

LIVINGSTON PIECEMAKERS QUILT GUILD

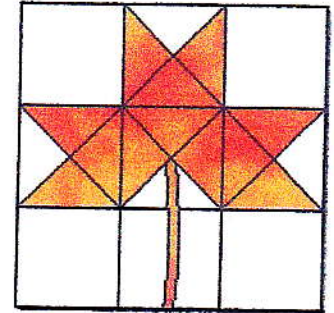
BLOCK OF THE MONTH NOVEMBER, 2012

SWEET GUM LEAF – 12"

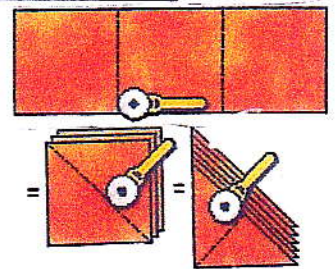
Supply list

Color one needs one 5-1/4" x 15-3/4" strip and one 1"x7" strip cut on the bias.

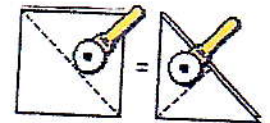
Color two (natural muslin from Jean's Corner) needs one 5-1/4" square and one strip 4-1/2"x 22-1/2"



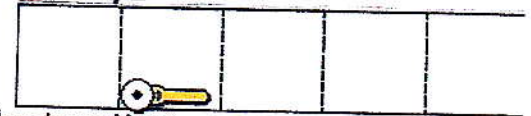
Start by marking and cutting the color one 5-1/4"x 15-3/4" strip into three 5-1/4" squares. Stack these squares and cut them on the diagonal. Stack the resulting triangles and cut them on the other diagonal to get 12 quarter square triangles.



Next cut the color two 5-1/4" square on the diagonal. Stack the resulting triangles and cut on the other diagonal to get 4 quarter square triangles.



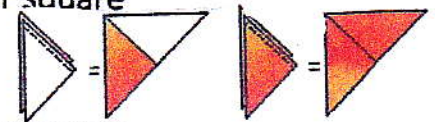
Now mark and cut the color two 4-1/2"x 22-1/2" strip into five 4-1/2" squares.



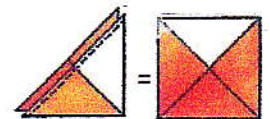
Fold the color one 1"x 7" strip in half lengthwise, wrong sides together. Stitch a 1/4" seam along it's length to make a tube. Cut off the seam allowance to 1/8". Having seam at the back, press to make stem.



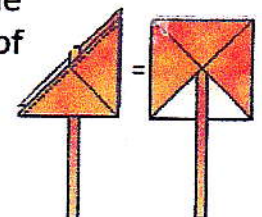
Sew each color two quarter square triangle to a color one quarter square triangle using a scant 1/4" seam, pressing the seam allowances towards the darker fabric. Sew the remaining color two quarter square triangles to each other. Press seam allowances to one side.



Then sew 3 color one/color two combos to color one/color one combos.

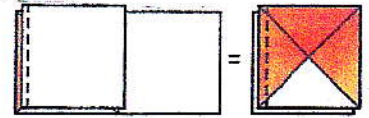


Next tuck the stem piece in the seam line before stitching the last color one/color two combo to the last color one/color one combo. Be sure the stem piece is inserted so that its seam line will be against the right side of

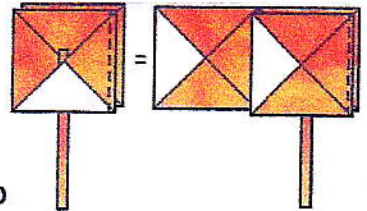


the block, hence not visible. Stitch the seam catching in the stem end..

Begin piecing the block by sewing a quarter square to a color two square.
Add another color two square. This will be row one of the block.

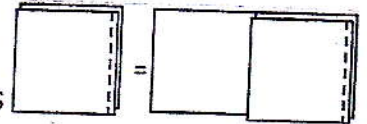


Then sew the center quarter square (with stem) to a quarter square, being sure to keep the stem out of the way so it doesn't get caught in any seams. Add another quarter square. This will be row two of the block.



Sew three color two squares together to make row three.

Now piece the block by sewing the three rows together, pressing the seam allowances towards the top and the bottom rows and be sure to keep the stem free.



Lastly lay the stem piece out in a slight arc, so that its bottom end is centered on the bottom of the center square and appliqué it down along both sides, using thread to match the stem.

