

Autumn Table Topper

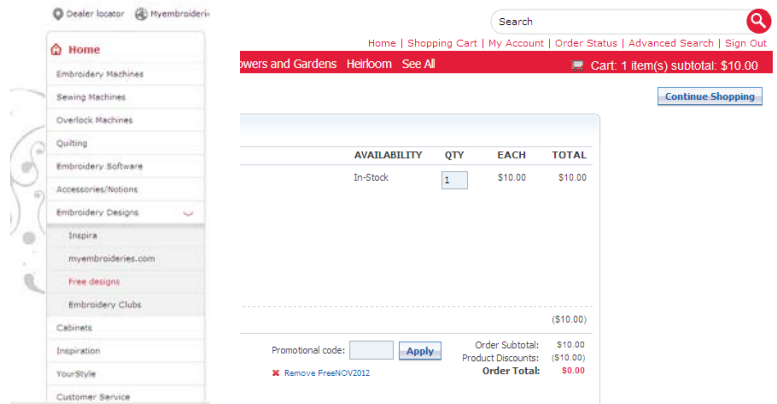
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I love table toppers! Whether you place it on a plain table cloth or right on your table, a table topper adds instant flare and interest! The leaf-like design is from PFAFF® collection 363, design 11. The hemstitching adds heirloom charm and is quick and easy, using a wing needle.



The leaf-like design, **100363011**, is free for the month of October 2013 from www.myembroideries.com.

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After October 2013, the design will be available for purchase on www.myembroideries.com.

Sewing Supplies:

- PFAFF® 5D™ Stitch Editor+ 820609096
- Narrow Edge Foot with IDT™ system 820924096
- ¼" Right Guide Foot with IDT™ system 820882096
- Clear Stitch-In-Ditch Foot with IDT™ system 820987096
- Grand Endless Hoop 260 x 150 620115396
- INSPIRA® Light & Tacky stabilizer 620113096
- INSPIRA® Fast & Easy Tear Away stabilizer 620071896
- INSPIRA® embroidery needle, size 90 620105696
- INSPIRA® wing needle size 100
- ¾ yard of pinstripe linen
- 1 1/8 yards of 54" – 60" natural colored linen
- ¼" wide Steam-A-Seam
- Robison-Anton 40 wt. rayon embroidery thread
- Cotton sewing thread
- Bobbin thread
- Fasturn tube turner 140000001

- Quick Easy Mitred-Binding Tool

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Cut:







From natural linen:

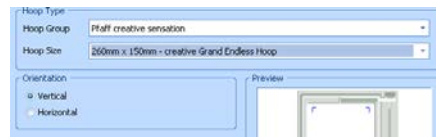
- One strip 12" long x width of fabric
- One 25" square for lining

From pinstripe linen:

- One 14½" square
- Four strips 2¼" long x width of fabric

Prepare the Design:

1. Open PFAFF® 5D™ Stitch Editor+.
2. Click on **Hoops** .
3. Select Hoop Group: **PFAFF® creative sensation™**. Under Hoop size, **260mm x 150mm creative™ Grand Endless Hoop**.
4. Orientation, **Vertical**.
5. Open design **100363011**.
6. Click on the Modify tab.
7. Click on **Automatically Add Trim Commands** . Trim commands will now be added to the design.
8. Click on the design tab.
9. Save the design as **100363011 with trim commands.vp3**.
10. Click **copy** .
11. Close PFAFF® 5D™ Stitch Editor+ and open 5D™ Embroidery Extra.
12. Click on **Hoops** .
13. Select Hoop Group: **PFAFF® creative sensation™**. Under Hoop size, **260mm x 150mm creative™ Grand Endless Hoop**.
14. Orientation, **Vertical**.
15. Click **Paste** .
16. Click **Duplicate** .

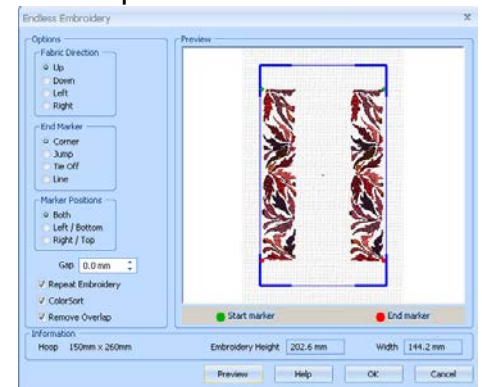


17. Arrange the two designs as shown. Be sure they are centered top to bottom and close to the outside edges.

18. Click **Endless** .

19. Leave everything at the default settings as shown. Click **OK**.

20. Save the design.



Embroider:

