

Red Ripe Apple Potheadler

Finished size 8" x 8"

1 fat quarter (or ¼ yard) each of bright red and dark green tonal fabrics

12" square cotton batting

9" square needle-punched insulating batting

5" length of 3/8" wide green grosgrain ribbon

Basic sewing supplies and equipment

Cut two apple shapes using the apple template.

Cut one apple shape from the cotton batting and one from the needle-punched insulating batting.

Stitch right sides together using a ¼" seam allowance unless otherwise indicated.

When layering your pot holder, be sure to have the shiny side of the insulating batting toward the back of the apple. Note the back of the potheadler is to be used facing the heat source.

Leaving ½" between the shapes and using the leaf and stem template, draw a stem and two leaves along the 18" length of the wrong side of the dark green fabric.

Fold the fabric in half, right sides together with the traced shapes on top and pin to a scrap of cotton batting.

Sew around the stem and each leaf on the traced lines, leaving stem open at the base. Cut out each shape 1/8" from the seam. Trim batting close to the seam and clip curves.

Turn the stem right side out; press; topstitch ¼" from the edge with matching thread.

Cut a slash through one layer of fabric only on each leaf. Turn right side out through the slash and slipstitch the cut edges of the slash closed. Press.

Use the leaf template as a guide to sew the leaf veins on the two leaves.

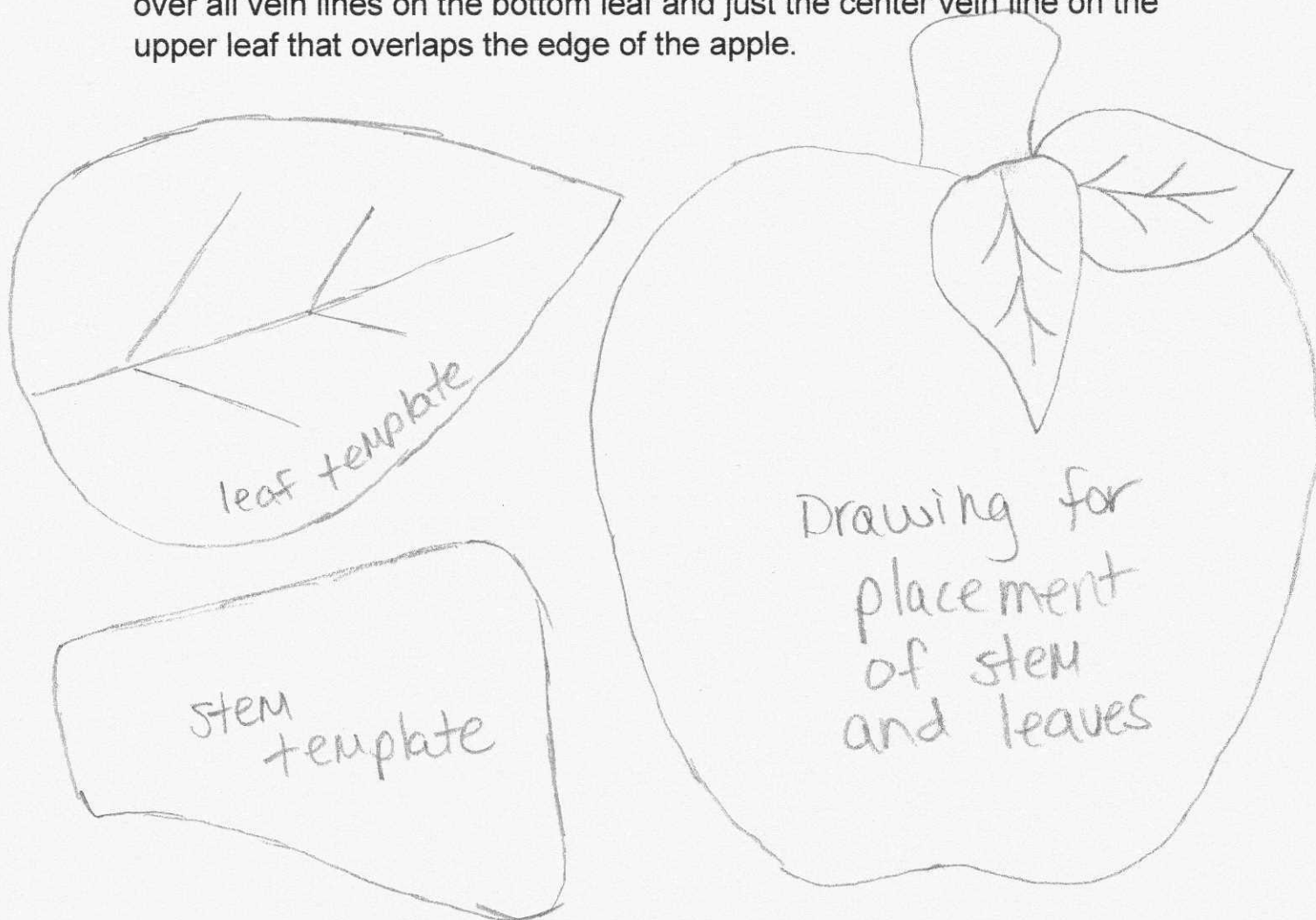
With the raw edges matching, pin the stem at the top center of one of the apple shapes. Fold the ribbon in half and position on top of the stem, raw edges matching. Base together 1/8" from the edge.

