

# Maple Leaf Block

## Materials Needed:

Background (provided for you for block party):

Two 5 inch squares, cut on diagonal

One 4 ½ inch square

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Leaf: Can be one fabric or multiple fabrics in autumn leaf hues

Three 4 ½ inch squares

Two 5 inch squares, cut on diagonal

Stem: One 1 ¾ x 7 ½ inch rectangle



## Stem square:

You need the two triangles of background cut from the 4 inch square, and the stem piece.

Align the stem strip on the diagonal of one triangle, as shown in diagram 1, with the strip extending past both ends of the triangle. Stitch and press toward the stem.

Align the square of the triangle on a cutting board. Mark lines at 4 ½ inches at each end of the strip as shown in diagram 2. Align the second background triangle so that the ends extend beyond the lines, as shown. Stitch the triangle to the stem. Press toward the stem.

Trim the stem on all sides to form a 4 ½ inch square, following the lines in diagram 3.

The finished square is 4 ½ inches, shown in diagram 4.



Diagram 1



Diagram 2



Diagram 3



Diagram 4

## Leaf:

Align pieces as shown to the right. Stitch triangles together; press to the leaf sides.

Then stitch the squares on the top row together, and press toward the end pieces.

Stitch the squares on the middle row together, and press toward the middle piece.

Stitch the squares on the bottom row together and press toward the end pieces.

Pin the top row to the middle row, aligning the seams; stitch and press toward the middle.

Pin the top unit (two rows) to the bottom row, aligning the seams; stitch and press toward the middle.

