

Fall leaf ... a simple version!



8 assorted 2.5-inch squares in fall colors

10 assorted 2.5-inch squares in whites or off-whites

7 3-inch squares in whites or off-whites

5 3-inch squares in fall colors

One 3-inch square of brown

Draw a diagonal line from corner to corner on each of 5 white/off-white and make a set of 5 HSTs with the colored and white/off-white 3-inch squares by stitching ON THE LINE. Cut $\frac{1}{4}$ inch from the stitching, press and trim each one down to a 2.5-inch square.

Stem block: Draw a diagonal line from one corner to another on one of the remaining 2 3-inch white/off-white squares. Stitch the brown 3-inch square to the white square along the diagonal line as if you are making an HST. Do not trim to size but do trim away the excess triangle. Press flat. Draw a diagonal line approx. $\frac{1}{4}$ inch from the corner to corner diagonal on the last white/off-white square. Lay face down on the brown square making sure that the off-center diagonal line is lying over the brown triangle ... stitch along the diagonal line. Trim away the brown triangle and it's white/off-white match and press flat and trim to 2.5 inch square ... this should make your "stem" block This square can be a little tricky but there is no RIGHT way ... if it looks like a stem and you can trim it to 2.5 inches square it is perfect. (Every leaf and their stem is different out in the real world)

Lay out as shown and stitch together row by row with $\frac{1}{4}$ inch seams.

Stitch rows together matching seams.

Press and trim to 10.5 inch square.

Done!

This block can be made in a number of sizes using 3.5 or 4.5 inch squares and combined with some rectangles to make a fun quilt. Example shown below from my design wall.

