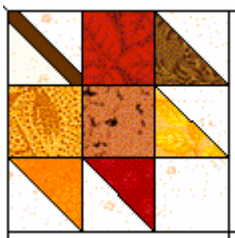


MONTH

ROUGE VALLEY QUILTERS' GUILD – BLOCK OF THE

OCTOBER 2007 – MAPLE LEAF

SIZE: 12 ½" x 12 ½" UNFINISHED



FABRICS:

A – Muslin, ecology cloth or off white.

B – Fall print scraps, e.g. gold, orange, red, brown, burgundy

CUT:

Fabric A: background 2 - 4 7/8" squares, cut in half diagonally to make 4 triangles (see note).

2 - 4 ½" squares

Fabric B: leaf and stem 2 - 4 7/8" squares, cut in half diagonally to make 4 triangles (see note).

3 - 4 ½" squares

1 - 6 ½" x 1 ¾" (dark fabric for stem)

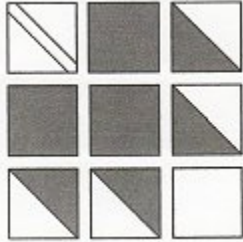
NOTE: The half square triangles can also be made by placing a 4 7/8" background square (A) on a 4 7/8" coloured square (B), right sides together. Draw a diagonal line from corner to corner then sew ¼" on either side of the line. Cut apart on the drawn diagonal line to make two half square triangles.

CONSTRUCTION:

1. Using a ¼" seam, sew muslin (A) triangles to Fall print (B) triangles to form four 4 ½" squares. These squares will become the points of the leaf (see diagram above).

2. Make the stem block. Cut a piece of dark fabric $6\frac{1}{2}'' \times 1\frac{3}{4}''$. Fold the piece long ways, WRONG sides together. Stitch with a $\frac{1}{4}''$ seam allowance. Roll the piece so that the seam is in the centre back and gently press the seam open so it will lie flat. Position the stem, right side up, on one of the $4\frac{1}{2}''$ muslin background squares so it runs diagonally from corner to corner (see diagram below). Either hand stitch in place or machine stitch the edges using a straight running stitch, satin stitch or a buttonhole stitch.

3. Join squares in rows as shown, then join rows together to complete the block.



4. Press finished work (block should measure $12\frac{1}{2}''$ square).

5. Add your name on a slip of paper pinned to the back of the work and bring in a second slip with your name for the draw at the meeting.

Any questions, call Bea Banner @ 416-284-1366 or email to b.banner@sympatico.ca

HANDY HINT: To remove wrinkles from batting before sandwiching quilt layers together, place batting in the clothes dryer for a few minutes with low or no heat.