



Sierra Quilt Guild
Block of the Month October 2015
A New Scrappy BATIK Autumn Leaf

This block measures 12”square finished (12 ½” unfinished).

Leaf Color 1 – Three different colors: a dark, a medium and a medium light batik in one autumn color of your choice.

Leaf Color 2 – Three different colors contrasting to Leaf color 1: a dark, a medium and a medium light batik in a second contrasting autumn color of your choice.

Background – A very pale batik that is cream or reads solid in one of your leaf colors.

Lightweight Fusible (such as “Heat n Bond Lite”)

Cutting:

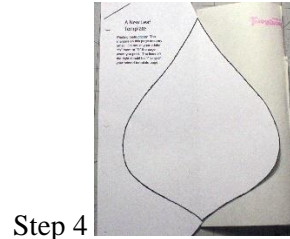
Cut (1) 2” x 8 ½” strip from each of your six leaf colors.

Cut (1) 13” x 13” square of your background color.

Cut (1) 7 ¾” x 9 ¼” rectangle of fusible

Assembly:

1. Make strata – Lay out all eight strips in this order – Color 1 Dark, Medium, Medium Light, Color 2 Medium Light, Medium, Dark. Stitch (see photo). Press all seams in one direction.
2. Cut the strata in half lengthwise so you end up with two 4 ¼” x 9 ½” sections.
3. Turn the right section upside down. Nest seams and sew the two sections together. (See photo.) Press seam open.
4. Make a copy of the leaf template located on the back side of these directions. Cut it out. Fold fusible in half lengthwise; fusible sides together. Lay half of the leaf template on the fusible. (See photo.) Trace the leaf shape onto the fusible; you are just tracing one side of the leaf. Cut out leaf shape with the fusible still folded. Open up the cut out fusible and lay on the wrong side of fabric with the leaf center on the center seam of strata, centering the leaf between the top and the bottom. Following the instructions for your fusible, press the fusible to the strata. Cut out leaf shape on strata.
5. Fold the background square in half; finger press to mark center. Remove the release paper from your leaf and lay it on the background with the center seam on the fold, with your leaf positioned approximately 2 1/8” from the top and 2 1/8” from the bottom. Fuse it down.
6. Applique using your preferred method. Let the recipient trim up as results will vary by stitcher.



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