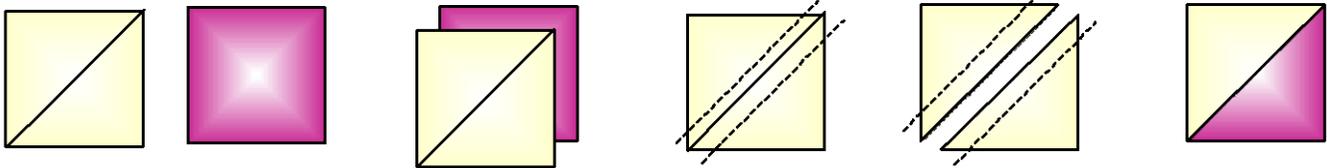


Trimming Half Square Triangles Continued

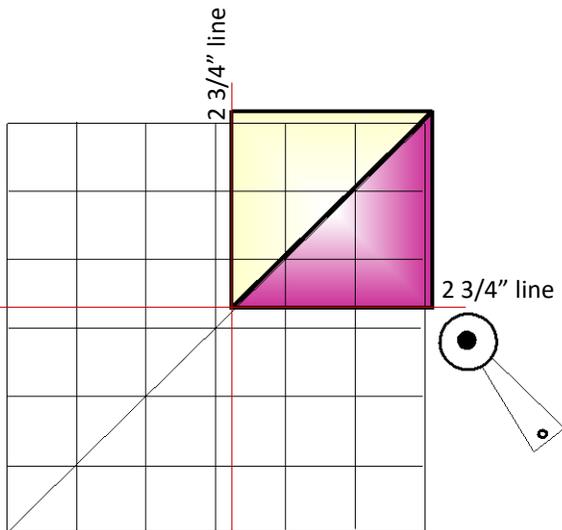
The Half Square Triangles (HSTs) for the blocks in this pattern are oversized so that they can be trimmed to the correct size. This provides wiggle room if the fabric stretches or distorts. You can choose your preferred method for creating HSTs.

Creating Half Square Triangles - (HSTs) that square to $2\frac{1}{2}$ "

Using a $3\frac{1}{4}$ " Background square and a $3\frac{1}{4}$ " Scrappy square. Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of the Background square. Draw another diagonal line on both sides of the first line $\frac{1}{4}$ " away from the first line. The second set of lines are your sewing lines. Layer the Background square on the Scrappy square (right sides together) and sew on the outer two lines as shown in the diagram. Once you have sewn on both the outside lines, cut apart on the middle line using your rotary cutter and ruler. Finger press open to prevent distortion.



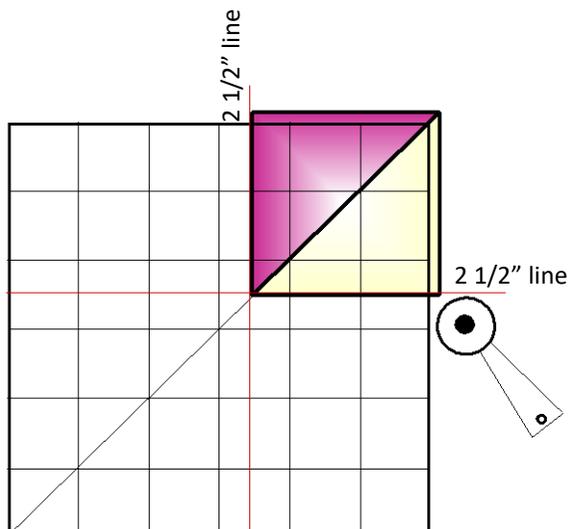
Now you are ready to square the HST's to $2\frac{1}{2}$ ". This is where your 4" (or 6") ruler will come in handy. I am using the 6" ruler for illustration purposes.



When you have finished making HSTs, it is time to iron them. Be careful not to stretch them out of shape. It is helpful to a pressing mat with grid lines.

- You'll line the diagonal seam line of the HST up with the 45 degree line of the ruler.
- Next line the bottom and side of the block up with the $2\frac{3}{4}$ " marking on the ruler and trim off the extra on the top and side.

