

MAPLE LEAF BLOCK TUTORIAL



The Maple Leaf Quilt Block is a fantastic mix of Half Square Triangles (HSTs) and squares. It's a simple block that's perfect for sewing at the first sign of fall. I like to use the 8 At-A-Time Half Square Triangle Method, which gives me enough HSTs to make two Maple Leaf blocks!

Patch #	Number to Cut	6"	9"	12"
A	2	2 ½" x 2 ½"	3 ½" x 3 ½"	4 ½" x 4 ½"
B/C HST	1 square of each contrasting color	6 ¾" x 6 ¾"	8 ¾" x 8 ¾"	10 ¾" x 10 ¾"
D	3	2 ½"	3 ½"	4 ½"
Stem	1	¾" x 5 ½"	1" x 6 ½"	1 ¼" x 7 ½"
Unfinished Block Size		6 ½"	9 ½"	12 ½"
Trim HSTs to		2 1/2"x 2 1/2"	3 1/2" x 3 1/2"	4 ½" x 4 ½"

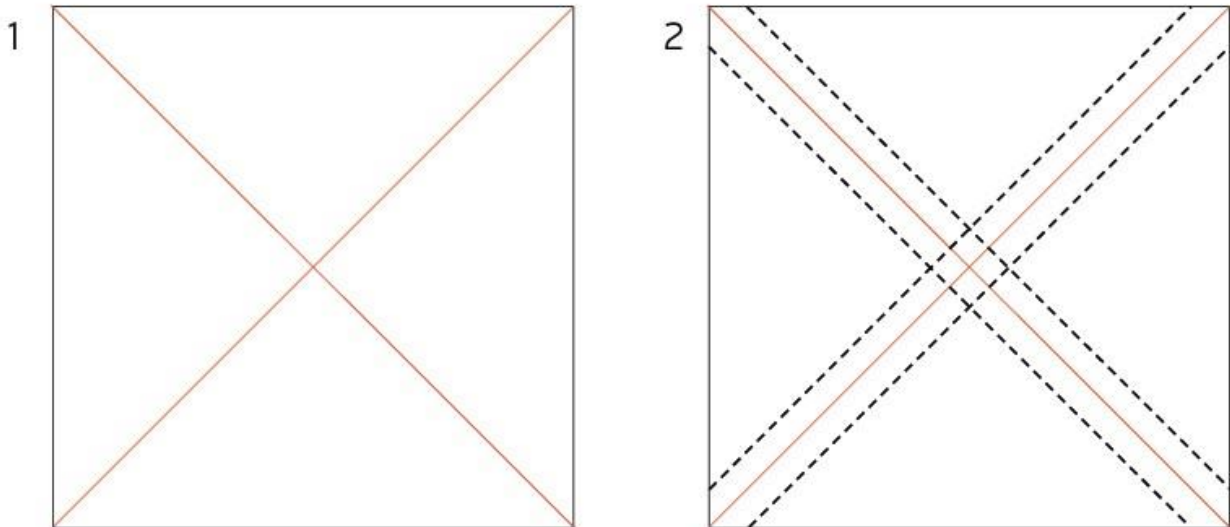
Cut:

Cut squares according to the sizes listed in the chart above, depending on the size block you would like to make.

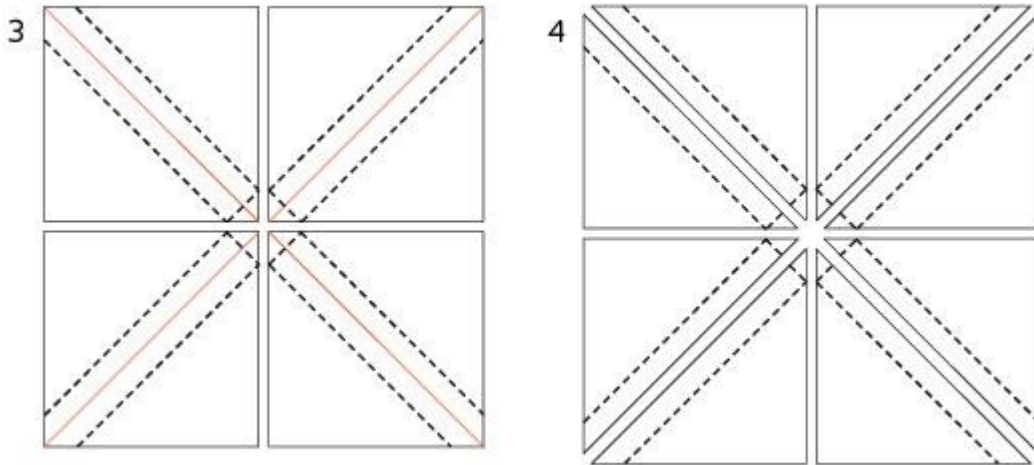
Assemble HSTs:

Make the 8 HSTs using the Eight-At-A-Time HST Method:

