

Maple Leaf

QUILT BLOCK
CUSHION

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DIARY of a QUILTER

20" x 20" (50.8 cm x 50.8 cm)

Fabric requirements:

**A FAT $\frac{1}{16}$ TH (9" X 11" OR 23CM X 28 CM)
FROM EACH PRINT LISTED BELOW:**

(All prints are from the Autumn Woodland and Liberty Basics collections.)

- ▶ Leaf Flutter 01667464B
- ▶ Snowdrop Spot Sienna Red 01666878A
- ▶ Emily Belle Golden Ochre 01666431A
- ▶ Rustling Grasses 01667463B
- ▶ Woodland Wander 01667465A
- ▶ Wiltshire Shadow Indigo 01666549A
- ▶ Clover Speckle 01667462B
- ▶ Leaf Flutter 01667464C
- ▶ Rustling Grasses 01667463C
- ▶ Snowdrop Spot Tea Rose 01666875A
- ▶ Bountiful Forest 01667461B
- ▶ York Fern Duck Egg Blue 016668104A
- ▶ Woodland Wander 01667465B
- ▶ Clover Speckle 01667462C
- ▶ Wiltshire Shadow Storm 01666543A
- ▶ Autumn Stripe 01667460B

BORDER: $\frac{1}{8}$ yard (11 cm x WOF) August Meadow Rosehip Pink 01666895A

BACKING: $\frac{3}{8}$ yard (34.3 cm x WOF)

Maple Leaf Block Instructions

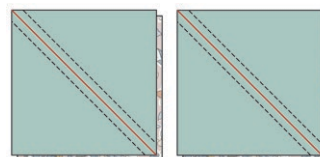
FOR 6" X 6" (15.25 CM X 15.25 CM) FINISHED BLOCK

Choose 2 contrasting prints (use block image above as a guide) per block, 1 print for leaf and 1 print for background.

- ▶ From leaf fabric cut 2 squares 3" x 3" (7.6 cm x 7.6 cm), 3 squares 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " (6.35 cm x 6.35 cm), and one strip 1" x 4" (2.5 cm x 10.16 cm).
- ▶ From background fabric cut 3 squares 3" x 3" (7.6 cm x 7.6 cm), 1 square 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " (6.35 cm x 6.35 cm)

Match up two of the 3" x 3" (7.6 cm x 7.6 cm) leaf squares and two background 3" x 3" (7.6 cm x 7.6 cm) squares and place them right sides together.

Draw a diagonal line on the back of the dark square and sew a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance along both sides of the drawn line.



PATTERN NOTES

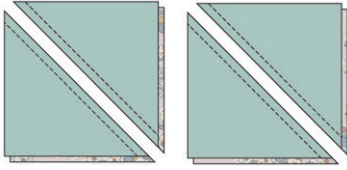
Please read through all the directions before starting and use $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance for all seams.

Sew with right-sides together unless otherwise stated. Yardage is based on a 42" width of fabric.

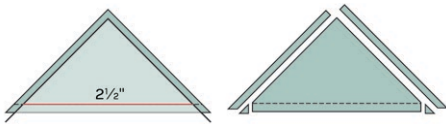
WOF: Width of Fabric

RST: Right sides together

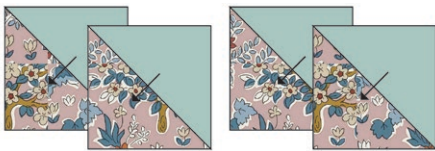
Rotary cut both squares on the drawn diagonal line to get 4 Half Square Triangle blocks.



Square-up the 4 HST blocks to $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x $2\frac{1}{2}$ " (6.35 cm x 6.35 cm).



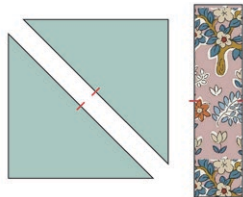
Press seams toward the colored leaf fabric.



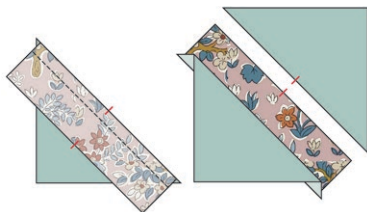
Stem Square:

Cut remaining 3" x 3" (7.6 cm x 7.6 cm) background square in half on the diagonal to create two triangles. Fold rectangle strip in half vertically and finger press to find the center.

