



Pine Branch Block – Block 7

Skill level – Advanced



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Project Number:	CS0162G
Technique:	Free Motion Machine Embroidery
Size:	8 ½" x 10 ½" unfinished
End Use:	Wall Hanging
Brand:	Coats®, Rowan, FreeSpirit

The Pine Branch design is created entirely with thread. This block is all freehand but don't be intimidated as nature is not perfect. Using a multi-color thread, the natural shading is created automatically.

Required products: Coats Cotton Machine Quilting Thread, Coats Machine Quilting Thread

Materials

- 6 ½" x 16 ½" light blue for background, FreeSpirit Designer Essential solid CSFSESS.CRYST, Crystal
- Coats Machine embroidery thread, color 51 for stem
- Coats Multicolor Machine Quilting quilting thread, color 855 Spring Greens for pine needles
- 6 ½" x 16 ½" stabilizers for embroidery

Additional Requirements

- Sewing Machine
- Removable marker

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Instructions

1. With a pencil or removable marker, draw a slightly curved line down the center of the block starting and stopping approximately 1" from each end. Also randomly draw shoots from the sides of the main branch.
2. Put the stabilizer on the wrong side of the background fabric.
3. Using a zig zag stitch and machine embroidery thread 51, make the stem and shoots of the pine branch. The stitch setting should be 4.5 to 5 mm wide and 0.5 to 0.7mm long. Try a test strip of fabric to try your zig zag stitch before doing the actual stem.
4. Put the darning foot on your machine and if possible, drop the feed dogs. Using the multicolor green quilting thread 855, make the pine needles. Free hand the needles going up one side and down the other side of each shoot. The needles are approximately 1" long but don't worry if they're a little longer or shorter. They can also cross other needles. All this will make the branch look more realistic.
5. Remove stabilizer.



Finished Wall Hanging