

## OCTOBER 2017 BLOCK OF THE MONTH

### Autumn Leaf

12 ½" X 12 ½" unfinished

Your leaf should be any autumn leaf color, i.e. gold, red, green, yellow, orange, etc.

Your background should be a very dark brown.

Leaf cut:

Three 4 ½" X 4 ½" squares

Two 5" X 5" squares

One 1 ½" X 6 ½" rectangle

Background cut:

Two 5" X 5" squares

Two 4 ½" X 4 ½" squares

Use a ¼" seam allowance throughout.



Make 2: Draw a diagonal line on the back of the two 5 X 5 leaf squares. With right sides together, join a leaf square with a background square, sew ¼" away from both sides of the drawn line. Cut along the drawn line and press. Trim to 4 ½" X 4 ½" if necessary.

To make the stem: Mark the center of the long sides of the 1 ½" X 6 ½" piece. Cut one 4 ½" X 4 ½" square on the diagonal. Mark the center of the long side of the triangles. Match the center mark of the triangle with the center mark of the rectangle and sew them together. Match the other triangle to the center of the rectangle's other side and sew it together. Press. Measure your square. Trim to 4 ½" X 4 ½" if necessary.

Using the picture as a guide, use the squares made above with the cut squares and make 3 rows. Sew the squares into rows. Press the top and bottom row one way and the center the opposite way so that seams "nest". This will aid in completing your block. Sew your rows together. Press your block flat and measure. It should be 12 ½" X 12 ½". If not, your seams are not ¼".

Thanks for taking time out of your busy life to help! Turn in your completed blocks to the Community Quilt table at the next monthly meeting.