

The Feather (Leaf) Block Tutorial

Hi Everyone,

I had so many lovely comments about the blocks I made last weekend that I thought I would write a little tutorial for you. I have to admit am I kind of in love with them myself. Some people are calling these feathers and that is fine... I choose to call them leaves because that is what I set out to make :)

Updated pictures as of 4/29/17



This Tutorial Makes Two 9" (unfinished) Blocks

Supplies:

14 - 2" x 9 1/2" Strips for Leaf

4 - 3 1/2" Squares for Background

1 - 1 1/2" x WOF Strip for Stem

Instructions:

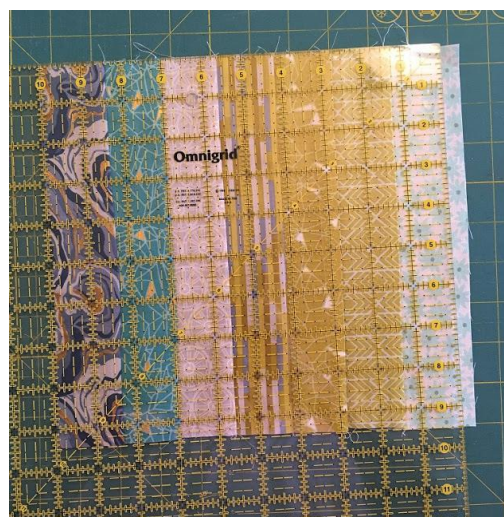
Lay out 7 strips for each side of your leaves. I chose to do one side in warm tones and one side in cool tones but you can choose whatever you like of course. If you decide to add a low volume piece try to put it in a different place on each side.



Sew the strips together to form two rectangles as shown.



Square these units to 9 1/2" by cutting approximately 1/2 " off each end.



Lay the units out so that the strips are horizontal. Cut units on the diagonal. Make sure to cut from left top to right bottom on one and right top to left bottom on the other. If you are making more than 2 blocks just be certain to cut half one way and half the other.





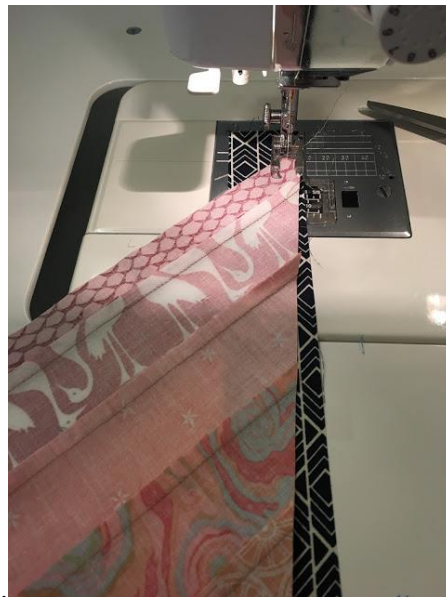
Lay out your two halves so that the stripes form a chevron in the center.



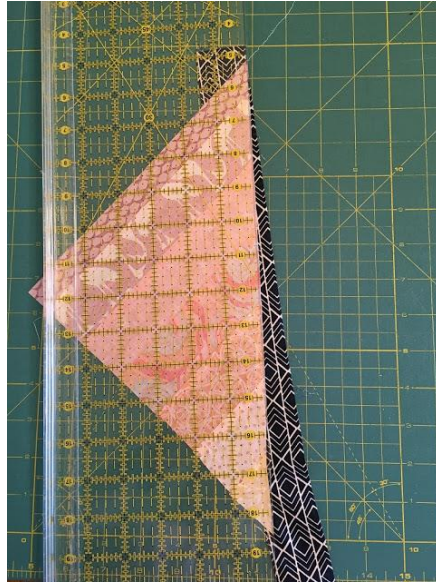
This is the sort of tricky part but not really... just look closely at the picture. Lay the left side of the leaf on the stem fabric strip so that the bottom of the leaf is next to the left edge of the bottom of the strip and the top edge of the leaf is $\frac{1}{4}$ inch from the right edge of the strip at the top.



