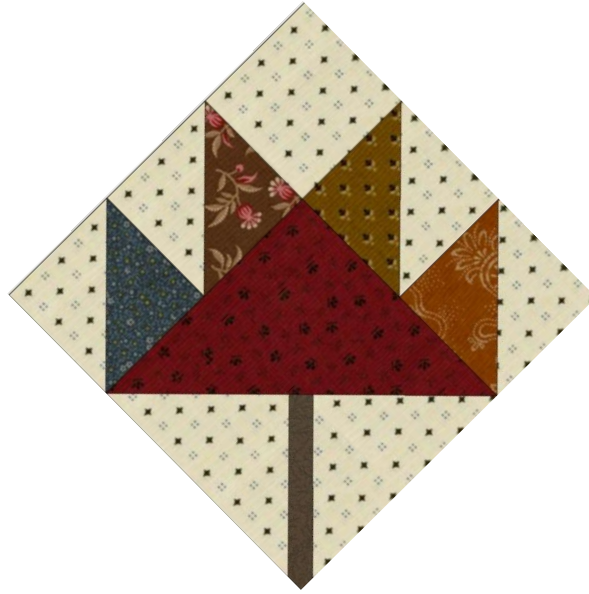


Autumn Leaves Sew Along – Step 1

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Finished quilt: Approximately 22" x 22"

Block size: 4 ½" x 4 ½"



Materials

- Fabric scraps in an assortment of colors for the blocks, at least 4" x 4".
- You will also need a light background print for the blocks. Use a fat quarter for backgrounds that are all the same or use your scraps and select a different light print for each block background.

Cutting:

For each leaf block -

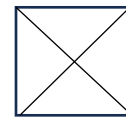
From a light print, cut:

1 square, 2" x 2"

4 squares, 2 3/8" x 2 3/8"

1 square, 4" x 4"; cut twice on the diagonal for

4 quarter-square triangles (two left over for another block)



From assorted colored scraps, cut:

1 square, $3\frac{7}{8}$ " x $3\frac{7}{8}$ "; cut once on the diagonal for 2 triangles (one left over)

4 squares from different colored scraps, $2\frac{3}{8}$ " x $2\frac{3}{8}$ "

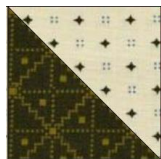
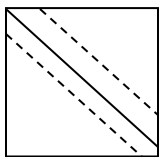
1 rectangle of a dark print for the leaf stem, $\frac{7}{8}$ " x 3"

(Tip: I always like to make more HSTs than I need for a scrappy look.)

Make the Block

1. Make 8 half-square triangles from the $2\frac{3}{8}$ " light print squares and the assorted scrap print squares. You will use four and have four left over for another block.

Here's how to make the HSTs: Draw a diagonal line across the wrong side of the light square. Layer the light print square with a medium or dark print square, right sides together. Sew $\frac{1}{4}$ " away from the line on both sides. Cut on the drawn line and press open. Trim to 2" x 2"

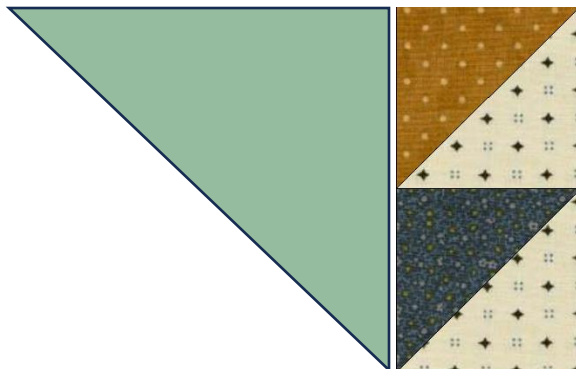


Make 8. Use 4 and set aside 4 to use in another block.

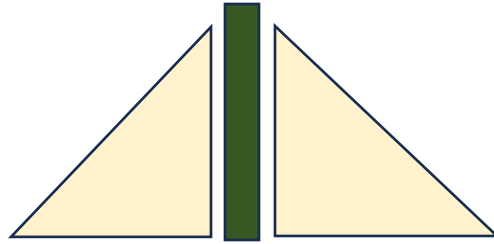
2. Sew two half-square triangle units together with the 2" light square as shown.



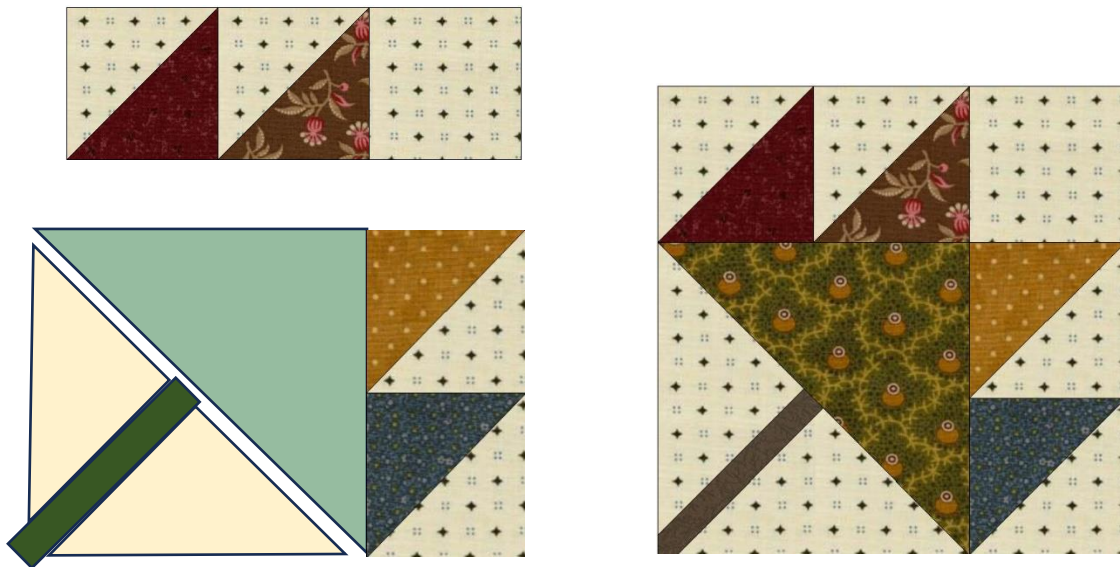
3. Sew the remaining two HSTs together with the $3\frac{7}{8}$ " triangle as shown.



4. To make the stem unit, sew two 4" quarter-square triangles to both sides of the 7/8" x 3" rectangle. Press.



5. Sew the units from steps 2, 3 and 4 together as shown. Trim each block to 5" x 5" square. (That's 4 1/2" x 4 1/2" finished in a quilt.) Make 4 scrappy leaf blocks.



Make 4 scrappy leaf blocks.

Every Friday through the middle of October 2023, I'll be posting weekly steps to make the Autumn Leaves quilt. Next week I'll show you how to sew the blocks together with setting triangles. This will be where you can choose between light fabric for the setting triangles or darker fabrics for a more primitive look.