# Thanksgiving Centerpiece





#### **Fabric Requirements:**

- 7 Fat Quarters of various colors for fruit
- $\frac{1}{2}$  Yard Main Fabric
- +  $\frac{1}{2}$  Yard Backing Fabric
- <sup>3</sup>⁄<sub>4</sub> Yard Batting

### Additional Supplies and Notions:

- TrueCut Rulers:
  - 60° Triangle Ruler
  - Kite Ruler
  - 90° Triangle Ruler
  - 360 Circle Cutter
  - 3x18" Ruler
  - 6 1/2 x 12 1/2" Ruler
- Finesse Thread:
  - Grapefruit (#3005)
  - Poppy (#8585)
  - Cake Batter (#8597)
  - Pumpkin Spice (#8567)
  - Mocha (#8601)
  - Straw (#5118)
  - Summer Camp (#8598)
  - Fall Festival (#8599)
  - Desert Flower (#2995)
  - Amber (#3300)
  - Light Wool (#3285)
- Erasable Marking Tool
- Fabric Scissors
- Pins or Binding Clips
- Buttons, Corn Stalks, and other embellishments
- Wooden Dowell
- Stem Tape
- Wire and wire cutters
- Hot Glue Gun
- Card Stock
- Hand Sewing Materials

# **Cutting Directions:**

### Grapes:

Using the 60 Degree Ttiangle Ruler, cut (2) 6 1/2" triangles from green fabric (*Image 1*), and (2) 6" triangles from batting.



### Apple:

With the 360 Circle cutter, cut (2) 4 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>" circles from red fabric.

### Pumpkin:

Using the 360 Circle Cutter, cut (2) 8  $\frac{1}{2}$ " circles from orange fabric, then cut (2) 8" circles from batting.

## Corn on the Cob:

Using the 6  $\frac{1}{2}$  x 12  $\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangle ruler, cut (1) 5 x 7  $\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangle from yellow fabric.

# Squash:

Using the 6  $\frac{1}{2}$  x 12  $\frac{1}{2}$ " ruler, cut a 5  $\frac{3}{4}$  x 11" rectangle from yellow fabric and batting.

Place the small angle of the kite ruler at the 1" mark on one end and cut on both sides of the triangle. (Image 2)





## Sunflower:

Do the same for the batting, then trim all the edges down by 1/4".

Using the 360 Circle Cutter, cut (1) 5" circle from yellow and (1) from brown for the center of your flower. Then cut (1)  $4 \frac{1}{2}$ " circle from batting.

(Image 3)

Using an old blade, cut (2) 4" circles from cardstock.

For the petals, cut (6) 8" circles from different yellow fabrics. (We used 2 different shades and 3 of each shade)

# **Quilting:**

Quilt the various fruit and vegetable pieces as desired with your batting, but no backing. Note: Some pieces were not quilted and therefore do not have you cut batting in the cutting directions.

## Assembly:

Assemble your fruits and vegetables by placing pieses RST and sewing, leaving a 2" gap for turning and stuffing. Turn pieces right side out.

## **Closure:**

## Grapes:

Stuff the grapes, then hand sew along the top pulling thread to add shape. Be sure to leave a small opening to add leaves with hot glue. (Add wire for leaves if desired) Let dry, then sew around leaves to finish closing.

# Apples:

Prior to stuffing, add a button to the top of your apple, then pull thread to open end. Add your stuffing, then pull your button thread tight to add the apple shape. Hand sew to close.

# Corn on the Cob:

Add a little stuffing, then place a few corn stalks inside and continue to stuff. Once full, fold remaining fabric over and hot glue in several places to close the end.

# Pumpkin & Squash:

Hand sew to close, add additional embellishments if desired.

#### Sunflower:

Add cardstock circles to the brown and yellow circles. Hot glue to secure, making sure to fold over the rough edges.

For the petals, start by folding each of the 6 circles in half, then in half again. (*Image 4-5*)

Hand or machine baste rough edge of each petal, leaving the long ends open. Pull thread to gather material and form petal.



Sew each petal to secure shape and sew in chain. Sew the last petal to the first petal to complete the circle.

Hot glue petals to the inside of the black and yellow circle and wrapped stick. Glue to secure.

Hot glue front piece being sure that rough edges of petals are covered.

### Cornucopia:

Make a quilt sandwich and quilt as desired.

Place the 90° Triangle Ruler in the center of your quilted piece. Using an erasible marking tool, draw around the entire ruler. (*Dotted lines in image 6*)



Starting with the hypotenuse (*Image 7*) and using the 3x18" ruler, add 3" to every side and cut. (*Image 8*)



Make a piece of 2 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" Binding that matches your cornucopia fabric. Add the binding to the outside of the hypotenuse of the triangle first so that the folded side will be on the inside.

Fold the two points of the triangle into eachother. Sew along the gray dotted line to secure. (*Image 9*)



Make a piece of  $2 \frac{1}{2}$ " double-fold binding to match the inside fabric and cover the raw sewn edge.

Turn cornucopia right side out.

Optional step: Fold a piece of wire and hot glue it to the inside of the point of the cornucopia to help create and hold a bend.

Add stuffing or other material to help hold shape. Add the fruit and vegetables, fake leaves and other imbellishments to create your centerpiece.