

# BLOCK OF THE MONTH

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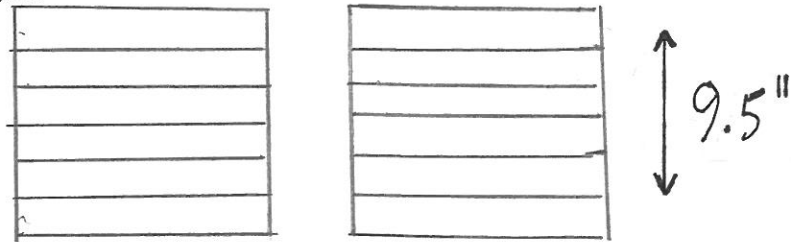
## FEATHER/LEAF BLOCK

FROM A VARIETY OF FABRICS CUT 14- 2 INCH x 9.5 INCH STRIPS FOR LEAF

FROM BACKGROUND FABRIC CUT 4- 3.5 INCH SQUARES

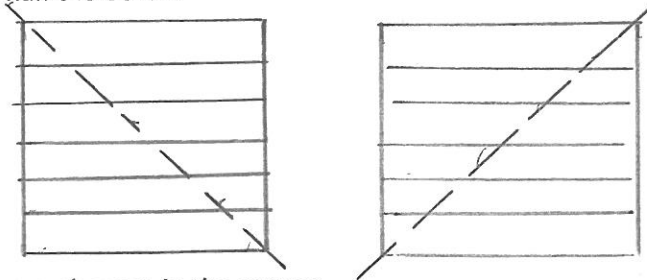
FOR STEM OF LEAF CUT 1-1.5 INCH STRIP 13 INCHES LONG

Lay out 7 strips for each side of your leaves, I chose to do one side in warm tones and one side in cool tones. Sew the strips together to form two rectangles.



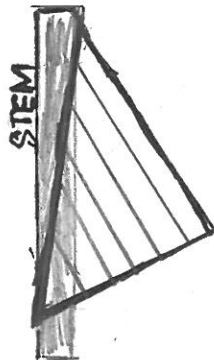
Square these units to 9.5 inches by cutting approximately  $\frac{1}{2}$  off each end

Lay the units out so that the strips are horizontal. Cut units on the diagonal. Make sure to cut from left top to right bottom on one and right top to left bottom on the other. If you are making more than 2 blocks just be certain to cut half one way and half the other.



Lay out your two halves so that the stripes form a chevron in the center

This is the sort of tricky part but not really.... Just look closely at the picture. Lay the left side of the leaf on the stem fabric strip so that the bottom of the leaf is next to the left edge of the bottom of the strip and the top edge of the leaf is  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch from the right edge of the strip at the top.



Sew  $\frac{1}{4}$  from the edge of the stripped piece. Trim close to the edge of the stripped piece. Press toward the stripped piece.

Lay the right side of the leaf on the stem fabric strip so that the bottom of the leaf is next to the right edge of the bottom of the strip align along the edge of the stem fabric so that the stripped pieces overlap at the top. Sew  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch seam. Press toward the stripped pieces.

Square the block to 9 inch keeping the 45 degree angle line on your ruler somewhere in the stem fabric it doesn't have to be perfectly down the center because leaves are organic.

Draw a line diagonally on the back of each of the background squares 3.5 inches.

Line up your squares on the outside corners of the leaves ( each side of stem).

Sew down the marked line and trim. Press ....your blocks are done....

I found this block on [intrepidthread.blogspot.com](http://intrepidthread.blogspot.com) if you want to look it up ....