

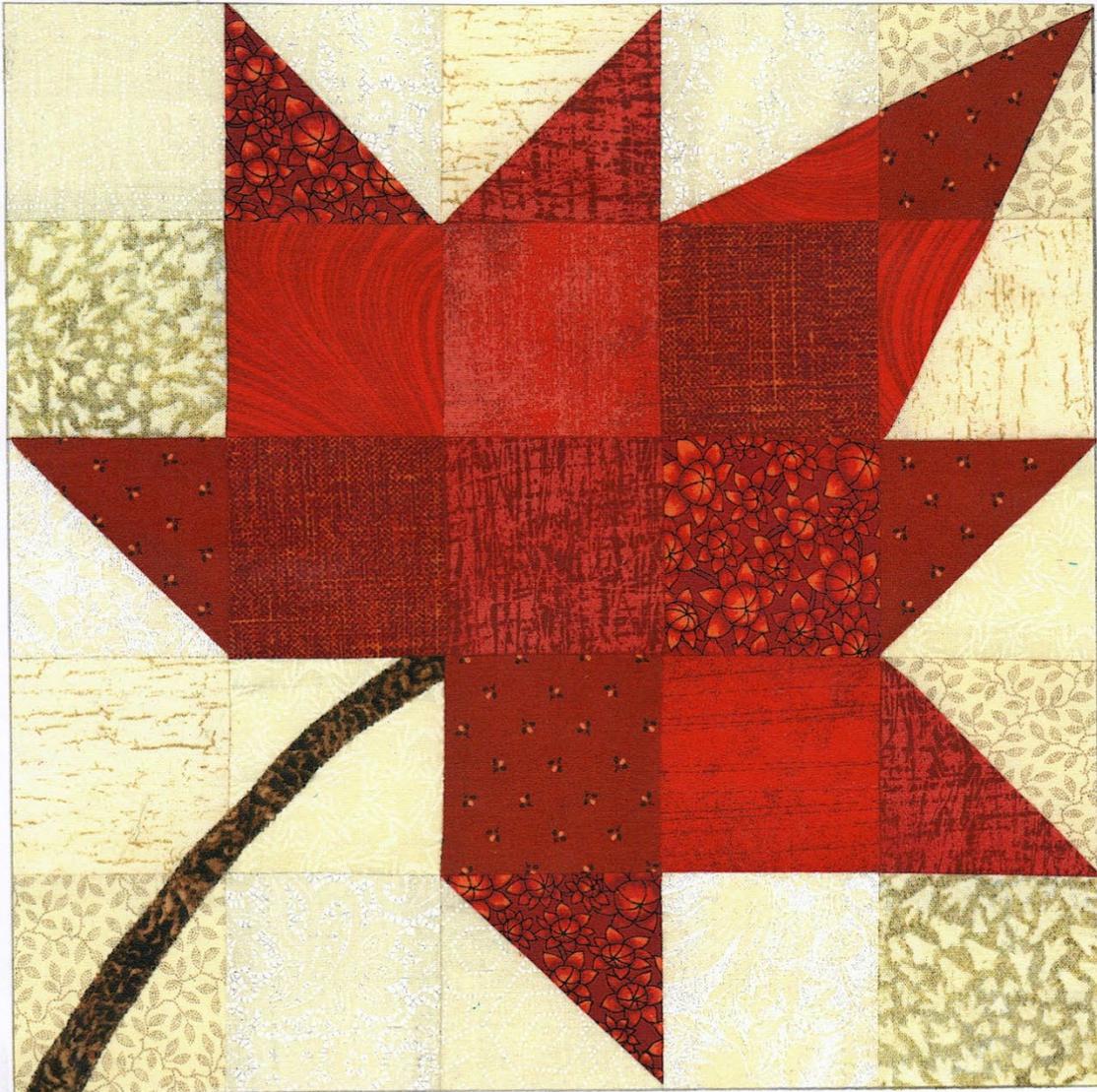
Maple Leaf Block

January 2023 Block of the Month

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Happy New Year! This month's block is a variation of a traditional **Maple Leaf**. Although there are many versions of a Maple Leaf, I based this pattern on a very pretty "cheater fabric" I used on the back of another quilt. Even judges who saw the original thought I had made a whole separate quilt for the back! They didn't look closely enough to realize it was yardage.

This block finishes at 10" square, and is made of 25 smaller units: squares, half-square triangles, and 3 paper-pieced blocks for one corner. The stem is appliquéd in any method you choose. The beige background sets off fall leaves nicely (red, gold, orange, brown and olive green) but the leaves could also work well against blue, like clear fall sky. Turn the leaves different directions to make them "fall."



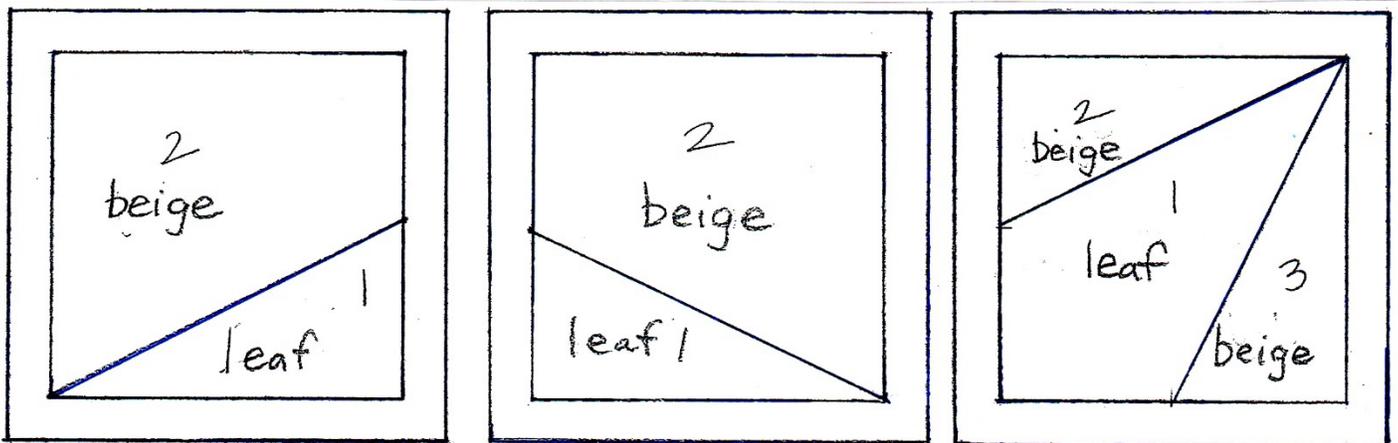
Fabrics and cutting for 10" block:

I like to work scrappy for a block like this to give it more variety in color.
 For the sample, I used 6 different reds, and 7 different beiges.

- Background: Cut a total of 8—2 ½" squares
 Cut 3—3" squares (OR cut 6 right triangles from the different fabrics)
- Foreground (leaf): Cut total of 8—2 ½" squares
 Cut 3—3" squares (OR cut 6 right triangles from the different fabrics)
- Brown bias strip for stem, approximately 3/8" x 6"

With the cut 3" squares make 6—half-square triangle blocks, each half leaf, and half background

Make all three paper pieced corner blocks, using the patterns below.



To assemble block: combine 4 bottom left squares, appliqué stem. Assemble the rest of the bottom two rows. Assemble the top three rows in order. Combine top and bottom rows to complete block.

