

## Fantastical Falling Leaves

8 1/2" block untrimmed (Do Not Trim)

(Presented at 9/13/25; Return completed block(s) 11/8/25.)



### Fabric Requirements and Cutting:

Background (HST)(A): 3 - 3" Squares

Background (C): 7 - 2 1/2" Squares

NOTE: 'A' & 'C' are the same fabric.

Center of Leaf (D): 3 - 2 1/2" Squares

Block for Bias for Stem: 1 - 8" block

Leaves (HST)(B): 3 - 3" Squares

### Piecing Instructions:

1. Draw diagonal line on back of each 3" background squares. Draw a line on each side of this line a scant 1/4". Place square right sides together with Leaf 3" square. Sew along each of outer lines (the ones 1/4" from center line.) Cut on center line. Press seam towards dark side. Square HST to 2 1/2".
2. Lay-out squares per diagram being aware of orientation of HST's.
3. Sew a row at a time. Press seams in alternate directions so the will "nest" when sewn to other rows. (Row 1 & 3 to the right; Rows 2 & 4 to the left.)
4. Sew rows together, top to bottom. Press.



5. Stem: (This is how I did my stem. You may have your own way that works better for you.)( Finished width of stem appx. 3/8" wide.) Press 8" square diagonally into a triangle shape. Measure 3/4" from fold & cut, (Final total width should be 1 1/4". It will be longer than needed.) Open flat and fold so outer raw edges meet along center fold. Carefully press. Fold strip so raw edges are inside, and outer folds meet at edge. Press. (I found that a good pressing makes bias strip more manageable.)
6. Pin/lay out stem where two x'es are (see photo.) You may attach in any manner, hand or machine applique. I aligned inner end of stem along squares (folding raw edge under) and let the outer edge hang over edge. After I sewed it on block, I trimmed outer stem edge.
7. I press block one more time, back then front.

(Any questions, etc., call Roxanne at 808-339-1967.)