

Tilda®

Creating Memories
WINTER

Apples



Apple

Apples are great decorations and also make cute pincushions. They are easy to sew and the perfect homemade gift for any sewing friend. For this apple we have used the Creating Memories fabrics in luscious Winter Reds and Greens.

Materials (for one apple)

- Six fabrics for the apple, each 3in x 7in (7.5cm x 18cm)
- One fabric for the leaf 4in x 3in (10cm x 7.5cm)
- One fabric for the stalk 1in x 2in (2.5cm x 5cm)
- Toy stuffing (fibrefill)
- Wooden stick for stuffing
- Long sewing needle
- Embroidery yarn

Finished size

3in (7.5cm) diameter approx., excluding leaf and stalk

General Notes

- Read all the project instructions through before you start.
- Use thick paper for copying patterns, ensuring the patterns are full size.
- On the patterns, the solid line is the sewing line. This allows you to add your own seam allowance.
- When sewing the seams, reduce your stitch length to 1.5mm–1.6mm.
- To get a good shape, cut snips in the seam allowance where a seam curves tightly inwards.
- After turning, pull the wooden stick along the inside of the seam to make sure you press out all the creases and folds before ironing.
- Stuff well, using a stick to fill small areas.
- Sew up gaps with matching thread and small slipstitches.

Making an Apple

1 Copy the pattern pieces onto thick paper and cut out the shapes. Using the six fabrics for the apple, trace one apple shape onto each fabric. Cut out the shapes adding a ¼in (6mm) seam allowance before you cut.

2 Take two shapes and place them right sides together (**Fig A**). Sew a seam down the long, curved side, starting and stopping on the points of the marked shape (about ½in (1.3cm) away from the points of the fabric). Add the rest of the pieces in the same way, leaving a gap in the last seam for turning (**Fig B**). Turn through the right side, press and then stuff the apple. Sew up the opening.

Fig A

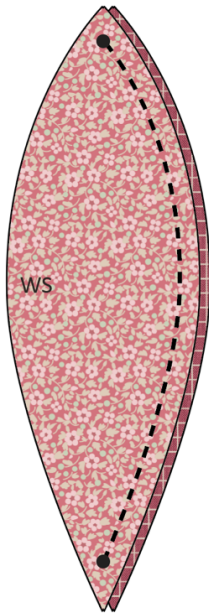
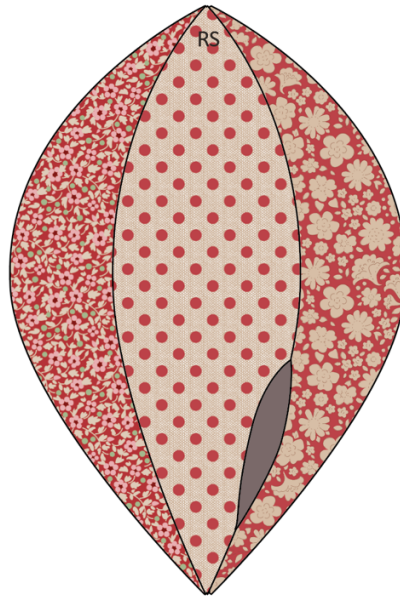
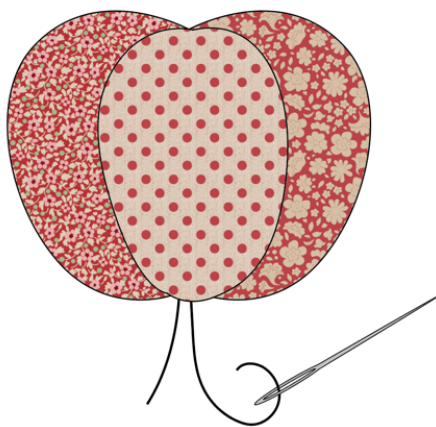


Fig B



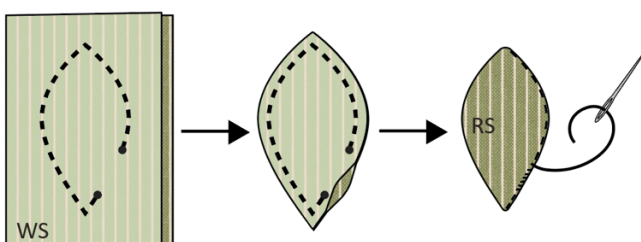
3 To create a dent in the apple at the top and bottom use a doubled thread (or embroidery yarn) and a long needle and sew from the bottom of the apple, through the body and up to the top (**Fig C**). Pull slightly to create an indent and then make a small stitch and sew back through again to where you started. Secure the thread well.

