An Extra Leaf for Your Table

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Inspired by a design I made for my book, **_Skinny Quilts & Table Runners_**, you'll create an original table runner or wall hanging customized to your décor. A single, large motif is the easiest way to go: a giant leaf or chili pepper, as shown, OR, a long fern or palm frond, a pin oak leaf, a banana, zucchini, or tall vase of flowers. Bring dimensions of space you want to fill, plus fabrics to coordinate to your décor, or as desired for a seasonal room accent.

Suggested Materials List:

➢ Using felt as a background is by no means necessary! But it makes things easy---no unraveling or tedious needle-turn applique necessary. Wool-blend felt should be PRE-SHRUNK—washed in hot water in the washing machine, dried in the dryer. I suggest 2 yards wool felt for backgrounds, 1 yard of 72"-wide craft felt for backing. Note: You will have enough widthwise for two runners, so consider sharing felt purchases—especially the expensive wool felt--with a friend!

➢ 3/8 yard each of two or three different cotton fabrics for appliqués, plus additional scraps for shading and details

➢ 3 yards of 18"-wide paper-backed fusible web, such as Wonder-Under

➢ 6 yards of freezer paper

Tools: Pencil, Sharpie, dressmaker's pencil to contrast with fabrics; large rectangular acrylic ruler; dressmaker's shears or large fabric scissors; Teflon or other presser sheet; pins.

To share: One iron and large padded surface per 4 or 5 people.

Optional: Large cutting mat, 24" x 36", 45mm rotary cutter, pinking shears, sewing machine and neutral-colored thread. **Note:** Workshop participants typically spend the time planning, designing, ironing fusible web to chosen fabrics, making templates, and cutting out their original appliques. On rare occasions, folks like to create patchwork backgrounds. In that situation, you should lug your sewing machine to class (sigh!).