Raised Buttonhole Stitch Leaf

This little leaf is worked one side at a time. The size and shape of the leaf can change with the number and length of the Back Stitches and the choice of thread.

1. Make two rows of Back Stitches side by side. Stitch four Back Stitches for the first row. Stitch three Back Stitches right above the first row.

2. Working from the bottom of the leaf to the top, make one Raised Buttonhole Stitch in each of the three Back Stitches. The needle only goes under the Back Stitches. The needle does not pierce the fabric.

3. Working from the top to the bottom of the leaf, make three Raised Buttonhole Stitches in each of the previous three Raised Buttonhole Stitches.

4. Working from bottom to top of the leaf, make two Raised Buttonhole Stitches between the previous three Raised Buttonhole Stitches. Take the needle and thread to the wrong side at the top of the leaf.

5. Bring the needle and thread to the right side at the bottom of the leaf between the first and second Back Stitches on the first row. Repeat Steps 2 through 4 for the opposite side of the leaf.