Fig C



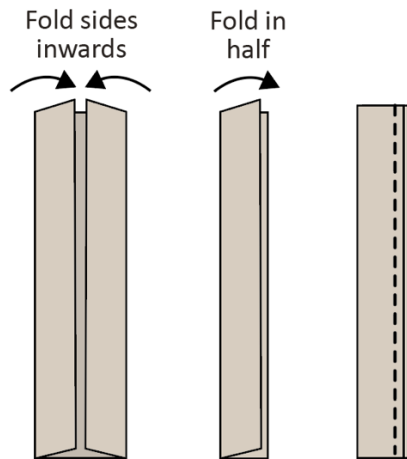
4 To make the leaf, fold and press the fabric right sides together, draw the leaf pattern and sew the shape, leaving an opening for turning in the seam (**Fig D**). Cut out with a small seam allowance all round, leaving a slightly bigger allowance around the gap. Turn through to the right side, using a wooden flower stick or similar. Fold in the seam allowance of the opening, press and then sew up the gap.

Fig D



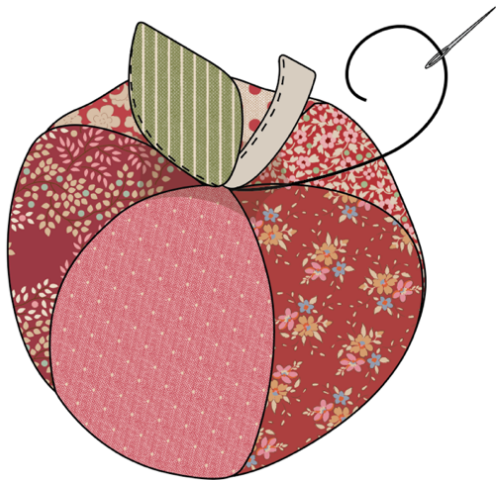
5 To make the stalk, take the stalk fabric and fold and press the long sides in towards the middle and (**Fig E**). Now fold the piece in half lengthwise, press and sew along the open side, as shown.

Fig E



6 Finish the apple by sewing the stalk and leaf into the dent at the top of the apple (**Fig F**). Before you sew the stalk, check the length is to your liking, trimming a little off the length if needed.

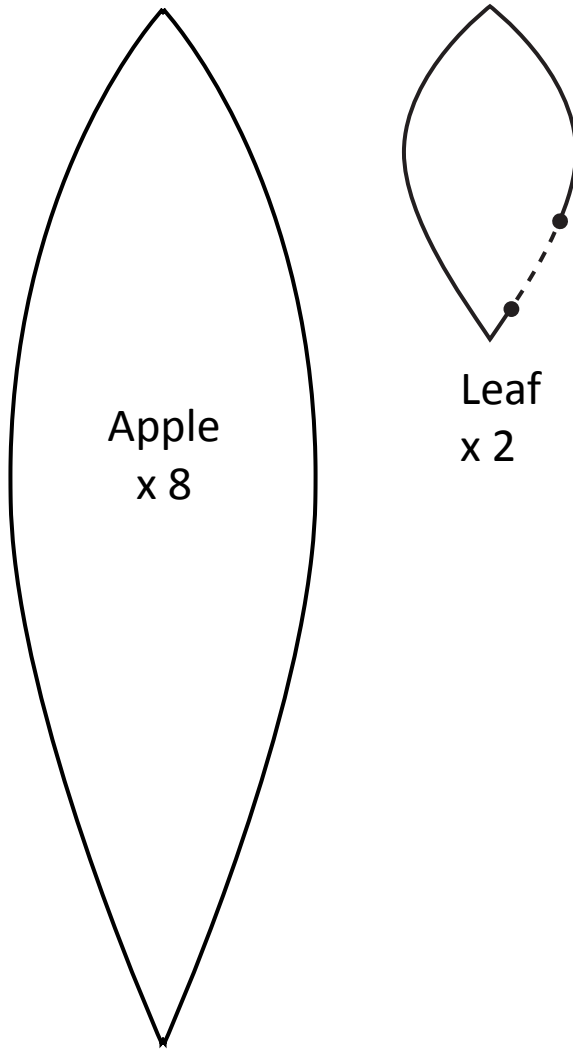
Fig F



Apple Patterns

Full size

The solid line is the sewing line.



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