Sparkling Autumn Leaves

Complimentary cross stitch designs by Brooke Nolan



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**Needed to complete 3 leaves:** Brown 14 ct perforated paper, DMC floss, Mill Hill glass seed beads, #24 tapestry needle, short beading needle, decorative paper for backing, glue stick; & embroidery scissors.

Finished design sizes: Approximately 2"x 3" each.

**Cross Stitch & Bead:** Using 3 strands of floss, cross stitch the leaves on perforated paper. Then, using 2 strands of DMC #814 for the Ruby Leaf; #977 for the Amber Leaf; #832 for the Olive Green Leaf; complete the beading. (Note: If you have trouble threading a beading needle with 2 strands of floss, put 1 strand of floss through the eye and pull the end down so there are 2 working strands.)

**Finishing Instructions:** Using embroidery scissors, cut out the stitched and beaded leaves at least one row beyond the outer most stitches of each piece. (See photo) Back the leaves by glueing decorative paper to their backs. After glue is dry, carefully cut away the excess backing close to the edges of each leaf. Thread with ribbon or cord in coordinating colors to hang or scatter the leaves on your Thanksgiving table for a pretty effect. You could also adhere the finished leaves to plain napkin rings to dress them up for your Fall celebrations.

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