

Sierra Quilt Guild Block of the Month

October 2018

Fall Leaf

The completed block measures 6 1/2" X 6 1/2" finished (7" X 7" unfinished). This block is constructed using foundation piecing.

Fabric Requirements

Leaf (L) & stem (S) pieces: 6 different pieces of fabric, each about 6" square. One piece for stem

Background (BR): Strip approximately 4" long by 30" wide

Pattern: Foundation paper piecing pattern

Tips

- When foundation paper piecing, the fabric is sewn to the back of the template, which means that the finished block will be a mirror image of the printed template.
- Seams are sewn along the printed lines on the right side of the template and the fabric is added to the block in the order shown by the numbering on the template. The outer line on the template includes the final seam allowance.
- Shorten your stitch length to about 1.5 when sewing the seams for foundation paper piecing. er piecing, add 1in to the block rather than 0.5in

Step One - Prepare templates

There are 2 templates for this leaf. Cut them apart.

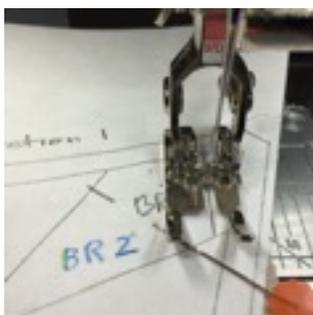
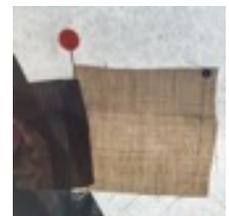
Step Two - Lay first piece

Starting with Section #1, hold the template up to a window or other light source so that you can see the printed lines from the front of the template. Cut a piece of BR fabric that is at least 1/2" bigger than BR #1 and pin the fabric to the back of the template so that it covers all of BR #1 (including the seam allowance) plus at least a 1/4" all round. It should also be pinned so that the right side of the fabric faces you, with the template is facing down.



Step Three - Lay the second piece

The second piece of Section #1 is S (stem) 2. Pin it so that it is right sides together with the first piece and so that the edge sits 1/4" or so over the seam line between sections 1 and 2. To check whether the piece of fabric will cover section 2 and 1/4" beyond each seam line, pin along the seam line and pull the the piece of fabric over with your finger.



Step Four - Stitch on the second piece

Turn the template so that the printed side faces up, the fabric is underneath and sew the seam through the template paper between sections 1 and 2, sewing exactly on the line. If the end of the seam sits within the block and does not reach of the edge of the block, then stitch a few stitches over at the end. If the seam touches the edge of the block, continue the seam until you reach the past the seam allowance. You may need to move the pins away from the seam to make it easier to sew this line or even transfer them to the front of the template.

Step Five - Trim the first seam

Fold the template back along the seam line and trim the seam allowance on the fabric piece to 1/4". Fold S2 over and press it flat. Section B1 and S2 have now been pieced.



Step Six - Add the third piece

Repeat steps 3,4 &5. Cut a piece of fabric for 3. Place it with right sides together with the completed section, so that the edge sits 1/4" or so over the seam line between B1+S2 and 3. Turn the template so that that the printed side faces up, and stitch on the line between B1+S2 and 3. Trim the seam and press. You may need to pull the paper away from a few stitches when you are folding the template back prior to trimming.



Step Seven - Complete Section 1

Using a piece of fabric for 4, repeat steps 3,4 &5. Continue until all 7 pieces have been added. Press the whole block. Flip the template so that the printed side is facing up and trim off excess paper, trimming the block to the outer seam allowance line.



Step Eight - Complete Section 2 and the block

Using Section 2 of the paper template and starting at Step 2 in these instructions, position piece 1. Complete Section 2, adding pieces 2-7 following steps 3,4 & 5. The join Sections 1 and 2 by stitching on the seam lines. Press seam open. Press block. Remove all paper.



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This pattern is a representation and is not necessarily the right size. Actual templates available at the September meeting or by contacting me.

