

Color Me Autumn

12" finished block | 12 1/2" unfinished | 4 x 4 grid

A cheerful scrappy leaf made entirely from 3 1/2" squares. Make each half-square triangle one at a time so every colored patch can be a different fabric.

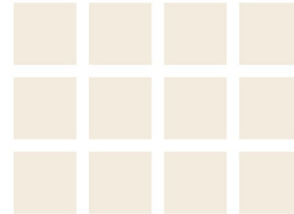
Cutting

Background fabric: 12 squares, 3 1/2" x 3 1/2"

Colored fabrics: 12 squares, 3 1/2" x 3 1/2"

Use 8 background squares and 8 colored squares to make the HST units. The remaining 4 background squares and 4 colored squares stay whole for the block layout.

12 background



12 colored



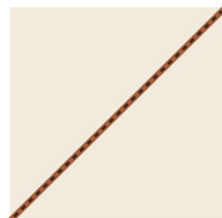
Make 8 Half-Square Triangle (HST) Units

1. Pair one 3 1/2" background square with one 3 1/2" colored square, right sides together. Make 8 pairs.
2. On the wrong side of the background square, draw a diagonal line from one corner to the opposite corner.
3. Sew directly ON the drawn diagonal line.
4. On the side you will discard, cut 1/4" away from the sewn line. Remove the excess triangle.
5. Open the HST and press the seam toward the colored fabric. The unit should measure 3 1/2" square. Trim only if needed.

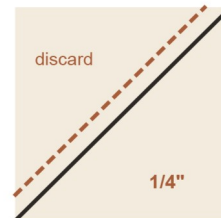
1. Pair



2. Draw + sew



3. Trim 1/4" away

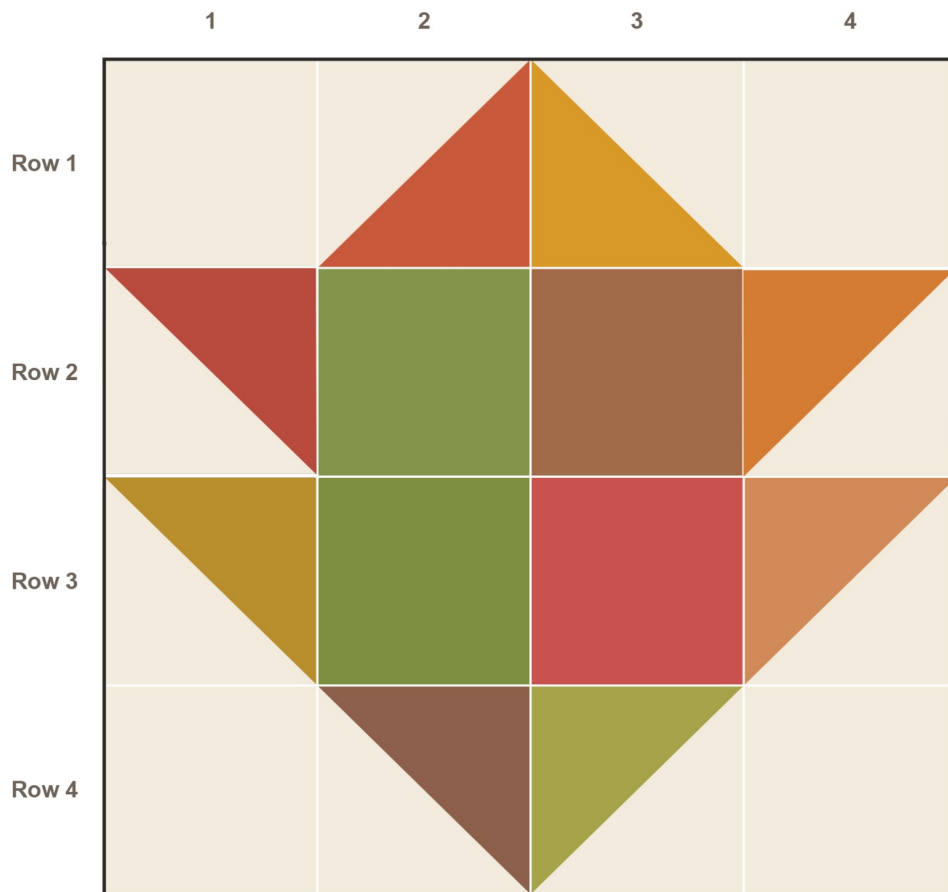


4. Open + press



Assemble the Block

Lay out 16 units in 4 rows of 4, matching the diagram below.



Sewing Order

1. Sew the 4 units in each row together using 1/4" seams.
2. Press the row seams in alternating directions from row to row so the seams will nest when the rows are joined.
3. Join the 4 rows, matching intersections carefully. Pin or clip if desired.
4. Press the completed block. It should measure 12 1/2" x 12 1/2" unfinished and will finish at 12" x 12" in the quilt.

Scrappy tip

For maximum variety, use 12 different colored squares: 8 different prints for the HSTs and 4 more for the solid leaf squares. Or repeat favorites for a more coordinated look.