

# Willow Tree

## Supply List



Based on my new AQS book, *Bobbin' Quiltin' & Fusin' Fun*, you can make this exquisite tree. In this 6-hour class, you will learn an assortment of fusing techniques along with fun machine quilting designs with a variety of decorative threads. Please read the supply list and prep instructions **carefully** to assure a successful class. Email me with ANY questions!

### **Fabric**

#### **Background**

If you prefer a pieced background as per the sample, email me at [michele@piecefulquilter](mailto:michele@piecefulquilter) and I will send you complete cutting and piecing instructions.

If you want an easier option: Bring a 36 1/2" x 45 1/2" rectangle. Sample shows a light background, but a dark background is effective as well.

#### **Tree Leaves**

Assortment of tonals or batiks that match or are the same as border fabric: 2/3 yard total. Be sure that these fabrics contrast your background. The more varied, the better!

#### **Border**

Assortment of tonals or batiks that match or are the same as tree leaves: 1 1/8 yards total  
This NOT needed for class. You will finish the strip border at home.

#### **Tree/Inner Border**

Brown tonal: 3/4 yard

#### **Backing**

Color your choice: Pieced back 46" x 52"

You **MUST** bring this to class! (Note: If you do not plan to couch a decorative yarn around each leaf, but rather zigzag or buttonhole stitch, a backing is not necessary)

#### **Binding**

Dark tonal: 1/2 yard

This is NOT needed for class.

### **Other**

- Batting: Twin or 50" x 56" piece. You **MUST** bring this to class
- Fusible web: **Lightweight** fusible web that can be sewn. I prefer Softfuse. You can purchase from my website (as well as others). Fusible comes in a variety of widths. You need a piece of fusible that totals 45" x 45" (2,025 square inches) Trace 92 leaf templates as show below and bring the rest to class.
- Thick decorative brown yarn that coordinates with tree fabric: 7 yards
- Assortment of decorative threads leaves and background. For bobbin quilting, I used YLI Candlelight and recommend it for the best results. I have a lot that you can use, so don't buy anything special.
- Invisible thread
- Thin (silk) straight pins

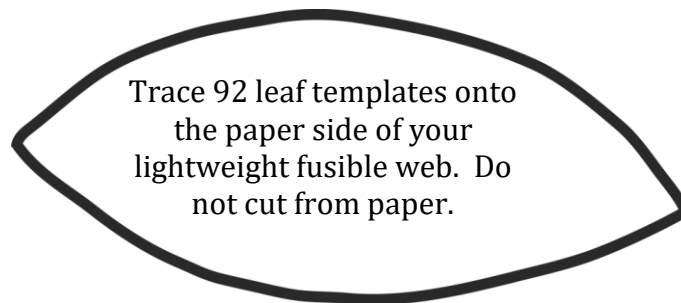
- A fun variation of this quilt is to cut your leaves with pinking shears! Email me for a picture with “pinked” leaves! It’s a fun way to complete tree!

### **What else do you need for this class?**

- Well-oiled sewing machine in good working condition with zigzag stitch.
- Walking foot that fits machine (please test first if not sure) and
- Darning foot (for free motion quilting – again test to be sure it fits). If you do not plan to finish with machine quilting, this is not necessary.
- Small scissors or thread snips
- Machine needles: 100/16 and/or 90/14 Topstitch (I can provide these also if you cannot find them)

### **If you choose to bobbin quilt the leaf’s veins with decorative threads, you also need the following items:**

- If you choose to use thick decorative threads for machine quilting, an extra bobbin case (you can purchase from your dealer). You need to loosen the tension thicker threads that will not go through the top. You do not have to purchase one if you are comfortable with adjusting your machine’s bobbin case. If you have a machine with a drop in bobbin case, ask your dealer about an extra case that can be adjusted. The dealers now carry these cases.
- 2 empty bobbins (if choosing to do bobbin quilting)
- Small screwdriver that comes with your machine



You can also get a jump on the class, if you’re familiar with fusing. After tracing the leaves, you can fuse them to the back of the selected leaf fabrics and then cut the leaves from the fabric. See note above about cutting the leaves with pinking shears!

**EMAIL OR CALL if you have any questions!**

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