

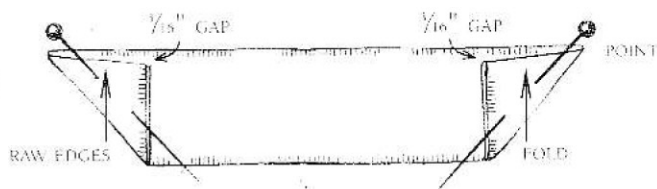
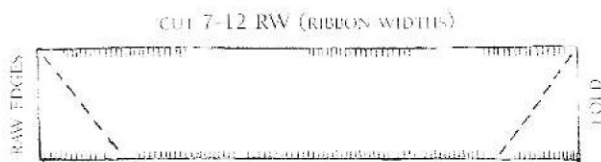
Boat Leaves

This is an extremely versatile leaf, more pointed than some, but easily customized, longer, shorter, narrower, ruffled, pleated, with or without a stem. It looks equally good wired or unwired, in velvet, satin, or grosgrain ribbon.

Basic Boat Leaf

Cut a 7-12 RW length of ribbon. If you cut the ribbon longer, the width of the leaf will remain the same, but the leaf will be longer and more ruffy. Fold the ribbon in half crosswise.

Fold up the two corners of the ribbon as shown to form a boat shape. Form points at the tips of the diagonal folds.



Now overturn your boat! It will be easier to stitch. Begin stitching at the end with the original crosswise fold. Start $\frac{1}{8}$ " from the point, close to the diagonal fold. Two-thirds of the way along the diagonal, backstitch and then continue stitching.

Draw your gathers into the bottom of the boat. The backstitch will stop them. Smooth out the back of the leaf. Open the leaf to check on the desired size, and knot the thread where you finished stitching when you are satisfied.

