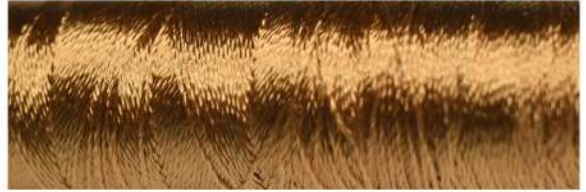


Lesson 8. LEAVES, SEEDS AND BIRDIE



Within this lesson you will work on decorating the oak leaves and tiny golden acorn. Using one strand of golden-brown rayon thread, fill in one leaf, following the curves, alternating short and long stitch.



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Change the thread and fill in the second leaf right the same way.



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Contour the leaves with a "chain-stitch" (golden thread). You may use a tambour hook or needle - anything you find helpful.



Let's add some colour to the tiny creatures.
With one strand of rayon thread (beige) fill in the body of the bird. Spread the stitches following the body curves (see the photograph on the left).



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With one strand of rayon thread (light-umbra) fill in the wings.



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The bird is ready!



Take a piece of copper plate and sew one end of it to the "body" of the acorn (as shown in the photograph on the left).



Fold the loose end (shown with an arrow).



Go to the bottom side of the acorn and flip the piece of the copper plate to the right. Secure in with a stitch (shown with an arrow) and flip the copper plate to the left.



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Continue flipping and securing till you fill/wrap in the half of the acorn.



Secure the end of the copper plate at where should be the acorn hat. The end will be hidden under the metal "chips".



Now, the "chips". Take the piece of antique gold bullion purl (rough) and cut it into tiny pieces (2x2mm).



Spread the "chips", sewing them on to imitate the "cap". Arrange the "chips" very close to one another, avoiding the felt backing to peep.



Congratulations! The acorn is beautifully done!