November Block of the Month

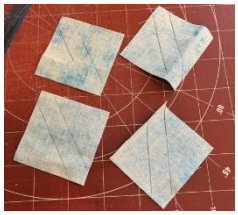
Falling Leaves

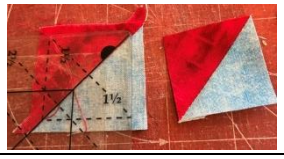
This month's block was inspired by few different maple leaf blocks Autumn Leaf Quilt Block Pattern - Search, I resized the pattern to make the blocks fit within the 12 ½" square .
Each 5 ½" leaf uses 4 different shades of the same color plus a background color. Colors are numbered lightest to darkest . Use ¼" seams throughout.

Color 1	Color 2	Color 3	Color 4	Background	Background for block finishing
1 - 2 ¼" sq 1 – 1 ½" sq	1 – 2 ¼" sq 2 – 1 ½" sq	1 – 2 ¼" sq 3 – 1 ½" sq	1 - 2 ¼" sq 2 – 1 ½" sq 1 – 6" X 1" strip	5 – 1 ½" sq 4 – 2 ¼" sq 1 – 3" sq	2 – 1" X 5 ½" 1 – 1" X 12" 2 – 1 ½" X 12" 2 – 1 ½" X 14"

Make ½ square triangles

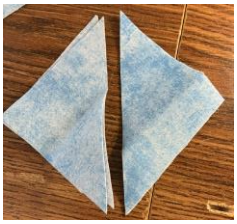
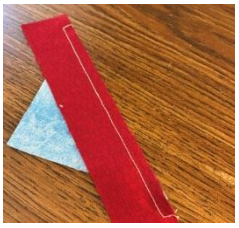
- Draw diagonal lines ¼" from center on each of the background 2 ¼" squares.
- Layer 2 ¼" colored block with a 2 ¼" background block
- Stitch on each of the drawn lines
- Cut on the diagonal between the sewn lines
- Press seam to the colored side
- Trim to 1 ½" square



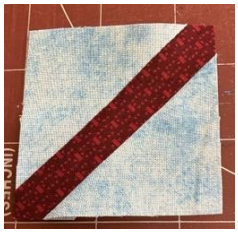


Make the stem Block

- Cut the 3" background square in half along the diagonal
- Place the 6" X 1" strip (color 4), along the diagonal, right sides together.
- Stitch ¼" seam, press
- Place remaining half of square on opposite side of stem, right sides together, stitch, and press
- Trim to 2 ½" sq.





Lay out rows for block

Background (bkg) half square triangle (HST)

<u>Row 1</u>

- Bkg sq, #1 HST, #2 HST, #3 HST, bkg sq

<u>Row 2</u>

- #1 HST, #1 sq, #2 sq, #3 sq, Bkg sq

<u>Row 3</u>

- #2 HST, #2 sq, # 3 sq, #4 sq, # 4 HST

<u>Row 4</u>

- #3 HST, #3 sq, #4 sq

<u>Row 5</u>

- Bkg sq, bkg sq, #4 HST

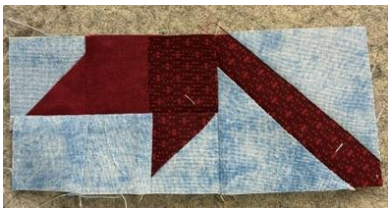


- Stitch rows 1,2,3, together
- Stitch rows 4 and 5 together
- Press seams in rows 1, 3, 5 to the right
- Press seams in rows 2, 4 to the left
- Stitch row 4 to row 5
- Stitch the stem block to the right of rows 4/5

Stitch the remaining rows together







Repeat for each leaf block.

Decide on your arrangement of blocks









Once you have your layout ready stitch blocks together.

- Stitch a 1” X 5 ½” background strip between the top two leaves and repeat for the bottom two leaves.





- Stitch the 1” X 12” strip to the bottom of the top two leaves.
- Stitch the bottom 2 leaves to the bottom of the 1” X 12” strip



Add the side strips

- Sew the 1 ½” X 12” strips to each side of the leaf block
- Sew the 1 ½” X 14” strips to the top and bottom of the block
- Trim block to 12 ½” square





This month’s runner is made with 3 of the leaf blocks with 1 ½” sashing between the blocks and 1 ¼” inner border and a 4” outer border.