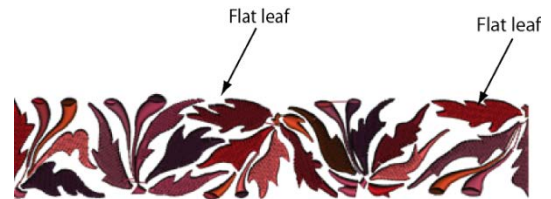
1. Insert your size 90 INSPIRA® embroidery needle.
2. Place the INSPIRA® Light & Tacky stabilizer on the wrong side of the 12" wide strip of natural linen.
3. Thread with 40 wt. rayon thread on top and bobbin thread in the bobbin.
4. Bring up design **100363011 with trim commands.vp3**.
5. Slide your hoop onto your PFAFF® embroidery machine.
6. Place the two strips of INSPIRA® Tear-A-Way stabilizer underneath the natural linen.
7. Insert the fabric in the hoop aligning the right edge of the fabric with the ledge of the hoop. Have the fabric as close to the end as you can.
8. Embroider the first repeat of the designs. We will be making the entire inset at once, so while it may seem like a lot of embroidery and a lot of color changes, when we are done with the strip, we are done with the embroidery.
9. After the first design is complete, open the hoop and advance the fabric away from you. Touch **OK** and the needle will move to the first endless marking.
10. Move the fabric so you can lower the needle into the first endless marking on the left keeping it aligned with the ledge of the hoop on the right edge of the fabric.
11. Clamp the hoop closed.
12. Advance the stitches to the next endless marking on the right. Adjust the fabric if needed.
13. Repeat these steps until you have filled the strip having embroidered 5 repeats of the design.

14. Remove all excess stabilizer.

Sew:

1. Thread with sewing thread top and bobbin.
2. Snap on the Narrow Edge Foot with IDT™ system.
3. Trim the long edge of the embroidered strips to 3" wide with the embroidery centered (that is $\frac{3}{4}$ " from the edge of the embroidery).
4. Trim each end of the embroidered strip right at the edge of the embroidery (no seam allowance). Cut each strip in two so you now have four strips measuring 3" x $19\frac{3}{4}$ ".


5. The embroidery is not symmetrical. Locate the "flat leaf" side as shown and stack all the embroidered strips with the "flat leaf" up.



6. Cut each end to a 45° angle as shown.



7. Place two strips right sides together.
8. Stitch the miter seam.
9. Repeat with the other two strips. You now have two halves of a square.
10. Sew the two halves together to form a square.
11. Press the mitered seams open.
12. Press under $\frac{1}{4}$ " on the inside of the square.
13. Place $\frac{1}{4}$ " wide Steam-A-Seam on the along the edge you pressed under. Press lightly without steam. Remove the paper.
14. Place the embroidered square right side up on top of the $14\frac{1}{2}$ " square of pinstriped linen.
15. Center carefully and press with steam to adhere the embroidered square to the center square.
16. Locate the center of the long edge of each $2\frac{1}{4}$ " wide strip. Mark.
17. Locate the center of the embroidered sides and mark.

18. Match the marked centers and stitch a strip along each edge of the embroidered squares starting and stopping at the miter seam. It is easy to sew these if you have the embroidered portion up as you sew. Then you can see the miter.
19. Using your ruler, mark a line at a 45° angle coming out from the corner. Trim ¼” beyond the line, giving yourself a seam allowance. Repeat on all four corners.
20. Sew the miters in place.
21. Press the miter seams open and the seam joining the strip to the embroidered panel towards the embroidered panel.
22. Insert an INSPIRA® wing needle size 100.
23. Thread with cotton sewing thread top and bobbin to match your natural linen.
24. Select stitch **3.2.2** .
25. Hemstitch on each side of the embroidered border as shown.
26. Remove the wing needle and replace it with your embroidery needle.
27. On the 25” x 25” square of natural linen, press up a double ¾” hem all the way around. Using your Quick Easy Mitred-Binding Tool, miter the corners.
28. Place ¼” wide Steam-A-Seam on the inner edge and press lightly without steam. Remove the paper.
29. Insert the embroidered top with the edges under the folded binding.
30. Pin carefully keeping all pieces flat.
31. Snap on your Clear Stitch-In-Ditch Foot with IDT™ system.
32. Stitch in the ditch of the hemstitching through all the layers. This will give stability to your topper keeping the layers together.
33. Now, with the layers stabilized, remove the paper from the Steam-A-Seam. Press with steam to adhere the binding.
34. Insert an INSPIRA® wing needle size 100.



35. Select stitch **3.2.2** .

36. Hemstitch the outer border.

Enjoy your new table topper!