

## AQuA Mini Workshop

### Tips and Techniques with Solvy

#### Making leaves and other shapes with Solvy and tulle

Lay a piece of Solvy on bottom.

Lay a piece of tulle on top of the Solvy.

Embellish tulle with bits of thread, yarn, etc.

Lay another piece of tulle on top, followed by another piece of Solvy on top of the tulle.

You will now have a 5 layer “sandwich”. Pin around edge to hold everything together.



There are two options at this point:

- ❖ Draw your design on the Solvy, to use as a stitching guide.
- ❖ Freehand stitch a design of your choice. With this method, you may decide you don't need Solvy.

Now, place sandwich in an embroidery hoop. Using one of the above choices, stitch the sandwich together. Make sure there is enough stitching to hold everything together. Once the stitching is done, place entire piece in water. The Solvy will dissolve and you will be left with fun, embellished shapes to use in your creations.

If you want a very lacy piece of fabric, you can layer scraps of fabric, thread, yarn, etc. between two pieces of Solvy. Place in embroidery hoop and stitch heavily. Dissolve Solvy in water and let dry. These tend to be very fragile, but can give some interesting results.

There are several free project instructions on the Solvy web site at [http://www.sulky.com/project/index\\_project.php](http://www.sulky.com/project/index_project.php)

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#### Making a small quilted piece using Solvy as a stabilizer, rather than fusible

Fusible stabilizer is a great product. This Solvy method is just an alternate way to stabilize a piece, leaving it a bit less stiff, and the finished piece more dimensional.

**You will need:**

**Backing**

**Batting**

**Several small squares of fabric**

**Solvy**

**Assorted threads**

Place a piece of backing fabric on your workspace, and then place a piece of batting on top of the backing. Start placing your squares on top of the batting, making sure there is some overlap on all the squares. You do not want any batting to show through. This is a very improvisational method, so just have fun with it. You can go totally abstract, or keep it more realistic... the choice is yours.



Once you have achieved your desired design, place Solvy over the top. Use some straight pins to hold everything in place.

Now it's time to stitch it all together! Using threads of your choice, you will stitch entire piece together, making sure all squares have been stitched. This can be done with a straight stitch, or you can use a free motion stitch. Once the stitching is complete, you will place your piece in water until all the Solvy has dissolved. Let dry, then iron. Your piece is now ready to be embellished and finished in any way you prefer. This size looks great matted and framed.

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