

ITH Christmas Tree on Maple Leaf Ornament Instructions

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The finished Maple Leaf ornament with Christmas Tree measures approximately 3.9" wide 3.6" tall (99x81mm).

It stitches entirely in the 4x4" hoop (100x100mm and 3.) in approximately 10 minutes.



You will need

- Two 4x4" squares of red felt
- Medium weight tear-away stabilizer

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1. Hoop a double layer of tear-away stabilizer in the 4x4" (100x100mm) hoop.



2. Lightly spray a 4x4" piece of red felt with temporary adhesive and press it in place in the center of the hoop. If you prefer not to use spray adhesive, you can hoop a larger piece of felt along with the tear-away stabilizer directly in the hoop.



3. Stitch the first color and pause the machine. Remove the hoop from the machine, but do not unhoop the design.



4. Using curved scissors or sharp nail scissors, carefully trim away the excess felt and fabric from around the outside of the stitching line, cutting as close as possible to the stitching without cutting the stitches.



5. Return the hoop to the machine and continue stitching the tree, the gold star, and the white snowflake motifs. Stop the machine after the stars have stitched and remove the hoop from the machine.



6. Turn the hoop face down. You will be able to clearly see the stitching. Cut a 7" or 8" length of string and form a loop; knot the ends together. Position the string to the back of the design as shown in the picture; tape it in place so that it won't be caught in the stitching line. Tape down the top of the cord to the hoop so that it will stay out of the way of the needle.



7. Lightly spray a 4x4" piece of red felt and position it over the back of the design so it covers the stitching. If you prefer, you can secure this second piece of felt to the hoop with masking tape at the corners.



8. Change the bobbin thread to red to match the felt and return the hoop to the machine. Sew only the next color (an outline) and pause the machine again. Remove the hoop, but do not unhoop the design.



8. Turn the hoop face down on a table. Carefully trim around the felt backing, just as you did for the front of the ornament. Cut just outside of the stitching line, coming as close to the stitching as you can and taking care not to cut through the hanging loop. Use your bent-handle hoop scissors or a sharp pair of curved nail scissors.



9. Return the hoop to the machine and sew the final satin stitch all around the edge of the maple leaf. Remove the hoop from the machine.



10. Unhoop the design and gently remove the tear-away stabilizer. It should detach easily.



11. The finished ornament ready to hang on the tree.



This design can be customized with any of the mini motifs on the site, or personalize it with an initial. Select a mini design in 1.5" in size, and stitch it in place of the tree and stars motif when you sew out the design.