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Garden Fresh Fabric Tomatoes by Vanessa Christenson

it all started when my friends were talking about making salsa. that's when i decided to make my own harvest of tomatoes (since i didn't plant any in my garden this year).

i've made a bigger version to make pumpkins check out my [blog](#) for instructions.

Ingredients:

one layer cake of simple abundance

(and one charm pack of simple abundance optional)

Garnishes (optional):

buttons, hot glue gun

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Instructions:



first you will need to make a circle. you can use the template (to be found at the end of the instructions) or you can use a bowl with the width of 8 inches.



draw a circle with a fabric marker or a pencil



cut out your circle.



i wanted red, yellow, and green tomatoes (um hello, fried green tomatoes?!) so i picked out a few of each color.



you are going to to a running stitch around your whole circle.

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once you have done a running stitch around the whole circle gently pull on your string's end.



and do so till your circle is almost closed up. make sure you leave enough of an opening so that you can do the next step.



stuff your tomato, i like "cluster stuff" (i got mine at walmart)



gently pull your thread to shut the tomato base. and tie a knot.



now this is optional.
if you want different tomato tops (the leaves) then get yourself a charm pack.

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take out your four green squares.



if you do not have a charm pack make sure you pull aside one green layer cake block. and cut in four.



fold in half your charm square. and using the template (make sure it downloads to the right size. template can be found on the same page as the tomato circle at the end of these instructions.)
trace two tomato tops. side by side.



with your sewing machine (while your square is still folded in half) sew on top of your traced lines of the leaves.



cut out your leaf and turn around. the marking should be on the bottom so that you can not see your marker or pencil line.



now if you want the easy way out.
get your hot glue gun and glue the top on.
this is an option.
no one will think any less of you trust me, because it still looks cute.



or if you want the extra steps, get yourself a button and green thread to attach your top on the tomato.



start by pulling the needle through the top all the way through the tomato.



place your button on the bottom and sew up through your tomato.
and gently pull on your thread. this will kind of squish your tomato in the middle.
do this a few times to secure it nicely.



to finish your sewing the top, knot under the leaf so that you don't see your knot.
to secure it even better, i put a few dabs of hot glue under the leaves.
and now you have a super cute tomato.

Yield:



one layer cake will make a few tomatoes, but make sure you leave out one green square at least to make 8 leaves.



template for tomato and top attached
(make sure you enlarge it to 100%)

instructions and pictures by Vanessa of V and Co.
hope you liked em!

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