

Falling Leaves= 11/18
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Hello monthly blockheads! (Just kidding!) I want to suggest gorgeous fall colors we get throughout this time of year for this month's block. (Reds, oranges, yellows, browns, greens)..Start thinking batik fabrics if you have some. Or maybe get a new fat quarter, or two..! So have some fun! This is a fall maple leaf block with a background of cream to pale yellow color, and a varied batik of one print color, for the leaves.



Fabric:

Background (Cream/pale yellow)

Cut: (1) 3 ½ " square, (2) 3-7/8" squares, and (2) 3-1/8" squares.

Leaf- (Batik fabric: fall colors)

Cut: (4) 3 1/2" squares, and (2) 3 7/8" squares.

-Increase the size of the squares that end in 7/8" (used for the half square triangle units to make oversize units and then trim them back to 3-1/2" square after assembly-

Assemble: Assemble the Maple Leaf's stem with the same easy quick piecing technique that's used to sew the snowball quilt blocks.

1. Select a 3 1/2" inch square of batik leaf fabric and the 3 1/8" squares of background fabric.

2. Draw a diagonal line from one corner to the opposite corner on the reverse side of each background square. Lay a smaller background square on top of the larger square, right sides together and edges aligned in one corner.

3. Sew a seam on the diagonal line. Trim the excess to the right of the smaller square, leaving about 1/4" for a seam allowance. Flip the background fabric upright and press the seam allowance towards the background triangle.

4. Repeat to sew another small background square to the opposite side of the leaf square. The new patchwork will look like the right bottom square, in the top diagram.

5. Using the four 3- 7/8" squares (pair background with the batik units) to make four half square triangle units by placing pairs right sides together. Draw a diagonal line on wrong side of background square and sew ¼" from each side of the line, and cut on the pencil line after sewing. Trim each square to 3 ½" squares.

6. Arrange the stem, half square triangle square units, and plain squares into three rows as shown in the drawing at the top of the page.

7. Sew the components of each row together, and then press seam allowances in adjoining rows in opposite directions.

8. Sew the rows together, matching seam intersections. Press.

9. The quilt block should measure 9-1/2" by 9-1/2" square.