

Maple Leaf Block

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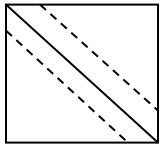
Finished block: 4 1/2" x 4 1/2"



For each block, cut:

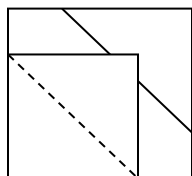
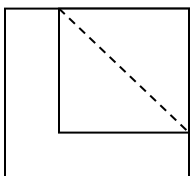
- 2 squares from orange print, 2 3/8" x 2 3/8"
- 2 squares from brown print, 2 3/8" x 2 3/8"
- 3 squares from orange print, 2" x 2"
- 1 square from brown print, 2" x 2"
- 1 square from green print, 2" x 2"
- 2 squares from brown print, 1 3/4" x 1 3/4"

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1. Make 4 half-square triangle units from the two 2 3/8" x 2 3/8" orange print squares and the two 2 3/8" x 2 3/8" brown print squares. (Draw a diagonal line across the wrong side of the light square. Placing right sides together, layer light and dark squares. Sew 1/4" away from the line on both sides. Cut on the drawn line and press open.)



Make 4

2. To make the stem unit, draw a diagonal line across the wrong side of each 1 3/4" x 1 3/4" brown print square. Place the square on top of a corner of the 2" x 2" green print square, right sides together. Stitch on the drawn line. Flip the sewn part up and press open. Place the other brown square on the opposite corner of the green square (right sides together) and again stitch on the drawn line. Flip again and press open. Trim the 2 layers of fabric beneath each corner triangle for less bulk.



3. Put the block together into rows as shown. Block should measure 5" square. (That's $4\frac{1}{2}" \times 4\frac{1}{2}"$ finished in a quilt.)



Choose a variety of fall-colored fabrics to make the blocks and turn them into a little quilt.



You can also make blocks that are scrappy by using different colors for the squares and half square triangles.





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