

Fall Leaf Quilt Block Tutorial by Scrapish.com

The fall leaf quilt block is easy for beginners - use HSTs to make it. Sew all seams a scant 1/4 inch. Use your favorite half square triangle (HST) method to make 6 HST trimmed to 3 x 3 inches or follow Step 1.



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When making lots of half square triangles (HSTs) at once I prefer to use a half square triangle ruler to make them.

Cutting Chart

10 inch fall leaf block

Background Fabric:

3 @ 3 " x 3 inches
3 @ 3 1/2" x 3 1/2"
1 @ 3 /-0 " x 3 /-0 "

Stem Fabric (your choice of brown, green or black)

1 @ 6 1/2" x 1"

Leaf Fabric: (your choice of yellows, reds, oranges or pink)

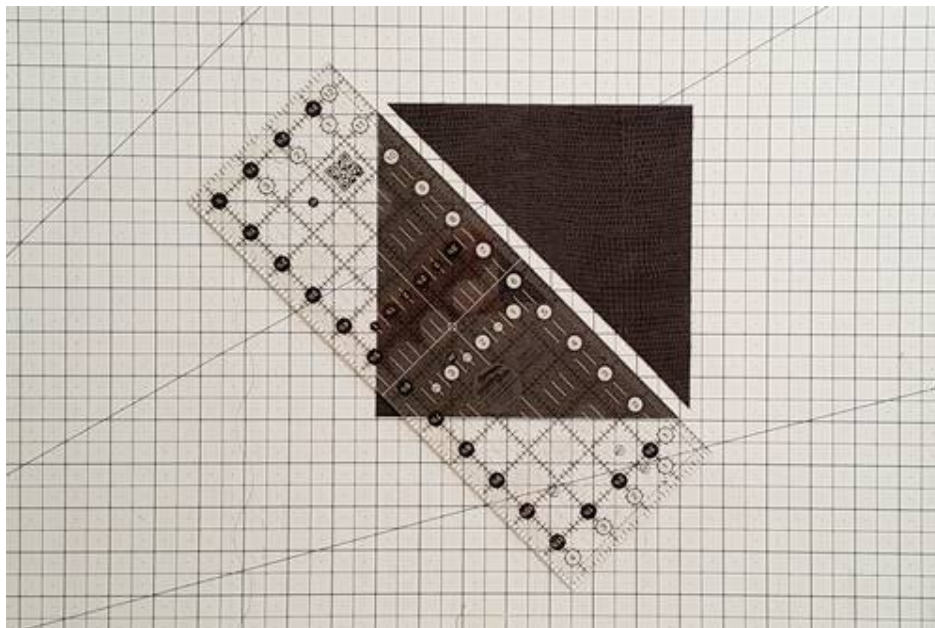
3 @ 3 " x 3"
3 @ 3 1/2" x 3 1/2"

Fall Leaf Quilt Block Instructions

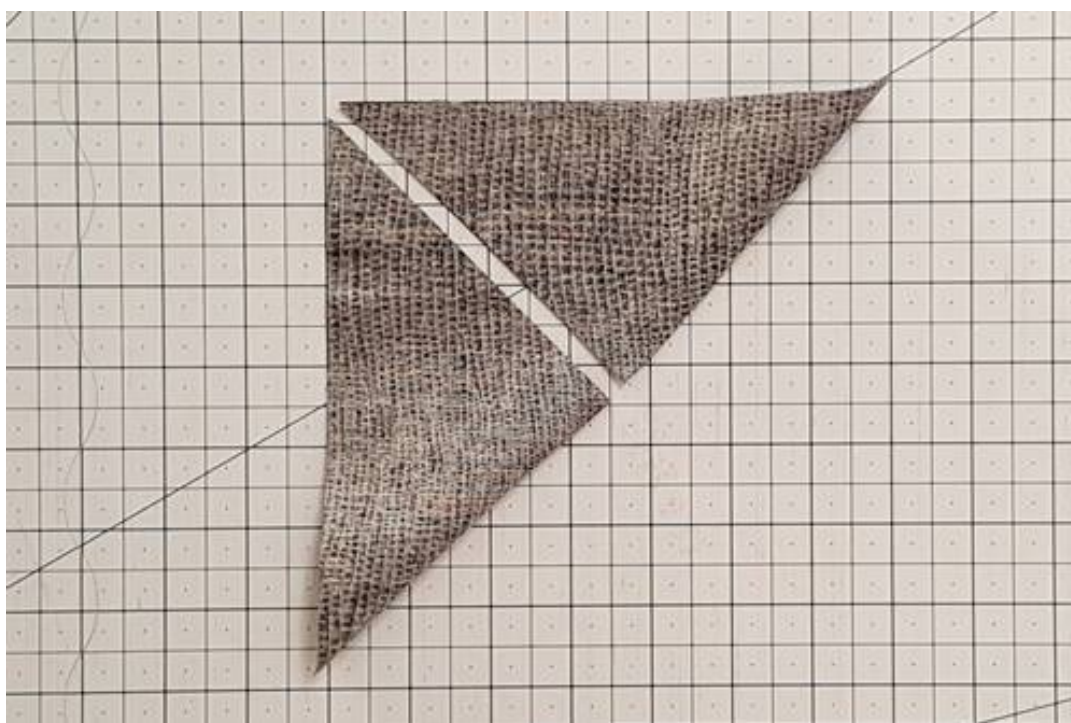
Step 1 Mark diagonal line on all 3 1/2" x 3 1/2" background fabric squares. Pair one background 3 1/2" x 3 1/2" and one 3 1/2" x 3 1/2" square. Stitch scant 1/4 inches seam on either side of marked line. Cut apart on marked line. Press fabric open. Repeat two more times resulting in 6 half square triangles.

