the instructions are included at the end of this newsletter.
- Janet explained the "banner ladies". If you've ever made a banner lady, please claim yours and take it home.
- Connie C (quilt show committee) requested that we include a Quilt-Show-postcard with our Christmas cards, so that the word of our Quilt Show in June is spread far and wide. If you did not have the opportunity of pick up some cards, don't hesitate to contact any Quilt Show Committee member (see membership list)

- If you need a bat or backing for a community quilt before the next meeting, please contact Corinne C, Elaine J (she's hard to get a hold of in winter). Karen Bi at the Fabric Addict also has bats available, but no backs (too hard to keep separate from fabric she has for sale).

Chloe (Program Committee) organized a nice surprise for members to work on tonight: gifty-bags were provided to deck out with fabric and brought-from-home embellishments. Some of the ladies got quite creative and there were a lot of pretty bags produced.

Nancy A was lucky and won the doorprize, while Dorothy J came away with the Treasured Stash. The Loonie draws were won by Connie C, Hazel C, Diane B and April G.

As always there was a beautiful Show and Share. Especially notable was a whole collection of "finishings" of the late Karen D for her grandchildren, finished by dear friends of hers. During this part of the program two websites were recommended for patterns:

- <http://sew4home.com>
- <http://stashmanicure.blogspot.com/>



Please note: there will be no guild meeting in December, so look for the meeting reminder in January.

In the meantime: may your all Christmases be merry and bright !!

Pjam's note re leaf bowls: on the pattern it says to get Timtex / Flexiform AND fusible web, but I used a very heavy interfacing (usually used for bags / purses) that was fusible on both sides, so then there's no need for fusible web.

In the request for the leaf bowls it said that although we generally think of fall colours for leaves, we're encouraged to also think of fresh spring leaves.

Fabric Leaf Bowl Pattern & Instructions

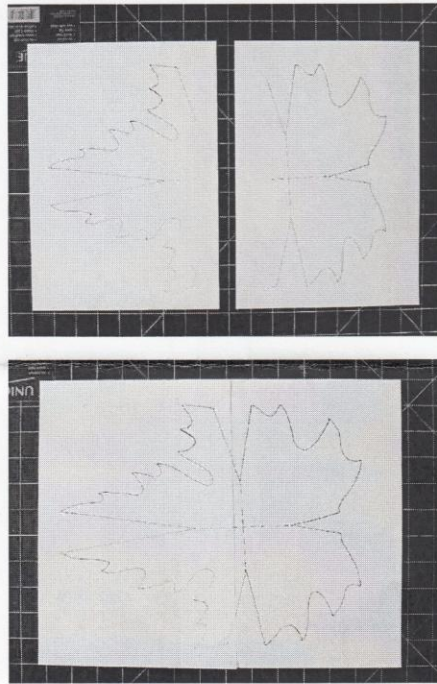
*designed and created by Jill Buckley
for Quilt Ontario 2011's organizing committee.*

Materials list: For each fabric leaf bowl you will need the following

- 1 10" x 12" piece of Timtex or Flexi-firm
- 2 10" x 12" pieces of fabric (something leaf like in pattern or colour)
- 2 9.5" x 11.5" pieces of fusible web
matching thread.

begin by printing the pattern on pages 4 and 5 , line up the top and bottom as shown , secure with tape or a glue stick.

You will want to transfer this paper leaf pattern to sturdier material to allow for ease of tracing, you can use template plastic or as I did, something simple as lightweight cardboard from a cereal box



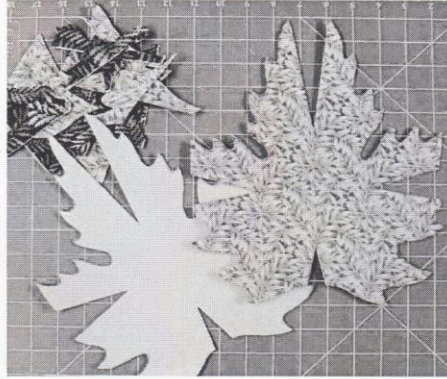
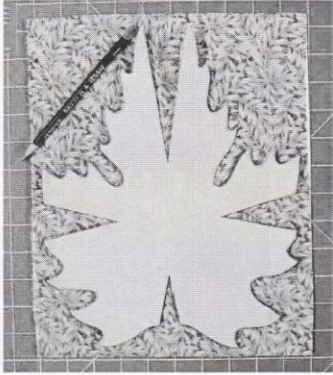
These instructions are for a very basic leaf but you can of course go crazy with all sorts of thread stitching and embellishments that you like.



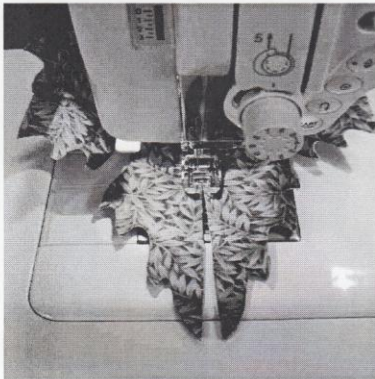
Create a sandwichon top of the timtex, place a layer of fusible web and on top of it, one of your fabrics, fuse in place using a hot, dry iron. Turn over and repeat the process with the remaining fabric and fusible.

You should now have a piece that looks like this with fabric fused to each side of the timtex





Trace your pattern and cut out the leaf shape , now you are ready for the sewing machine, set your machine for a wide satin stitch. Starting at the center most part each 'V' lock your stitches and gently push the open edges together as you stitch, continue until you have closed all four V's



Once the bowl is formed, all that is left to do is zig zag stitch all around the cut edge of the leaf.

This is actually the most time consuming part of the whole process

If you like, cut a stem shape from your leftover bits and zig zag it into place

