

Maple Leaf - PVQA Block of the Month – September 2023

12-1/2" BLOCK (includes 1/4" seam allowance)

Fabric: 100% cotton

Supply List:

Beige background: (provided with BOM packet)

one 4-1/2" x 9" strip

one 4-7/8" x 9-3/4" strip

Autumn colored batik:

one 4-1/2" x 13-1/2" strip

one 4-7/8" x 9-3/4" strip

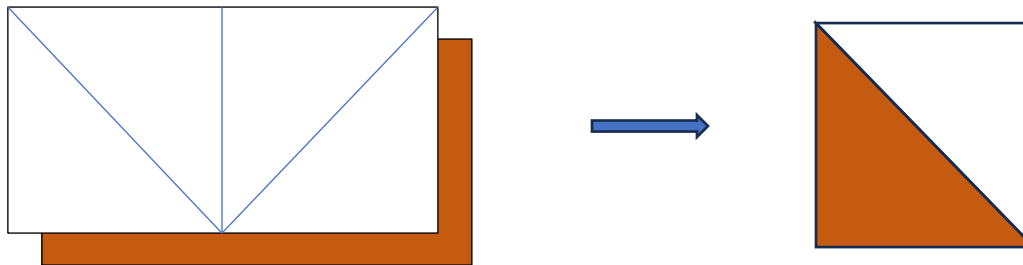
one 1-3/4" x 7" strip (for stem)



Cut the Beige 4-1/2" x 9" strip into two 4-1/2" squares.

Cut the Autumn colored 4-1/2" x 13-1/2" strip into three 4-1/2" squares.

Stack the Beige and Autumn colored 4-7/8" x 9-3/4" strips, right sides together and all edges aligned. Mark the 4-7/8" square line and mark the diagonals in the direction shown:



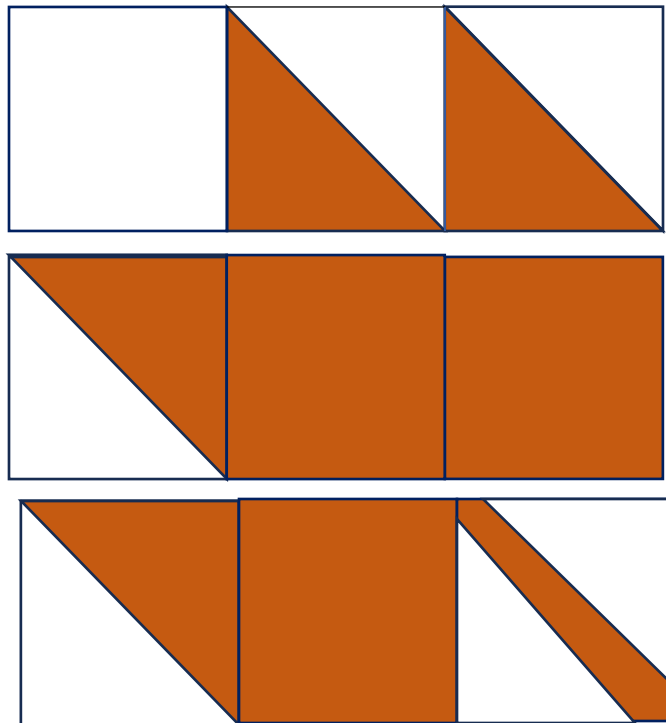
Stitch a line 1/4" on each side of each diagonal line. Then cut apart on the marked diagonal lines and at the 4-7/8" square line. This will give you four half squares. Press seam towards the darker fabrics.

Making the stem:

Cut one Beige colored 4-1/2" square in half diagonally. Crease lightly to find the halfway point of the diagonal edge. Crease the Autumn colored 1-3/4" x 7" stem strip to find its halfway point also.

Matching the mid points, sew the stem strip to one half square triangle. Press seam towards the stem strip. Sew the other half square triangle to the stem, again matching the mid points. Press seam towards the stem. Using a ruler or square-up acrylic square, cut the unit back to measure 4-1/2" making sure you center the stem along the diagonal of your ruler.

Then piece the block. First make the rows, then sew them together to make the block, alternating pressing directions as you go to avoid bulky seams.



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