



Sierra Quilt Guild
Block of the Month October 2016
Falling Leaves

This block measures 7" x 10" finished (7 ½" x 10 ½" unfinished) and is a **Frayed Edge Applique Block**.

Colors: Three fabrics in any combination of fall colors. The background fabric may be light or dark but should have good contrast with the large leaf fabric.

Cutting: Background: (1) 8" x 10 ½" rectangle
Large Leaf: (1) 9" x 6 ½" rectangle
Small Leaf: (1) 6 ½" x 4 ½" rectangle

Construction:

1. Copy the patterns for both leaves onto paper or freezer paper. Rough cut out your paper patterns.
2. Iron/pin the patterns onto the right side of the fabrics. *Freezer paper works especially well if you will be making more than one block. You can layer 2 to 4 fabrics to cut out at one time.* Iron the freezer paper on **and** pin through all layers of fabric to avoid shifting. (I used a pressing sheet and dry ironed for 4 seconds.) Let cool before pinning/cutting.
3. Cut out leaves. Make a small slit in the leaves to mark the slash marks at the center top and bottom of both leaf patterns. These are your center placement marks. Unpin and remove freezer paper. Fold the background rectangle in half lengthwise; press or finger-press. This is your center placement line.
4. Lay the Large Leaf on the background matching up the bottom and top center slash marks with the folded center line. The bottom of the leaf should be 1 ¼" from the bottom of the background bottom. Lay the Small Leaf on top of the Large Leaf lining up center lines. The bottom of the Small Leaf should be ¾" from the bottom of the Large Leaf. Pin in place.
5. Using coordinating or decorative thread stitch both leaves down about 3/8" inside the raw edges.
6. Your leaf block is complete. Your last step is to cut the block in half down the center line. Your half blocks will be matched with other half blocks for a scrappy look. To encourage you to complete this final step, you will get two tickets in the drawing when you bring in two block halves. You will only get one ticket if you bring in a whole block!



Step 2:



Step 6:

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