

BLOCKS-OF-THE-MONTH - TWO MONTHS ON ONE PAGE

October due 11/23/09

November due at the Christmas Party 12/7/09

QBTS B-O-M (October '09)

MAPLE LEAF

Due 11/23/09

We've taken the October block "Maple Leaf" from Ruby Short McKim: One Hundred & One Patchwork Patterns. This book, first published by Dover Publications in 1962, was a revised version of the work originally published by McKim Studios in 1931. *Think Fall. Think Fall Colors.*

SIZE: Block will be 9-1/2" unfinished; 9" finished

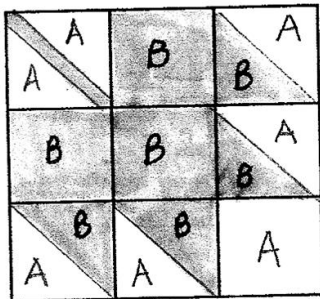
Fabric Requirements: (A) Tan for the background (B) Fall Color (*orange, coral, green, etc.*)

Cutting Instructions: From (A) Tan - two 3-1/2" squares; two 3-7/8" squares

From (B) Fall Color - three 3-1/2" squares; two 3-7/8" squares; one 5-1/2" x 1/2" strip for stem

Construction: Make half-square triangles out of the Tan 3-7/8" squares and the Fall Color 3-7/8" squares. (*How to Make a Half-Square Triangle: Draw diagonal line on the wrong side of the Tan square from corner to corner. With right sides together, sew Tan square and Fall Color square together with 1/4" seam on either side of the diagonal line. Cut on the diagonal line. You will have two half-square triangles. Press toward dark triangle.*)

Making the stem: Draw a diagonal line on the RIGHT SIDE of one of the 3-1/2" Tan squares. Place long edge of stem strip (wrong side up) next to pencil line. Sew a 1/4" seam. Flip stem over & press. Turn raw edge under 1/4", press, and stitch edge down either by machine or hand.



Assemble block following diagram using 1/4" seam allowances.

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STAR BLOCK

Due @ Christmas Party 12/7/09

For the block exchange at the Christmas Party, please do a 12-1/2" unfinished (12" finished) star...a beautiful clear winter WHITE star...crisp against a cold wintry BLUE sky...use your favorite star block...use your favorite technique.

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