

## September 2019 BoM – Side-Sashed Maple Leaf Block

The leaves are made in fall colors of red, orange, or yellow, against the light background, and framed on two adjoining sides by strips of green, white, and green sashing.



### Fabrics for one Side-Sashed Maple Leaf Block

#### White-on-white background (BG) fabric:

- one 3-1/2" x 3-1/2" square
- two 4" x 4" squares (for HSTs)
- two 3-1/8" x 3-1/8" squares (for stem)
- one strip 1-1/2" by width of fabric (for sashing)

#### From the lighter green provided:

- one strip 1-1/2" by width of fabric (for outer sashing)

#### From the darker green provided:

- one strip 1-1/2" by width of fabric (for inner sashing)

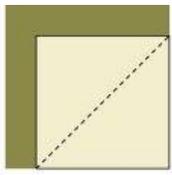
#### From red, orange or yellow tone-on-tone leaf fabric(s) [use all the same color or a mix]

- four 3-1/2" x 3-1/2" squares
- two 4" x 4" squares (for HSTs)

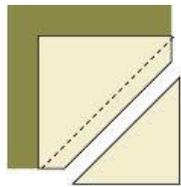
*HSTs will be made oversized so they can be trimmed to exact size. See handout on accuracy for a review of the technique.*

Maple Leaf:  
Stem unit:

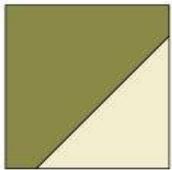
Assemble the Maple Leaf's stem with the same easy quick piecing technique that's often used to sew snowball quilt blocks. (shown on next page)



1. Sew  
Diagonal Line



2. Trim Corner



3. Press Open



4. Repeat on  
Opposite Side

It's an extra step but pressing to set a seam before pressing the seam to one side nearly always improves accuracy.

#### Leaf unit

1. Select a 3-1/2" inch square of leaf fabric and the 3-1/8" squares of background fabric.
2. Draw a diagonal line from one corner to the opposite corner on the reverse side of each background square. Lay a smaller background square on top of the larger square, right sides together and edges aligned in one corner.
3. Sew a seam on the diagonal line. Trim the excess to the right of the smaller square, leaving about 1/4" for a seam allowance. Flip the background fabric upright and press the seam allowance towards the background triangle.
4. Repeat to sew another small background square to the opposite side of the leaf square. The new patchwork unit will look like the diagram on next page.
5. Use the HST technique provided with our BoM kit to make four half-square-triangle units (HSTs) from the 4" squares, pairing a background square with a leaf square. After trimming, the finished units should measure 3-1/2" square.
6. Arrange the stem, half square triangle square units, and plain squares into three rows as shown in the drawing.



Sew the components of each row together, and then press seam allowances in adjacent rows in opposite directions. (See instructions in the Accuracy handout.)

1. Sew the rows together, matching seam intersections. Press.
2. At this point the quilt block should measure 9-1/2" x 9-1/2".

#### Sashings:

1. Cut the darker green sashing strip into two pieces, one 9-1/2" long and one 10-1/2" long.
2. Sew the 9-1/2" strip to one of the stem sides of your leaf block (see diagram). Press seam toward green.
3. Sew the 10-1/2" strip to an adjoining stem side. Press seam toward green.
4. Cut the background sashing strip onto two pieces: one 10-1/2" and one 11-1/2"
5. Sew the 10-1/2" strip onto one of the dark green sides. Press seam toward background.
6. Sew the 11-1/2" strip onto the other dark green side. Press seam toward background.
7. Cut the lighter green sashing strip into two pieces, one 11-1/2" long and one 12-1/2" long.
8. Sew the 11-1/2" strip onto one of the background sides. Press seam toward green.
9. Sew the 12-1/2" strip onto the other background side. Press seam toward green.

Suggested layout for the blocks winner to use. Note the leaves are different from ours.

