



A Modern Twist

Here's a modern, minimalist twist on the traditional "orange peel" or "pumpkin seed" quilt block.

The design is clean and fresh. Make it in solids, tone-on-tones, traditional reproductions or use bright, busy prints for the leaves and a spare neutral for the backgrounds. Quilt it by hand or machine, or use a thicker thread and a large utility stitch to add visual texture. Perfect art for a special wall!

Supplies needed

- leaves — eight 3" x 6" scraps
- center square — one 10" x 10" scrap
- borders — 1/2 yard
- backing — 3/4 yard
- binding — 1/4 yard

Cut — read all directions before beginning

leaves — cut eight strips 2-1/2" x 6", one from each fabric

center square — cut one square 8-1/2" x 8-1/2"

borders — cut one rectangle 3-1/2" x 8-1/2", piece A
cut one rectangle 11-1/2" x 9", piece B
cut one rectangle 9-1/2" x 17", piece C
cut one rectangle 4" x 20-1/2", piece D

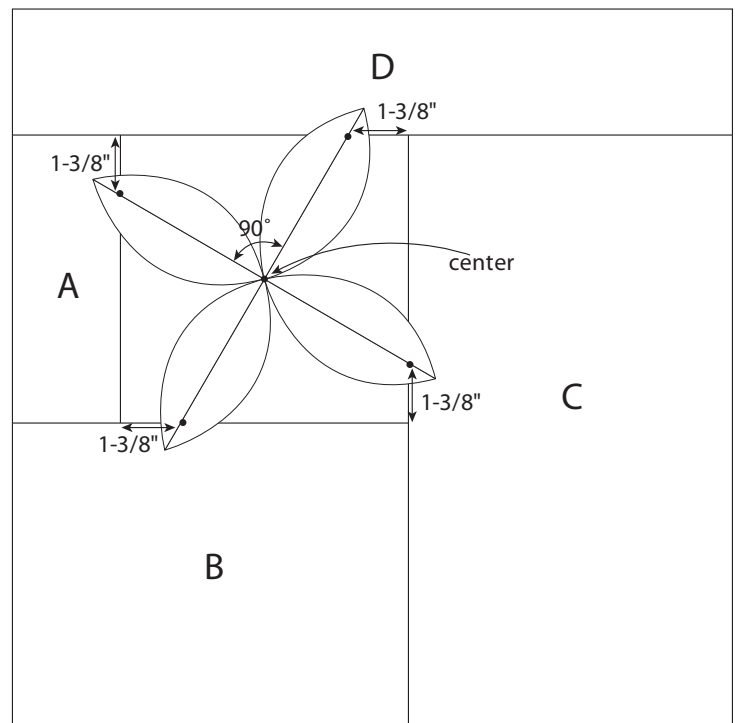
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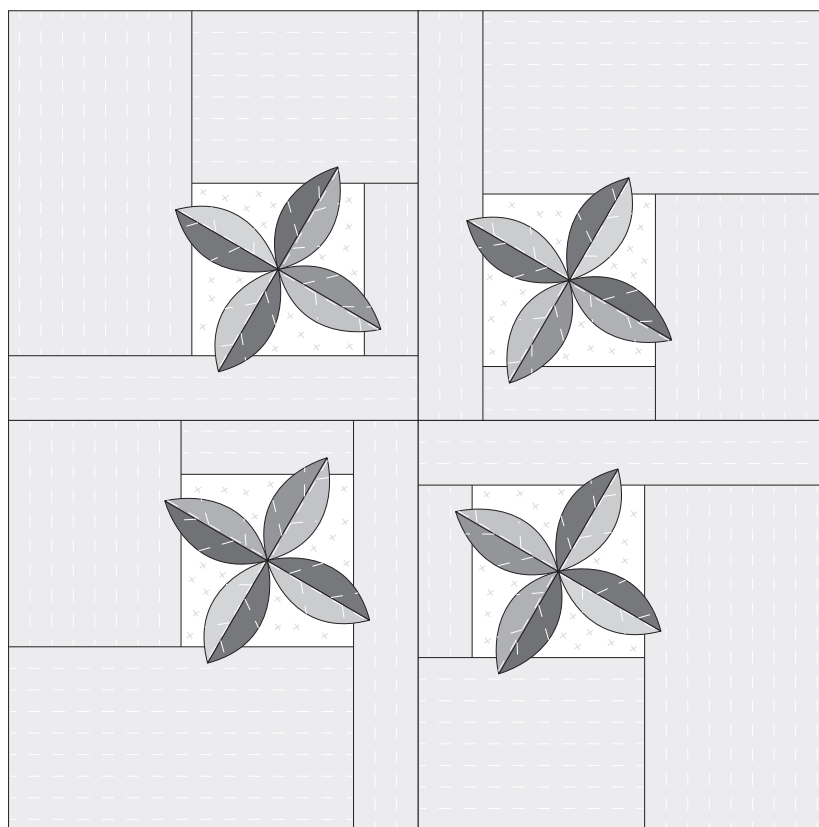
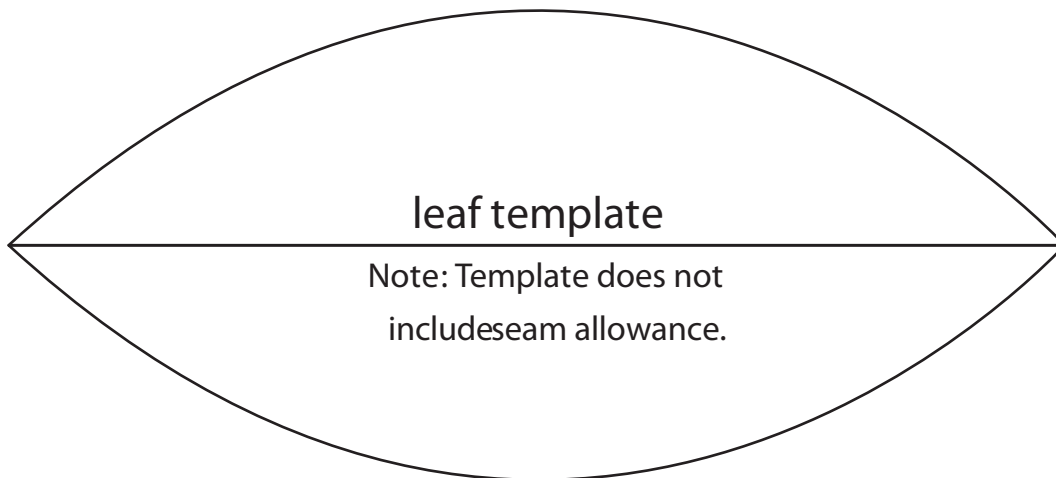
All seams are 1/4-inch

1. Sew two leaf strips together. Make four — one for each leaf.
2. Use leaf template to cut out four leaves.
Note: Template does not include seam allowance.
3. Starting with piece A, then B, then C and then D, sew borders on to the edges of center square. Press seams towards borders.
4. See diagram, right. Place the center junction of the leaves in the center of the center square. The leaf seams are at 90° angles to each other. The leaves are rotated so each leaf seam is 1-3/8" from the corners of the center block. Use your favorite method to applique the leaves in place.
5. Baste, quilt, bind and enjoy!



approximately 20-1/2" x 20-1/2"

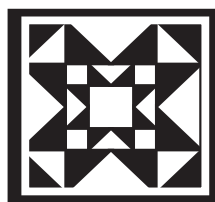




More ideas:

- After quilting, this piece would also make a very nice 20-inch pillow!
- Make four panels, rotate and sew together as shown for a baby quilt or larger wall art.
- Sew equal narrow borders (cut 4-1/2", 4" finished) on to all four sides of the center square to make a small 12-inch pillow.
- Applique the center square and then the leaves on to a canvas tote bag.
- Make four or six of the center square and border units with each side border a different fabric and/or color; rotate as shown and omit the applique!

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