



OCQG BLOCK OF THE MONTH
NOVEMBER 2020

“LEAF PEEPERS”

16 ½” Unfinished Block

COLORS: Olive, Raspberry, Gold, Pumpkin
with black background and gray sashing



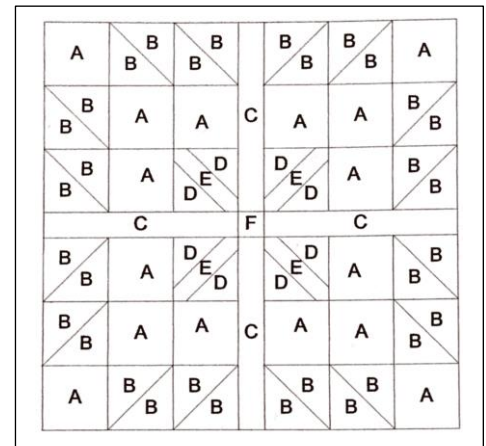
This may look like a complicated block, but it goes together lickety-split when we use the technique for making eight half-square triangles at once! Sew two seams, cut four times and “Voila!”, you have the leaf points for two leaves. (demonstration available at Block Party table)

Cutting directions for one 16 ½” four leaf block:

- From black background cut four 7” squares,
- four 3” squares (A) corner, eight 2 ½” squares (D), one 1 ½” square (F)
- From gray sashing cut four 8” x 1 ½” strips (C)
- From each of four different leaf fabrics cut one 7” square, four 3” squares (A) leaf fabric

To make eight half-square triangles in a wink:

- Draw two diagonal lines corner to corner on the back of a leaf 7” square.
- Place this fabric, right sides together, with a black 7” square.
- Stitch ¼” on each side of the two drawn lines for two seams.
- Cut on both drawn lines. You will have four large triangles.
- Line up these four triangles up on your cutting mat and cut in half through the top point.
- You will now have eight half-square triangles (B/B) of one leaf color to press and size to 3”.***



To make the pieced stem:

- Draw one line corner to corner on back of two of the black 2 ½” squares.
- Lay this square on the corner of a 3” square of leaf fabric, right sides together
- Sew exactly on the line (not beside, but on)
- Pressing that triangle aside, repeat with the other 2 ½” square on the opposite corner.
- Open up to right side, ironing the black triangles back to reveal your colorful stem.
- Check to make sure your edges match your base fabric (leaf), trimming if necessary.
- Cut the extra layer of leaf and middle black away.



Following the diagram at top of page, lay out your leaf pieces and stitch them together, pressing gently. Last add your sashing pieces as shown, using the 1 ½" black square in the center.

Gently press your 16 ½" unfinished four leaf block.

***This technique makes eight half-square triangles of one leaf color,
which sets you up for a second leaf of the same color.

If, instead, you want to make four half-square triangles from two different leaf colors,
you cut two different leaf rectangles 3 1/2" x 7" and lay them side by side, matching center edges, face down,
right sides together on one black 7" square. Pin.

Carefully draw your two diagonal lines; stitch ¼ inch on each side of the two drawn lines.

Cut on both drawn lines. You will have four large triangles.

Line up these four triangles on your cutting mat and cut in half through the top point.

You will now have four half-square triangles (B/B) of two leaf colors.

Press and trim to 3". You will have your leaf points for two different colored leaves.

Come to the Block Party table to see the simple demonstration.

Put your name in the drawing Once for each 16 ½" block turned in (maximum of 5) Questions?

Contact Cheri Hansen at hansen.cheri@gmail.com or 714-528-1836.

If you come to guild with a quilt top made from these beautiful autumn leaves, even if you are not a block party winner, you will take home a prize. Play to have fun with fabric!

"Leaf peepers" is the affectionate term applied to people who travel to New England to enjoy the autumn leaves.