

Block of the Month



Double Maple Leaf (9 inch finished)

You will need three fabrics, beige for background, and two fall leaf colours that work well together, one darker than the other so there is a good contrast.

Beige

Two 3 ½ inch squares

Two 4 inch squares

Darker fall colour (inner leaf)

Three 2 inch squares

Two 2 ½ inch squares

Lighter fall colour (outer leaf)

Two 4 inch squares

Two 2 ½ inch squares

One 2 inch squares

Two 3 ½ inch by 2 inch rectangles

One 5 inch by 1 inch rectangle

Think of this block as a nine patch and prepare your nine squares, then make each of the three rows, then sew the three rows together. It's not difficult, but use the picture as a guide to make sure you have the points of your leaves going in the right directions.

Draw a diagonal line on the two beige 4 inch squares. Pair these right sides together with the two 4 inch lighter fall colour squares. Sew ¼ in. inch on each side of the drawn line. Cut on the drawn line, press and trim to 3 ½ inches. Set aside.

Draw a diagonal line on the two 2 ½ in. light squares, pair right sides together with the darker squares. Sew ¼ in. on each side of the drawn line, cut on the line, press and trim to two inches. Now sew them to the four 2 inch squares you have. Three will be sewn to dark colour, and one to the light colour making sure you sew the square to the correct side of the ½ square triangle. Two of these units are sewn together (this makes the centre square), and two are sewn to the 3 ½ by 2 inch rectangles. (Look at the picture) Press in the direction of the least bulk as you go along.

The final unit is the stem square. Cut one beige 3 ½ in square on the diagonal. Sew one of these triangles on each side of the 5 in. by 1 in. rectangle, centering it and using a scant ¼ inch seam allowance. Press towards stem. Trim to 3 ½ in. square.

Lay out your nine squares and assemble.