JANOME How to Project

Festive Orange Slice Garland

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Designed by Tania and created by our talented team at the Janome Canada Sewing & Learning Centre; brighten your room with this easy to make Festive Orange Slice Garland utilizing scraps from your stash bin. Try a variety of threads as you stitch the slices and add texture by machine or by hand. These sweet slices are simple to sew. Use your garland all year round! It is a lovely addition to your kitchen or your sewing studio.



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SUPPLIES AND FABRIC SCRAPS REQUIRED

- Scraps of a variety of orange fabrics
- Scraps of dark orange or burgundy fabrics
- Scraps of a variety of green fabrics
- Scraps of cotton batting
- Fabric scissors
- Pencil or other marking tool
- Circle cutter, if you have it
- Cotton threads, include some heavier weight threads
- 8' of ribbon or yarn to string your oranges slices and leaves on

Note: if you want to add hand stitching to your orange slices, you will need embroidery floss, a sharp needle and a small pair of scissors

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GARLAND INSTRUCTIONS



Step 1: From your deepest orange or burgundy fabric cut 3 circles at 3", these will be for blood oranges and cut 12 circles from your batting at $3 \frac{1}{2}$ "

Step 2: Cut 12 leaves from your green fabrics using the template provided and cut 6 leaves from your batting

Step 3: Layer your orange slices, fabric, batting, fabric to make a stack of little quilty sandwiches... note for the blood oranges add the extra 3" circle. Do the same for the leaves

Step 4: Orange slices stacks

- Stitch around the outside perimeter of the orange slice two or three times, the more stitching you add the better it looks, don't be shy!
- Stitch across the centre of the orange slices, and then following along the outside edge of the slice, divide the orange into 8 sections
- Fill one or two of the sections with additional straight line stitching
- Trim the excess fabric and batting from the outside edge
- Punch two small holes in the orange slice, I used a small paper punch and it worked wonderfully

Step 5: Leaf stacks

- Stitch around the outside perimeter of the leaf two or three times
- Stitch down the centre of the leaf and then add lines on either side of the centre
- Fill one or two of the sections with additional straight line stitching
- Trim the excess fabric and batting from the outside edge of the leaf
- Punch two small holes in the end of the leaf as you did for the orange slice

Hand Embroidery Option:

You may also want to try a bit of hand embroidery on a few of your orange slices and/or leaves to add texture. I used three strands of embroidery floss and made simple running stitches, you could add french knots as well... any little detail that makes your heart sing!

Step 6: To assemble the garland, measure off 12" at one end of your string or ribbon and make a loop and secure with a knot. Then thread your orange slices and leaves as you like. End with another hanging loop.

And... done!

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