

MAPLE LEAF BLOCK 2011

Cutting the Fabric

ONE FALL BATIK (FALL colors, subtle tones, please)
ONE BACKGROUND Fabric (black fabric provided)

You have been provided enough black fabric to use any method of making $\frac{1}{2}$ square triangles. The block requires a $2\frac{7}{8}$ " x $5\frac{3}{4}$ " rectangle of focus fabric & background fabric (You need 4- $2\frac{1}{2}$ square units per block).

ALSO CUT:


Cut four $2\frac{1}{2}$ " squares of Batik fabric


Cut one $2\frac{1}{2}$ " square of black fabric


Cut two 2" squares of the black fabric


Make four $\frac{1}{2}$ square triangle units that are $2\frac{1}{2}$ " square -using the black and batik fabrics...again, your choice of how to accomplish this. I love Thangles but we have cutters that do this quickly and easily if you choose.

STEM

 Take the two 2" black fabric squares and lightly mark a diagonal line on wrong side of the fabric (can't find a r&w side of this black so don't worry about it)

 Place one of the 2" black squares on top of one $2\frac{1}{2}$ " batik square, (right sides together) with diagonal line from corner to corner. Sew on the marked line

 Trim $\frac{1}{4}$ " away from the sewn diagonal line. Press the seam allowance to black fabric

 Place the remaining marked 2" black fabric square on the same batik unit as in previous step..again sew on marked line. Trim $\frac{1}{4}$ " away from the sewn diag. Line. Press seam toward the black.

 This completes the stem unit and should measure $2\frac{1}{2}$ " square. 





Take the 2 1/2" batik fabric square and two (2) of the half triangle squares completed in first step and piece together as show on top row of the block. (Note the angles of the square). The finished row should measure 2 1/2" x 6 1/2"



Piece one of the half square triangles that you completed earlier and two of the 2 1/2" batik fabric squares as shown to complete the middle row of the maple leaf block. Press toward the center square. Finished row should measure 2 1/2" x 6 1/2"



Piece the remaining half square triangle together with the 2 1/2" batik square and the stem unit. This completes the bottom row of the block. Press the seam allowances toward outer squares. The finished row should measure 2 1/2" x 6 1/2"



Join all three rows to complete the Maple Leaf Block

YOU DID IT....

I found it helpful to mark these drawings with black pen to make it clear for me when looking at the little diagrams

TRIM EDGES TO EVEN UP A LITTLE IF YOU WANT.....BUT DO NOT SQUARE IT UP with BIG CUTS

Thanks everyone...call me if you need more black fabric. I have plenty