

This month the blocks are all about half square triangles.

The blocks are the pin wheel block and the Maple leaf block



Pin wheel block. Make 5 Pin Wheel blocks in total

You will join four 2.5 X 2.5 half square triangle units to create a 5 inch block

There are several ways to make your half square triangles but this is the easiest for pinwheel quilt blocks.

- You will start with two equal size squares in two contrasting colors. i.e. four squares altogether.
- Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of the top square.
- Precisely measure $\frac{1}{4}$ inch (0.6 cm) on either side of your diagonal line. Mark these $\frac{1}{4}$ inch seam allowances. These will be your stitching lines.
- Place your squares right sides together with the markings showing. Once you have stitched on both stitching lines, cut neatly along your original diagonal line.
- Press your seam towards the darker side and remember to snip your threads and trim your dog ears.
- Do the same with both sets of squares. You will now have four blocks

Maple Leaf blocks. Make 5 Maple Leaf block in total



Block size 5 " x 5"

Using the same method above for half square triangles, create the Maple Leaf block

You will need to cut the half square triangles down to 2" x 2". For each leaf you will need two background fabrics of 2" x 2". Applique a narrow stem to one of the background squares before you assemble the block. You will need three 2" x 2" for the leaf plus four 2" x 2" half square triangles

Assembly

Row one half square triangle+ half square triangle+ back ground

Row two leaf square + leaf square +half square triangle

Row three back ground square with appliqued stem+ leaf square+ half square triangle

