

August 2020

Due October 5, 2020
Turn in to Village Sewing by 4:00 PM

Maple Leaf

This makes a 12" block.

Fabrics

Two contrasting batiks or batik-like fabrics in Fall colors, such as yellow, gold, orange, tan, brown, red, burgundy, or olive green.

Cutting

Color 1 - Leaf fabric:

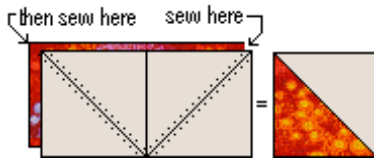
- Cut one $4\frac{1}{2}$ " x $13\frac{1}{2}$ " strip into three $4\frac{1}{2}$ " squares.
- Cut one $4\frac{7}{8}$ " x $9\frac{3}{4}$ " strip.
- Cut one $1\frac{3}{4}$ " x 7" strip.

Color 2 - Background fabric:

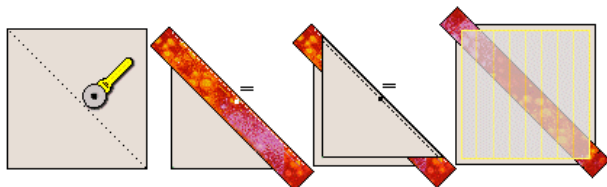
- Cut one $4\frac{1}{2}$ " x 9" strip into two $4\frac{1}{2}$ " squares.
- Cut one $4\frac{7}{8}$ " x $9\frac{3}{4}$ " strip.



Instructions:



To speed piece the half squares...stack the Color 1 and Color 2 $4\frac{7}{8}$ " x $9\frac{3}{4}$ " strips, right sides together and all edges aligned. Mark the $4\frac{7}{8}$ " square line and mark the diagonals in the direction shown. Sew $\frac{1}{4}$ " above and below the marked diagonals, pivoting at the square lines. Then cut apart ON the marked diagonal, and at the $4\frac{7}{8}$ " square line. This will give you four half squares. Press seams towards darker fabrics.

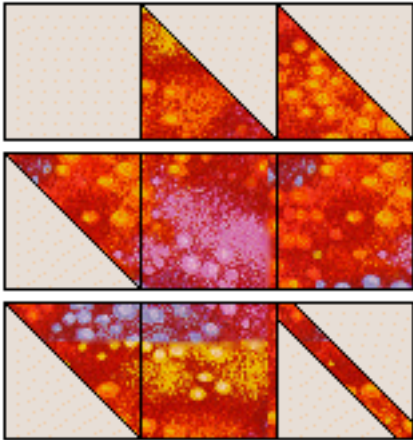


Enlargement of the stem process

Now, to make the stem, cut one Color 2 $4\frac{1}{2}$ " square in half diagonally. Crease lightly to find the half way point of the diagonal edge. Crease the Color 1 $1\frac{3}{4}$ " x 7" stem strip to find its half way point also.

Matching the mid points, sew the stem strip to one half square triangle. Press seam towards stem strip. Sew the other half square triangle to the stem, again matching mid points. Press

seam towards stem. Using a ruler or square-up acrylic square, cut this unit back to measure 4-1/2".



Then piece the block! First make rows, then sew them together to make the block, alternating pressing directions as you go to avoid bulky seams!

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