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attached inc brings you Sue Bleiweiss's Mini Fabric Collage Journal

This little fabric journal is a great way to use up some of those Mistyfuse prefused fabrics from the scrap bin. It makes a great gift and is the perfect size for tucking into a travel bag, book bag or purse.

Mistyfuse your base fabric to one side of a piece of stiff interfacing (Timtex or Peltex) cut to 6"x12". This will be the outside of your journal.

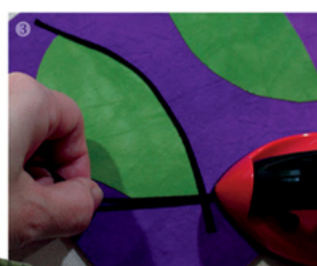


1 Cut some leaf shapes from a piece of green fabric with Mistyfuse on the back. Place your leaf elements on the fabric base and fuse in place.

2 Cut thin strips of prefused black fabric and use them to outline the leaf shapes adding details for veins



by 3 fusing in place. Stitch over all the black strips with your sewing machine and add other decorative stitching if you like.



5 Punch holes through the folds of each stack. From the top edge, at 3/4", 2", 3 1/2" and 4 3/4".

6 Open the pages to mark and punch three vertical rows 1/4" apart of corresponding holes in the journal shell starting at 5" from the left edge.



Line one set of pages (signatures) up with the holes in the journal cover and starting from the inside sew through the second hole from the top of the signature to the outside of the journal leaving a 6" tail on the inside.



Then sew back through the top hole of the journal back through the top hole in the signature to the inside and out through the bottom hole of the pages. Then through the bottom hole of the journal to the outside and back through the last hole in the book through to the inside. Tie off the thread using the tail that you left hanging. Repeat for the other signatures.

Add an elastic wrap by pulling a length of elastic through the journal shell and knotting it on the inside to prevent it from pulling through.



Mistyfuse fabric to the other side of the rectangle and stitch around the whole outer edge.

Cut 36 pieces of paper for your inside pages to measure 8 1/2"x5 1/2" and fold each piece in half to make a page 4 1/4"x5 1/2". Open the pages and then stack them into 3 piles of 12 each.