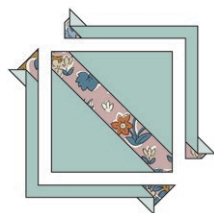
Fold triangles in half along the longest edge and finger press to mark the center.



Line up the center crease of one triangle with the center crease on one side of the rectangle and sew in place. Repeat with opposite triangle.



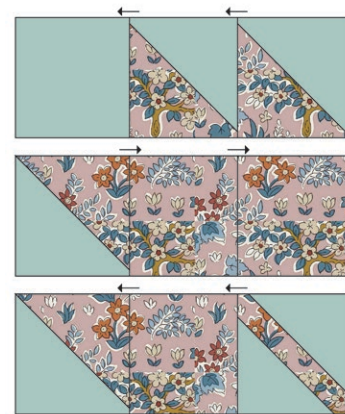
Square up block to $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x $2\frac{1}{2}$ " (6.35 cm x 6.35 cm).



Lay out remaining squares, half square triangle, and stem square as demonstrated



Sew squares together into three rows. Press the seams toward the left for rows 1 & 3, and toward the right for row 2.

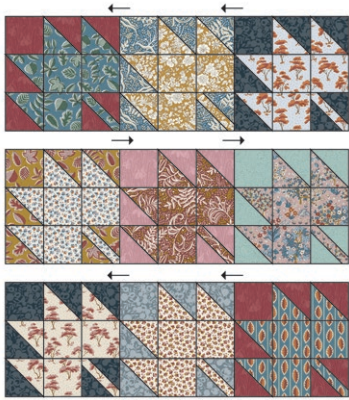


Sew rows together and press seams away from the stem square.



Repeat the process to make 8 more quilt blocks, each from two contrasting prints.

Sew blocks into 3 rows of 3 blocks. Press seams toward the left side on rows 1 and 3 and toward the right side on row 2.



Sew three rows together in order. Press seams one direction.

Borders

From Border fabric cut 2 border strips $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x $18\frac{1}{2}$ " (3.8 cm x 47 cm) and 2 strips $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x $20\frac{1}{2}$ " (3.8 cm x 52 cm)

Sew two strips $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x $18\frac{1}{2}$ " (3.8 cm x 47 cm) to opposite sides of the pieced blocks. Press seams toward the borders.

Sew two strips $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x $20\frac{1}{2}$ " (3.8 cm x 52 cm) to top and bottom. Press seams toward borders.



Quilting Option

If desired, layer pieced quilt top with 24" x 24" piece of batting on the back and quilt through the layers. Trim excess batting.

Envelope Style Backing

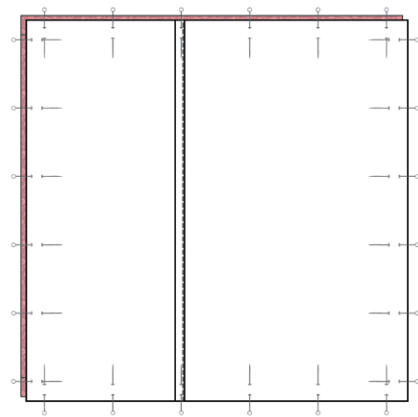
Cut backing yardage into 2 pieces $13\frac{1}{2}$ " x $20\frac{1}{2}$ " (34.3 cm x 52 cm).

On one long edge fold under $\frac{1}{2}$ " (1.25 cm) and press, then fold under another $\frac{1}{2}$ " (1.25 cm) and press again. Top stitch along the first fold to secure it in place.

Repeat for the second backing rectangle.

Place the cushion front right side up on the table. Layer the two backing rectangles right side down with the finished edges overlapping in the middle of the pillow, and the raw edges lining up with the raw edges of the pillow front.

Pin on all four sides.



Sew around all 4 sides using a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance. Clip the excess fabric in the corners, careful not to cut through the seams.

Turn cushion cover right-sides-out and gently push out corners with a turning tool.

Stuff with wadding or pillow form.