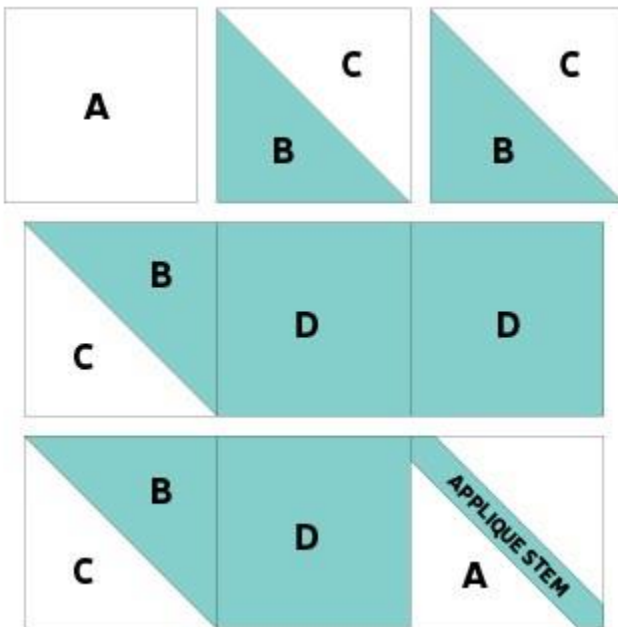
1. With two squares of contrasting colors that are right sides together (B and C patches), mark diagonal lines.
2. With two squares of contrasting colors that are right sides together, sew $1/4''$ on either side of the marked diagonal lines.



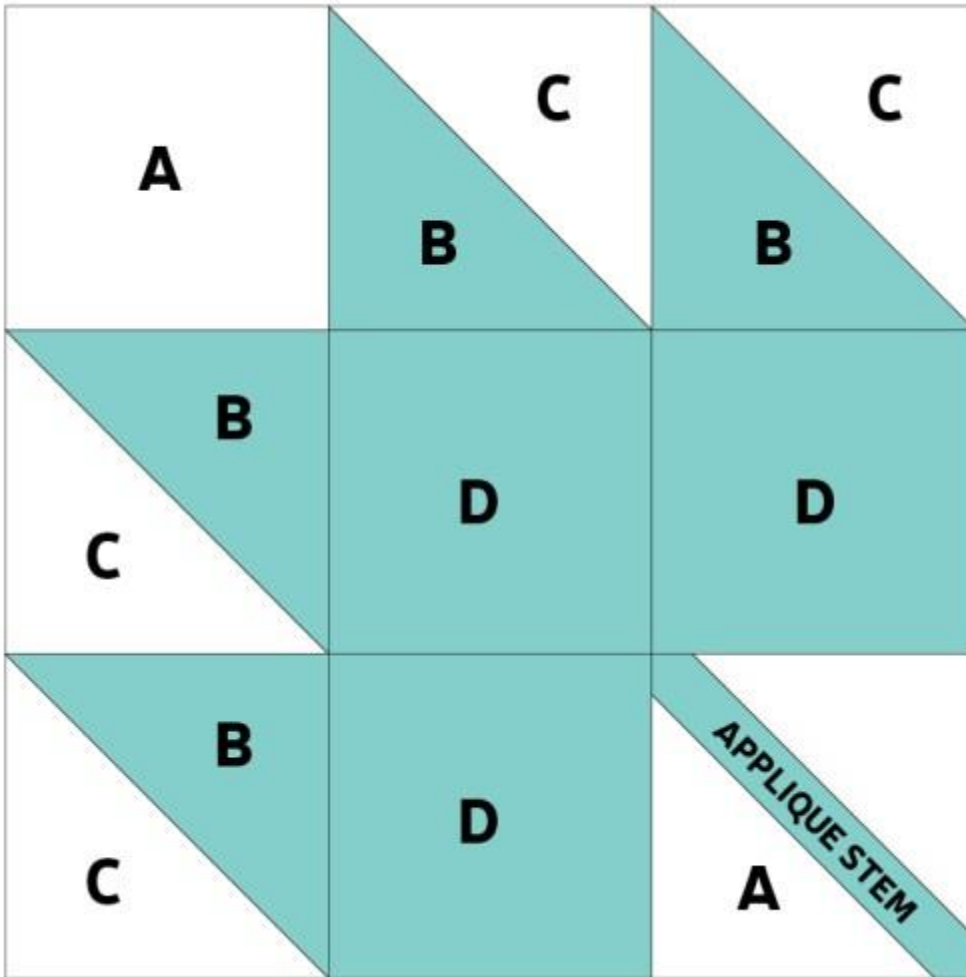
3. Cut the square into quarters, as shown below.
4. Then cut on the original lines you marked on the diagonals to divide the block into eighths.



5. You now have 8 HSTs that need to be trimmed down. Use your favorite method to trim them down to size delineated in the chart, for the block you are making. I love the [Eleanor Burns Quilt in a Day HST Ruler](#) or the [Bloc Loc Ruler](#). Here's a video about the [Eleanor Burns Square Up Ruler works](#), and another video about the [Bloc Loc HST Ruler](#), so you can decide which is best for you.
6. Lay out your squares and HSTs according to this diagram, and sew patches together, right sides together, with a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance.



7. If you choose, you can hand applique or topstitch a stem on the diagonal of the bottom block. Just cut the stem to the measurements provided in the table, fold the long edges under $\frac{1}{4}$ " and press. Pin the stem to the diagonal of an A patch, and topstitch $\frac{1}{8}$ " along each long edge. Trim the excess stem.



Here's a lovely picture of a Maple Leaf Quilt I quilted for a customer a couple of years ago. I love the surprising pops of purple with the traditional autumnal palette of reds and golds.



Maple Leaf charity quilt pieced by Kristin V. and members of the Austin Modern Quilt Guild

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