

# Falling Leaf Block – November 2022

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This is a fun block using whatever scraps feel like fall to you! You'll need just 3 fabrics – Leaf, Background, and Sashing.

## From Background fabric cut:

2 – 2-7/8" Squares

1 – 2-1/2" Square

2 – 2" Squares

## From Leaf fabric cut:

2 – 2-7/8" squares

4 – 2-1/2" squares

## From sashing fabric cut:

2 – 2-1/2" x 10-1/2" rectangles

2 – 2-1/2" x 6-1/2" rectangles

## Directions:

1. Use a pencil to mark a diagonal line on wrong side of each background 2-7/8" and 2" square
2. Layer background 2-7/8" square onto each leaf 2-7/8 square. Sew together with 2 seams – each ¼" outside the marked line. Cut pair apart on marked line. Press open to make 2 triangle squares which should each measure 2-1/2" (trim if needed). Repeat to make 4 triangle squares. See Diagram 1.
3. Referring to Diagram 2, align a background 2" square with one corner of a leaf fabric 2-1/2" square. Sew on marked line. Trim seam allowance to ¼". Press open. Add another 2" background square to the opposite corner this same leaf square, sew on marked line, trim seam allowance, press. This square should still be 2-1/2" – trim if needed. (You just made the stem!)
4. Referring to Diagram 2, lay out the squares in 3 rows. Sew together. Resulting square should be 6-1/2" – trim if needed or check your seam allowance if it is too small.
5. Sew the sashing 2-1/2" x 6-1/2" rectangles to opposite edges of the leaf unit. Sew the remaining 2-1/2" x 10" rectangles to the other edges of the block. Your block should be 10-1/2" square at this point. (Diagram 4)

6. Now the fun part – you are going to make it a little wonky so it looks like a falling leaf! Trim the block to 8-1/2" square by positioning your ruler at an angle – the tricky part is to leave at least 1/4" around the leaf block itself and only trim the sashing – see Diagram 5.

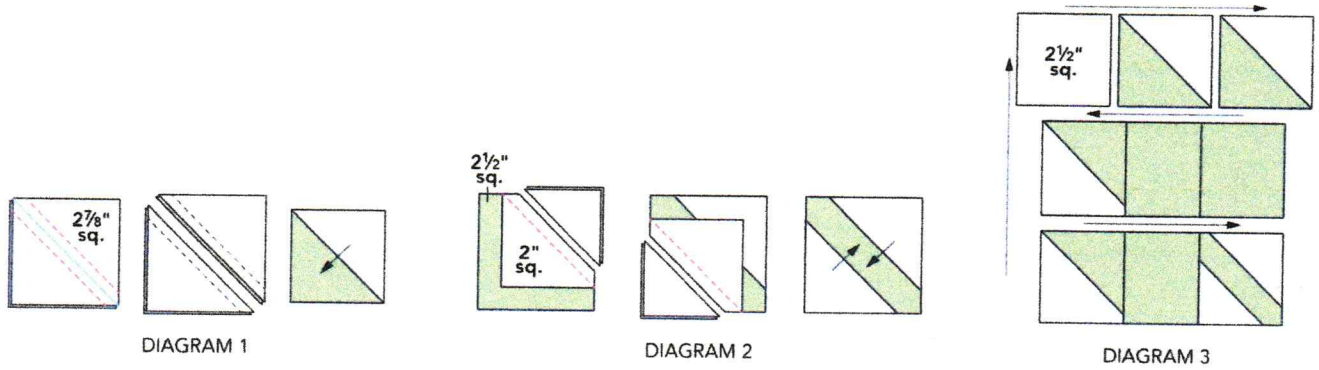


DIAGRAM 1

DIAGRAM 2

DIAGRAM 3

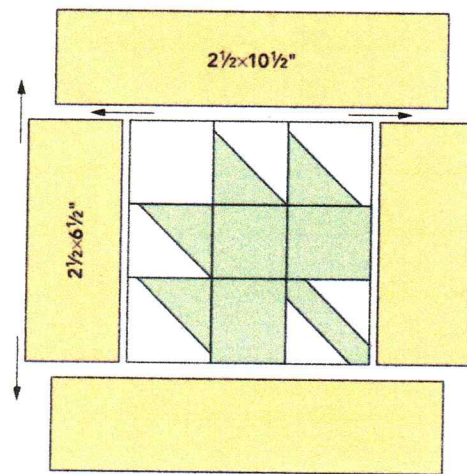


DIAGRAM 4

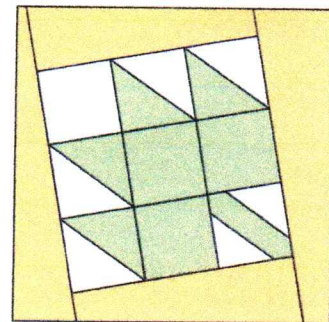
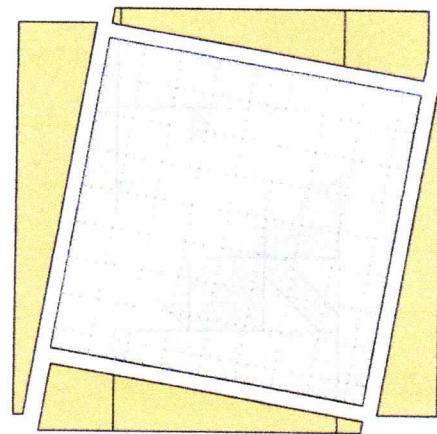


DIAGRAM 5