

Quilt Along with QUILTERS SELECT.

Leftovers....Yum!

A Feast of Fabulous Fall Fabrics

Week 4: Mini Blocks

Pattern-reading is an essential skill for every quilter. It begins with becoming familiar with standard quilting abbreviations and learning how to interpret them quickly. When paired with simple diagrams, even minimal written instructions can communicate everything a quilter needs to move confidently through a project.

Featured Techniques:

- Pattern reading skill building
- The insertion technique
- Layered cutting technique
- Read through all instructions before beginning
- Finished block size: 4" x 4"



Mini Leaf Block



Precut shapes needed:

6 (1 1/2" x 1 1/2")
Squares

8 (1 1/2" HST)

2 (1 1/2" x 1 1/2")
Squares

10 (1 1/2" HST)

Pro Tip – Use a variety of colors to create that true fall look

Additional cutting



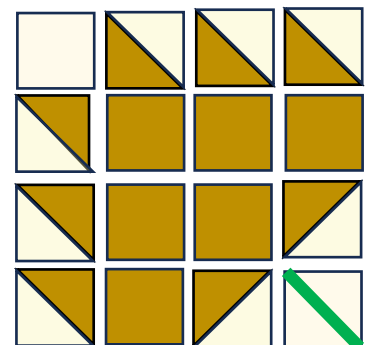
(1) 1" x 3 1/3" rectangle

Row 1

Row 2

Row 3

Row 4



Mini leaf layout diagram
4 1/2" x 4 1/2" unit

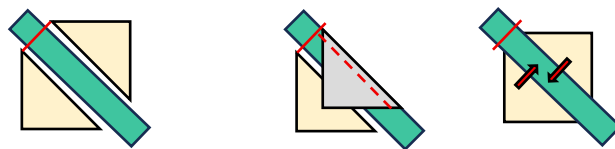
Pattern reading tip – study the layout diagram for the mini leaf block. Take note that it shows the HST units already sewn together and there's an unusual block in the lower right corner. The tutorial for that is below. It's still a 16-patch block layout. Use the basic 16 patch layout directions to sew the block

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Insertion technique

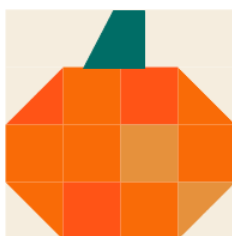
- Use a temporary fabric marker to draw a line $\frac{3}{4}$ " down from the top edge of the stem.
- Position a HST, RST with the stem
- Align the tip of the HST with the line.
- Sew $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam.
- Repeat using the remaining HST and aligning the tip with the drawn line
- Press and trim corners
- Sew the block referring to the layout diagram

Insertion diagram to create leaf stem:



Pro Tip – Inserting a 1" strip and using a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance creates the same size unit as simply sewing the two hsts together

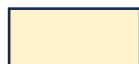
Mini Pumpkin

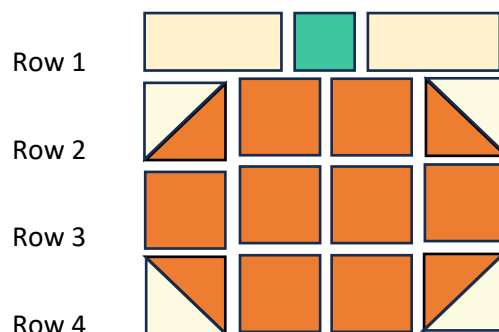


Precut shapes needed (per block make 2) :

	6 (1 ½" x 1 ½")		4 (1 ½")
	2 (1 ½" x 1 ½")		4 (1 ½")
	1 (1 ½" x 1 ½")		

Additional cutting

	(2) 1 1/2" x 3 1/2"
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Mini pumpkin layout diagram
4 1/2" x 4 1/2" unit

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Layer cutting technique

- Place the stem square RST on a background rectangle.
- Sew $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam as shown: press.
- Lay the remaining rectangle *right side up* covering the stem piece.
- Cut diagonally through both layers.
- Place RST and sew $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam: press.

Sewing the block:

- Sew the needed HSTs.
- Arrange shapes as shown in diagram.
- Sew Row 1.
- Assemble Rows 2,3 and 4.
- Join Rows.
- Make 2. ($4\frac{1}{2}$ " x $4\frac{1}{2}$ " units).

Sewing row 1