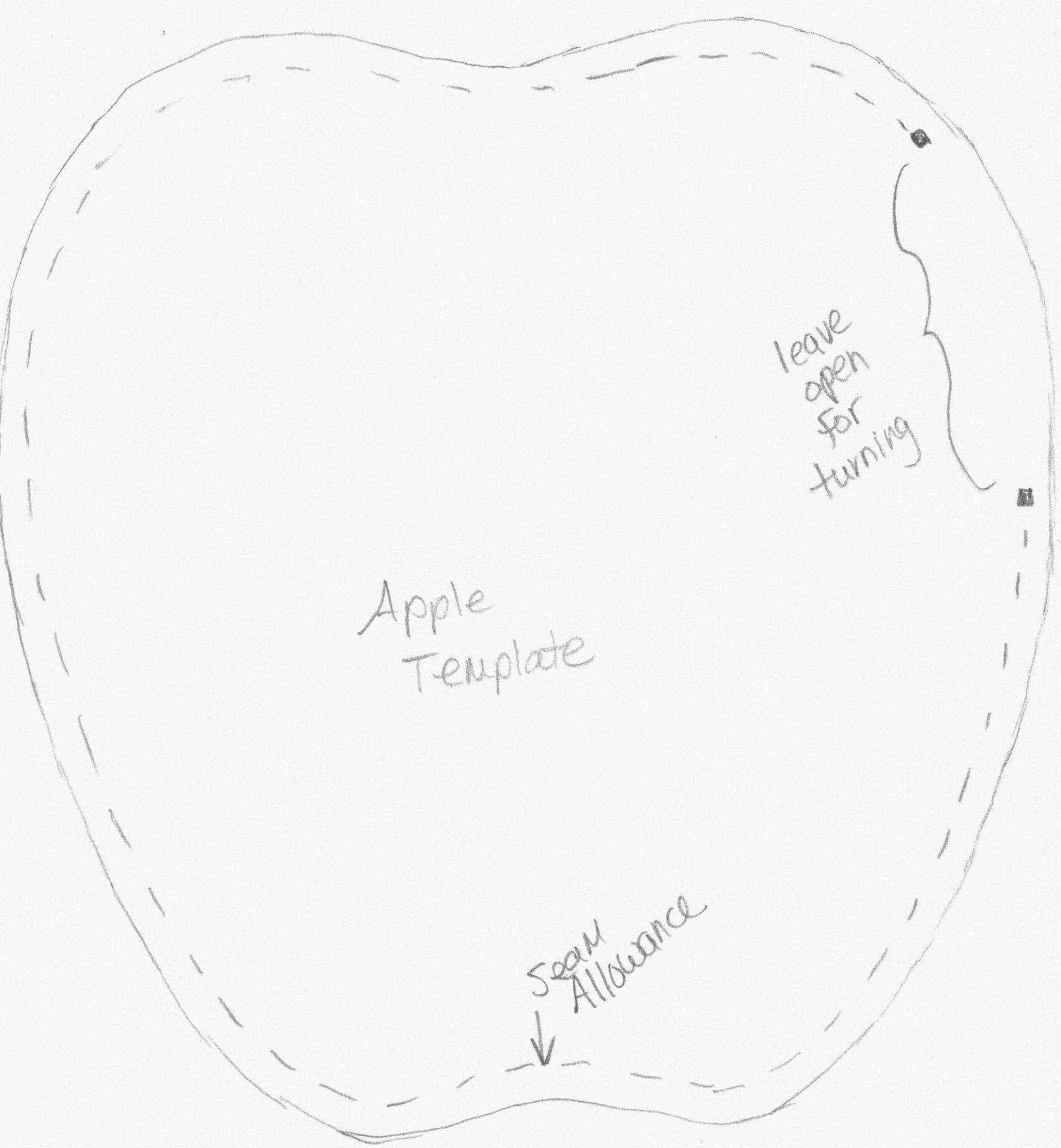
Layer needle-punches insulating batting, shiny side down; cotton batting; apple shape with stem and ribbon loop, right side up; and second apple shape, right side down. Pin to secure layers.

Stitch around, leaving opening between squares on the template and catching the stem and ribbon loop in the seam. Trim cotton and needle-punched insulating batting close to the seam and clip curves.

Turn apple right side out through the opening. Fold the opening seam allowance to the inside. Hand stitch closed and press.

Arrange and pin the leaves at the top of the apple, near the stem. Stitch over all vein lines on the bottom leaf and just the center vein line on the upper leaf that overlaps the edge of the apple.





Apple
Template

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open
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Seam
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