

Block Party for October

How did it get to be Fall so quickly? For October we are going to do an old favorite Maple Leaf block. This should make a lovely yearly favorite quilt, wall hanging or table runner. It would be perfect for your Thanksgiving table.

Materials Needed

Fall color - your interpretation: Four $3\frac{1}{2}$ " squares and two $3\frac{7}{8}$ " squares.

Pale (sky) blue background color: One $3\frac{1}{2}$ " square, two $3\frac{7}{8}$ " squares and two 3" squares.

Instructions

Start by making the stem block. Using one of the fall color $3\frac{1}{2}$ " squares you will sew the two 3" blue squares to opposite corners using the "snowball" method. Simply draw diagonal lines on the backs of the two 3" blue squares. Now line up a blue square, right sides together perfectly into one corner of the fall color square. sew on the line, trim to $\frac{1}{4}$ " and turn back the blue corner. Repeat on the opposite corner.

Next make the four half square triangle blocks. On the backs of the two $3\frac{7}{8}$ " blue squares draw a diagonal line. Place those two squares, right sides together, with the two $3\frac{7}{8}$ " fall color squares. Sew $\frac{1}{4}$ " on each side of the line, cut on the line and now you will have four half square triangle blocks.

Sew together your nine squares as illustrated. You will have a $9\frac{1}{2}$ " square block.



To participate, make the block described, bring it to the next meeting, post your block(s) on the design board, and place your name (one for each block you bring) into the pot. A winning name from those who contributed will be drawn; the winner takes home all the blocks.

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