

Block of the Month, September 2020

Reminder: Sewn blocks should MEASURE $12\frac{1}{2}$ " square to finish to 12".

Block 1: Maple Leaf (nine-patch)

This can be done as a two-color block, although it doesn't have to be. Have fun!

Cutting Instructions:

Background:

Two $4\frac{1}{2}$ " squares

Two $4\frac{7}{8}$ " squares (for half square triangles)

Color:

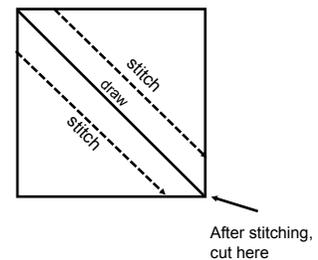
Four $4\frac{1}{2}$ " squares

Two $4\frac{7}{8}$ " squares (for half square triangles)

One strip for the stem- we applied the stem to finish one inch.

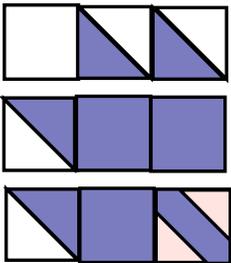
Half Square triangle units: The SEWN size should be $4\frac{1}{2}$ " square.

Draw a diagonal line on the back of one of the background squares. Place the color square right sides together with the background square. Stitch $\frac{1}{4}$ " on each side of the square. Cut on the drawn line and press. You will have two half-square triangle squares of the desired. Repeat for the other pair of squares.

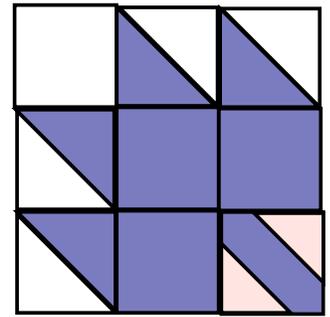


The stem is applied on, although there are certainly other techniques for that patch. We finished it at one inch wide.

Follow the layout given to construct your block in three rows.



NOTE: The background on this block is the purple, and the color is the yellow.



Block 2: Amish Star (nine-patch)

Reminder: Sewn blocks should MEASURE 12 1/2" square to finish to 12".

Again, this can be done as a two-color block, but it doesn't have to be.

Cutting instructions:

Background:

Eight 2 1/2" inch squares

Four 2 1/2 by 4 1/2" rectangles (for flying geese units)

Four 2 7/8" squares (for half square triangles)

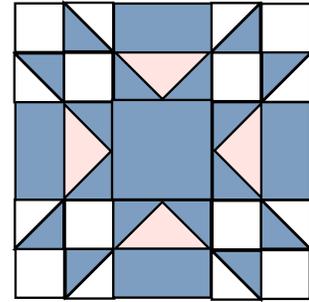
Color:

One 4 1/2" square

Four 2 1/2 by 4 1/2" rectangles

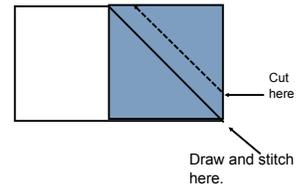
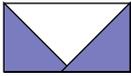
Eight 2 1/2" squares (for flying geese units)

Four 2 7/8" squares (for half square triangles)



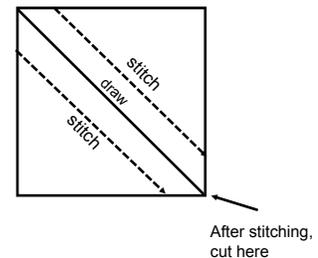
Flying Geese units: The SEWN size should be 2 1/2 by 4 1/2" rectangle.

On the back of each colored square, draw a diagonal line. Lay one square on the corner of a rectangle, and stitch on the drawn line. Cut 1/4" away from this line as shown. Press open. Then repeat with the other square at the other side of the rectangle. (The picture only shows one of the sides.) The finished unit will look like this:

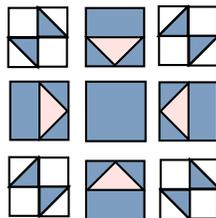


Half Square triangle units: The SEWN size should be 2 1/2" square.

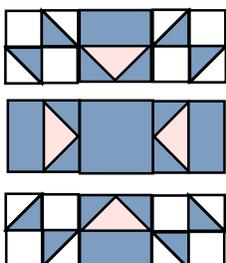
Draw a diagonal line on the back of one of the background squares. Place the color square right sides together with the background square. Stitch 1/4" on each side of the square. Cut on the drawn line and press. You will have two half-square triangle squares of the desired. Repeat for the other pair of squares.



Assemble the nine patches as at the right.



Follow the layout given to construct your block. The inner most star uses the flying geese units. The corner blocks are constructed using the half square triangles.



NOTE: The background on this block is the purple, and the color is the light blue.