****Don't worry if your block doesn't reach the $2\frac{3}{4}$ " line - it is more important to make sure the diagonal of the block is on the diagonal of the ruler and that it is bigger than $2\frac{1}{2}$ ". ***



- Turn the block around and once again line the diagonal seam line of the HST up with the 45 degree line of the ruler.
- Next line the bottom and side up with the $2\frac{1}{2}$ " marking on the ruler, trim off the extra. Make sure to use the $2\frac{1}{2}$ " marking.

This part can be tedious, but you'll find you'll have a more accurate block, which results in a nicer quilt!

Row Five Maple Leaf Blocks

You'll need the following to create 12 Maple leaves:

Background

3 1/4" squares – 24

2 1/2" squares – 12

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Dark - I used the dark brown from the sashings (leaf stem)

2 1/2" squares - 12

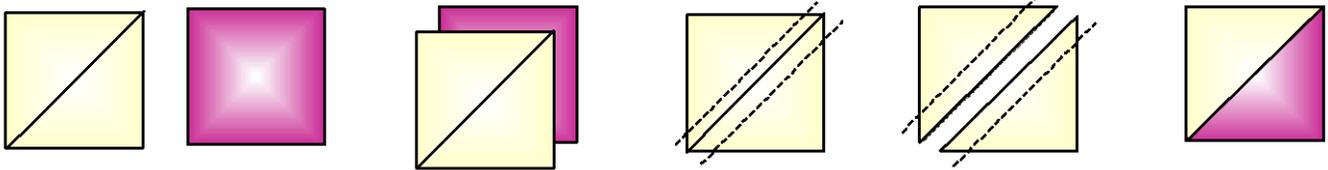
Scrappy - (I am using 6 colors)

3 1/4" squares - 24 (4 from each color)

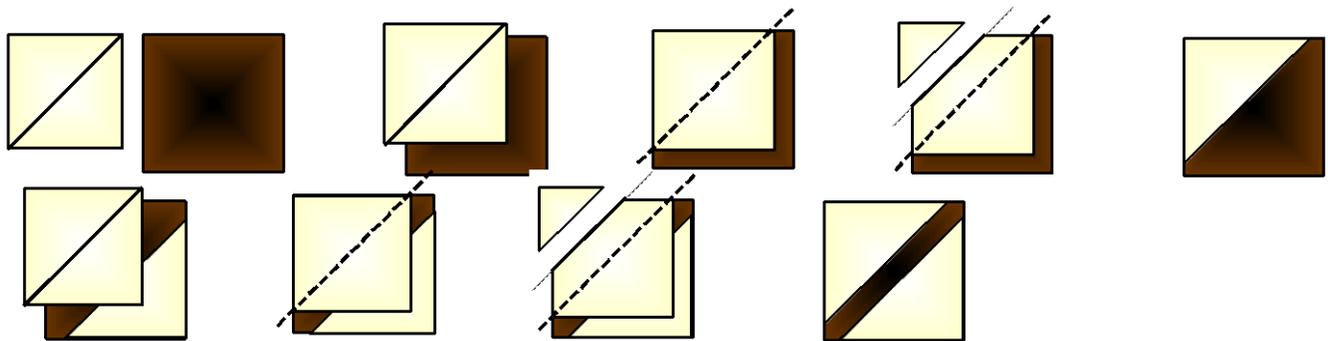
2 1/2" squares - 12 (2 from each color)

2 1/2" x 4 1/2" rectangles - 12 (2 from each color)

Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of the 3 1/4" Background squares. Layer these squares with the Scrappy 3 1/4" squares. Sew 1/4" from the line on both sides of the line. Cut apart on the diagonal line. Press seam allowance toward the Scrappy Color. You will need to trim these units to 2 1/2". For best results trim from all 4 sides. Create 4 for each Maple Leaf block.



Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of the 2 1/4" Background squares. Layer these squares with the Dark 2 1/2" squares, as shown in the diagram. Sew on the line. Trim 1/4" from the sewing line toward the outside corner, as shown. Repeat the process on the opposite corner. Press seam allowance toward the Background. Create 12 stem blocks that measure 2 1/2".



Sew the units together to create block rows. The rows should measure 2 1/2" x 6 1/2". Press the seam allowance in the direction of the arrows. Sew the rows together to create the block. Press the seam allowance to the side. Create 12 Maple Leaf blocks measuring 6 1/2". Sew your blocks together to create your 5th row measuring 6 1/2" x 72 1/2"

