



BRANDYWINE VALLEY QUILTERS

October 2019 Block of the Month



Turning Leaf



Things to do with leaves. 1. **Mulch** - Shred the leaves then hose them down after they are spread in the garden and the mulch will stay in place on windy days. 2. **Compost** - Mix leaves with nitrogen base materials like grass clippings for a "rich" compost. 3. **Centerpiece** - Use the prettiest leaves, nuts, small branches along with berries for a table decoration. 4. **Pumpkins** - Glue leaves to the outside of pumpkins for a centerpiece or outside decoration. 5. **Exercise** - Rake leaves instead of using a blower. Also, it is environmentally quiet.

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10 ½ inch unfinished

10 inch finished

Fabric:

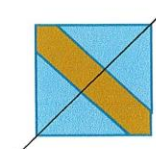
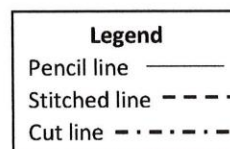
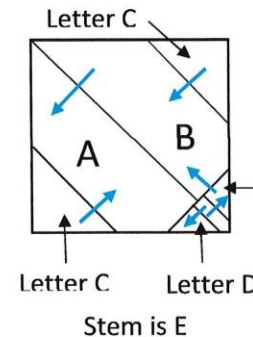
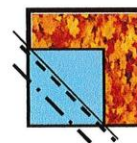
Use **one** blue, gold, green, orange, red, yellow, etc. Fall leaf print. Looking at the print, pick a color for a second Fall leaf print. If a second leaf print is not available, use a geometric tone on tone for the fabric. Use **one** medium to light solid or tone on tone blue for the sky and **one** small brown scrap for the stem.

Cutting:

- 1 10 7/8 inch x 10 7/8 inch square for letter A
- 1 10 7/8 inch x 10 7/8 inch square for letter B
- 2 4 inch x 4 inch squares for letter C
- 2 3 ¼ inch x 3 ¼ inch squares for letter D
- 1 4 inch x 4 inch square for letter E

Sewing:

Draw a line on the wrong side from opposite corners on one of the leaf prints. With right sides together, letters A & B, stitch ¼ in. on one side for one block. Both sides if making two blocks. Cut on the drawn line. Press toward the darker print. Next, draw a line on all of the blue squares from opposite corners. Align the two 4 in. squares, letter C, on opposite corners, stitch and press toward the leaf print. **Note: Do not stitch on the pencil line, but sew along the side of the line on the side where the ¼" seam allowance will be cut. See legend.** With right sides together, align the two 3 ¼ in. squares, letter D, on opposite corners of letter E to make the stem. Press according to the arrows. Draw a line from opposite blue corners, align at corner of block, stitch, trim ¼ in from stitching and press according to the arrow. [See Legend and stem square sample.](#)



Stem unit with drawn line



Anne Marie's Scrap Tip Use this cute way to keep gadgets handy. Place six sealable snack bags on a potholder, with the hanger at the side and not at the corner, so the bottoms meet in the center. Sew a piece of grosgrain ribbon down the center of the potholder, stitching through the bags. Fold the potholder in half and sew a big decorative button on the outside for a closure.