

Block of the Month: November 2015 Instructions

Maple Leaf

Do you recall the guild's beautiful opportunity quilt from last year? Well, with fall in the air and Thanksgiving knocking, here is your chance to make your own Maple Leaf Block to use some of your favorite fall colored fabrics.

Materials Needed for a 9 ½" Block

Leaf: Use any color that represents a leaf in the fall or make it scrappy: Three 3 ½" squares, one 4" square, and two 2 ½ squares, and two 2"x3 ½" rectangles.

Stem: Brown, grey, or use leaf fabric: One 5"x1 ¼ strip.

Background (BG): Use contrasting color that represents: sky, clouds, or sand: One 4" square, two 3 ½" square, and two 2 ½" squares.

Instructions

Stem: Take one of 3 ½" BG squares and cut in half over the diagonal. Pin (optional) and sew the 5"x1 ¼" stem fabric strip to the longest edge of one of the triangles you have just cut from the 3 ½" BG block. Pin and sew the other side of the 5"x1 ¼" strip to the longest edge of the remaining triangle. Press seams to outside and trim to 3 ½" square.

Next make the large 3 ½" corner half-square triangles (HST): On the back of the 4" BG square draw a diagonal line. Place that square, right sides together (RST), on top of 4" leaf square. Sew a scant ¼" on each side of the line, cut on the line, press seams open, and trim to 3 ½" HST - you will have 2 HST. Use the same method for the small HST: draw diagonal lines on back of the 2 ½" BG squares. Place those squares, RST, on top of 2 ½" leaf squares. Sew scant ¼" on each side of the line, cut on line, press seams open - and you will end up with 4 HST - trim each to 2".

Assembly: Sew 2 small HST together per diagram. Sew these units to 2"x3 ½" leaf rectangles. Then sew together the 9 squares as illustrated in rows - pressing seams to the left on the top and bottom row, and to the right in the middle row. Nest seams and sew rows together. You will end up with a 9 ½" square. Admire!

Make one or several of these blocks (each should be different, please) and bring to the November 9 meeting to collect points to win all BOM made by guild members. 5 points/blocks will get you to enter your name into the drawing pot. See specific BOM guidelines on how to collect points at http://www.mpqg.org/activities/block_of_the_month/.