Sew $\frac{1}{4}$ from the edge of the stripped piece



Trim close to the edge of the stripped piece.



Press toward the striped piece

Lay the right side of the leaf on the stem fabric strip so that the bottom of the leaf is next to the right edge of the bottom of the strip align along the edge of the stem fabric so that the striped pieces overlap at the top.

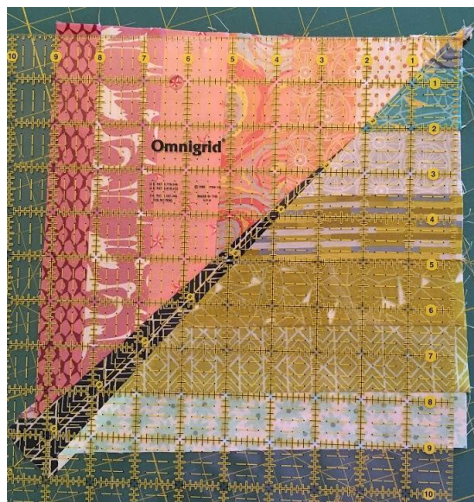


Sew $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam.

Press toward the striped piece.

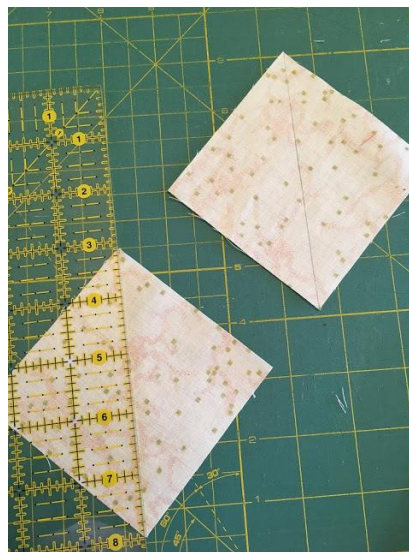


Square the block to 9" keeping the 45 degree angle line on your ruler somewhere in the stem fabric. It doesn't have to be perfectly down the center because leaves are organic (and so are feathers).





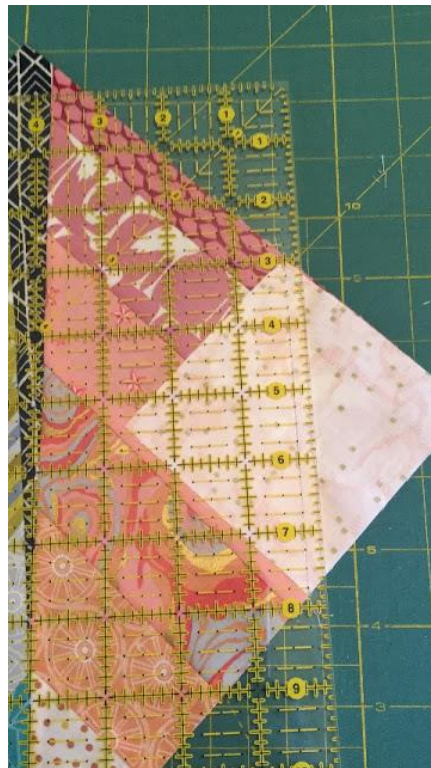
Draw a line diagonally on the back of each of the background 3 ½" squares.



Line up your squares on the outside corners of the leaves as shown.



Sew down the marked line and trim.



Press and Voila... your blocks are done! Please, if you use this tutorial all I ask is that you give me credit and link back to me. You are welcome to make things to sell with it as well. Every once in a while I do something I am extra proud of and want a little credit :) Thanks so much!

Also if you make some we would love to see them please post to Instagram with the hashtag #featherleafblock



Here is the original picture:



and the original quilt



I am adding 2" sashing between the blocks so they look like this.