

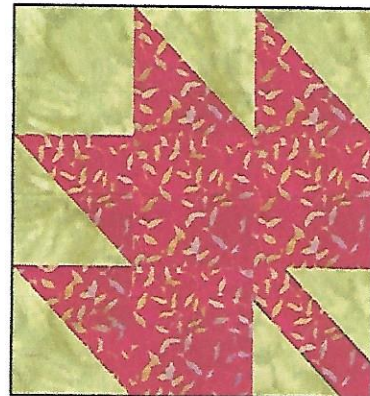


Pattern of the Month - November 2012

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"Autumn Leaf" (9" x 9" finished)

Here's a classic leaf pattern that is quick to make using our shortcut technique, and it's fun to use in so many ways for your Autumn decor—table runner, place mats, potholders, wall hanging, or any size quilt. Why not try some in fall-colored batiks, autumn prints, or your favorite fabrics?



For each block you need:

Leaf - two 4" squares, three 3½" squares, and one 1½" x 5½" rectangle (stem)

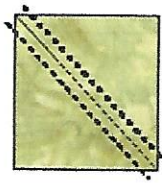
Background - two 4" squares and two 3½" squares

The leaf points are made with Half-square Triangles:

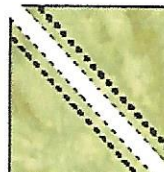
Use the 4" squares of leaf and background fabrics (2 of each). Draw a line diagonally from corner to corner on wrong side of each background square. Place it on top of a leaf square, right sides together, lining up edges evenly. Stitch squares together ¼" from drawn line, on both sides of line. Cut on drawn line, and unfold to make two half-square triangles. Press open, pressing seam toward dark. Repeat to make 4 Half-square Triangles, for leaf points.



Draw diagonal line



Stitch



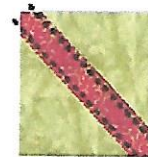
Cut apart



Press open = 2 Half-square Triangles
(Note: Trim, squaring them to 3½")

Stem:

Fold over ¼" on long sides of the 1½" x 5½" rectangle of leaf fabric and press, to make stem (about 1" wide, more or less is OK). Lay stem diagonally across one of the 3½" background squares, making sure it completely covers corners of square. Check reverse side, to see that it is centered. Pin; topstitch in place. Trim off excess fabric at corners, to match the background square.



Stem

Leaf Block:

Arrange remaining plain 3½" squares, the 4 Half-square Triangles, and Stem so they form a leaf shape as shown at top of page. Using a ¼" seam allowance, stitch together into rows; press row seams in opposite directions. Join rows to make the Autumn Leaf Block. Make as many blocks as you need for your project.

See Pattern of the Month section on TQG website for project ideas using Autumn Leaf Blocks!