Welcome to SAGA’s Silk Ribbon Embroidery (SRE) Smock-Along!

Lesson 3

This week we will stitch our leaves and Baby's Breath, adding beads if you would like a little bling.

Please refer to the photo of the finished case for placement.

Remember that tension and thumb pressure will be important when making leaves.

Leaves:
Begin by threading your chenille #24 needle with your green ribbon.

Bring ribbon to the front of your work leaving 1/4"tail at the back.
Where ribbon comes out of your fabric you may need to take the needle shaft and "tease" it flat.
Lay ribbon flat but not tight against fabric and pierce ribbon with the needle.

As you pull ribbon to the back, tightly hold the leaf with your thumb close to the point of entry then pull through.

Pull till you have a nice point on your leaf.
You can make a single or three leaf group as your space allows.

Now thread the embroidery needle with 2 strands of matching floss and come up at the base of the leaf. Pierce the leaf 3/4 way up towards tip to form the leaf vein. This also secures the leaf as well as catches the tails on back to secure.
To make a shaped leaf:
For straight leaf, as just taught, pierce in the middle of the ribbon.

To shape the leaf, pierce in the left or right edge and leaf tip will roll in that direction.

![Leaf shaped with threads](image)

**Baby's Breath:**
You may want to tuck a couple branches of baby's breath in your design as I have.

With one thread of green floss make a series of fly/feather stitches or some random straight stitches, then randomly add a few beads. Please refer to the photo of the finished case for placement.

![Baby's Breath](image)

Now your design is complete and we'll see you next week to finish your case. Happy stitching!!

Wanda.