

Folding Screens

This is a sample project. Your results will differ, depending on the choices you make. Fabrics, Photos, found objects, leftover bits from other projects – All would work well in this format. Have fun making your choices. The following basic instructions will give you the basic how-to for putting a folding piece together.

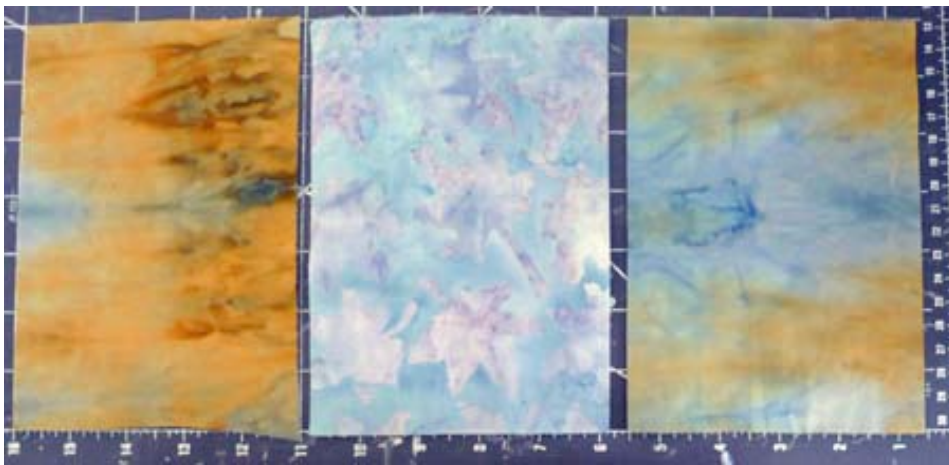


Materials:

For a 3 panel piece with each panel measuring 5" x 7" you will need:

- .A stiff interfacing for the core. Peltex, Timtex, Fast-2-Fuse are all good choices for this application. I used 70 weight Peltex, "non-fusible". 6" h x 18" w will give you room to work
- Lightweight fusible e.g. MistyFuse®. About ½ a yard.
- A press sheet is essential – Teflon or Parchment Paper
- Basic sewing supplies
- Foundation fabric
- Fabric scraps
- Embellishments as desired

Cut six panels of the foundation fabrics and three panels of the core pieces. All panels should be the same size.



Create the base Image.

- Here we are using a stack of fabric scraps with MistyFuse applied to the wrong side. A simple leaf shape is drawn on the top layer. Pin the layers together for ease in handling. Cut out the shape.



The stacks are pinned together to keep fabrics from shifting as they are cut.

Other options might include; fussy cut from interesting fabric prints, or to use photos on fabric, bits from other projects, or make a sampler of different surface design approaches, OR???

- **Compose:** Arrange the shapes on your base fabrics. When you are happy with the compositions, cover with a press sheet and fuse.

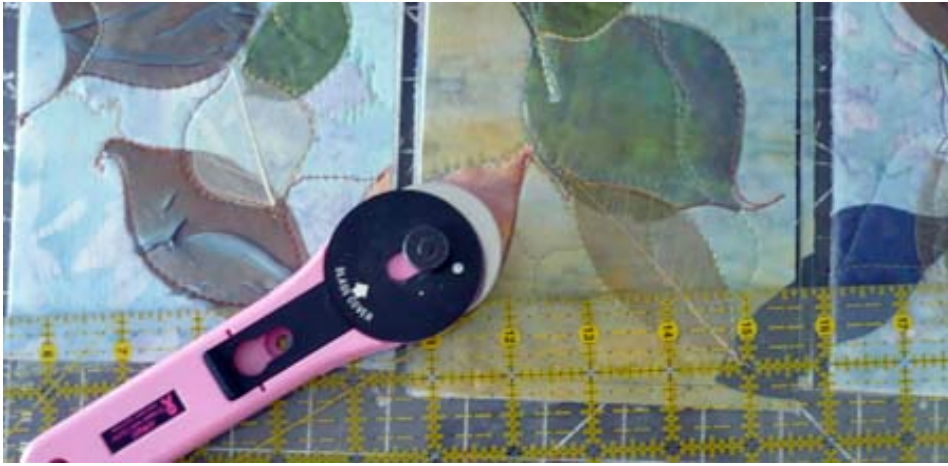


- Stitch if desired



- Fuse panels to each side of the Peltex (or other core interfacing)

Trim edges



Finish edges. Here a blanket stitch is used.



Other options would include a satin stitch, a decorative stitch, or perhaps sealing the edge with an acrylic medium.

Join the panels: Butt the adjacent edges, leaving a little space in between them for ease in folding. Using the widest stitch your machine is capable of, join with a stitch that crosses both panels.





Voila! A standing, folding piece!

In our next session we will discuss other finishing options, including making upright supports and beaded feet.

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