

"Bunch of Cherries" Applique

Materials Needed:

- Quilting cotton in reds, greens, and solid white
- DMC Machine Embroidery Threads
- DMC 6-strand floss in brown

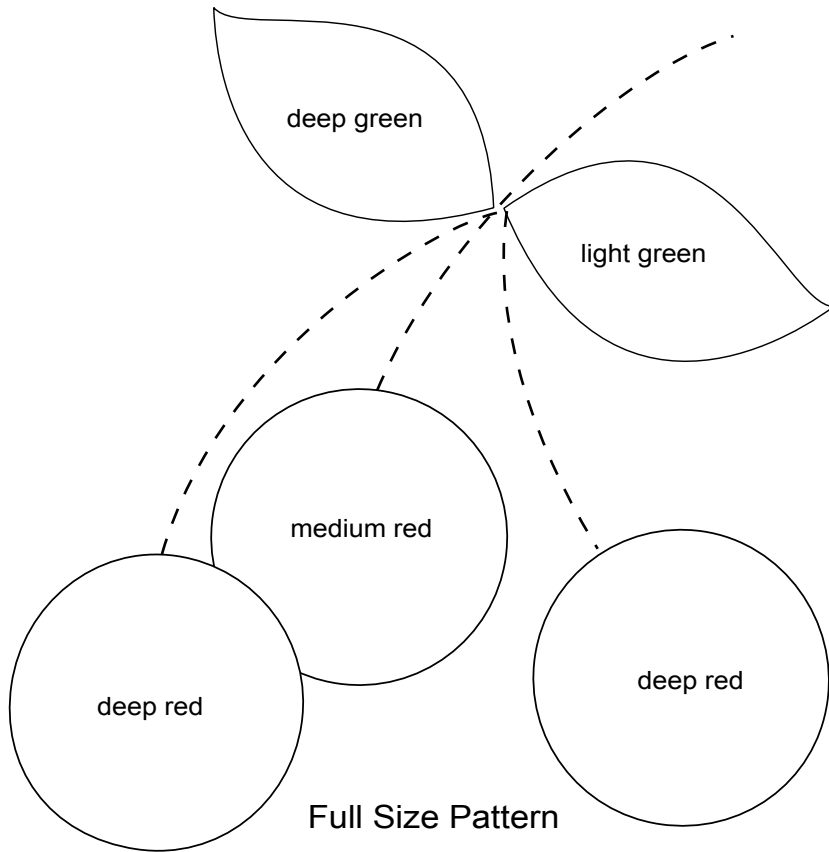


Fig. 1

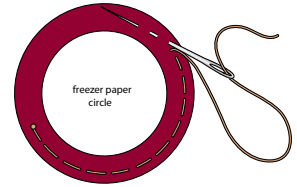
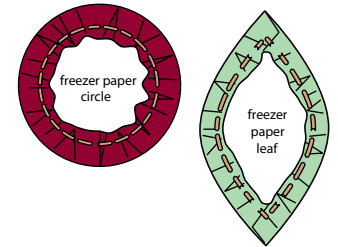


Fig. 2



Using the pattern, trace and cut a set of the full-size appliques onto the non-shiny side of the freezer paper and cut out the shapes. On the wrong side of the green fabric, press half of the leaf shapes, shiny side down, onto the fabric to adhere. Cut out these shapes 1/4 inch from the edges of the paper (adding seam allowances as you cut). Repeat with the remaining leaves and with the cherries, fusing them to the wrong sides of the assorted red fabrics.

Using a hand-sewing needle and the machine embroidery thread, sew a line of running stitch in the seam allowance area around each paper shape (figs. 1 & 2). Pull thread to gather seam allowance around each shape and tie-off the thread. Smooth the edges with your fingers and press each gathered shape to set the gathered edge. The freezer paper will be removed prior to applique.

Arrange the appliques on a 6-1/2" square of white fabric and transfer stem markings using a water-soluble embroidery transfer pen. Pin the appliques in position and applique each shape in place by hand using an invisible stitch (fig. 3) using DMC machine embroidery threads to match the appliques. As you stitch around each shape, remove the freezer paper gently and discard - do not leave the paper in the appliques.

Embroider the stems in outline or stem stitch (fig. 4) to complete the block.

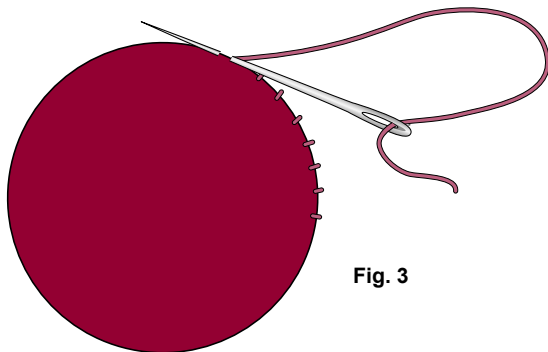


Fig. 3

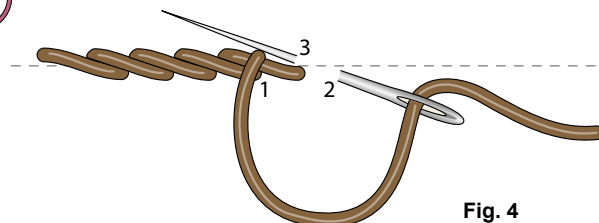


Fig. 4