Stem for Leaf Quilt Blocks Instructions

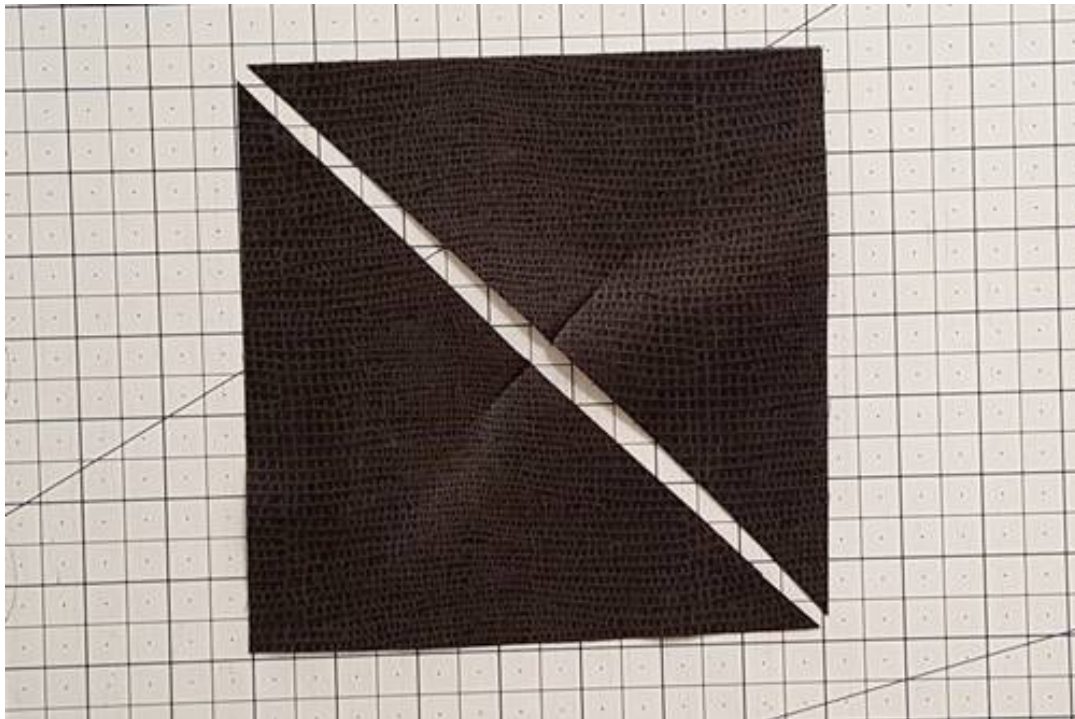
Step 1 Cut 3 /-0 " x 3 /-0 " square in half along one diagonal axis.



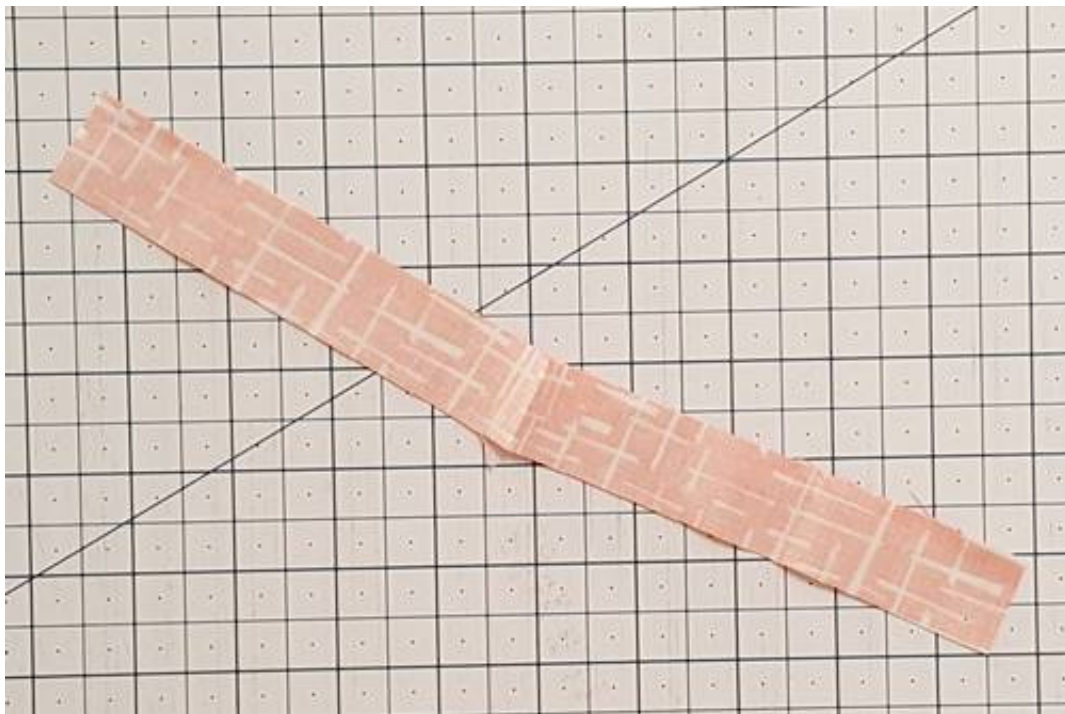
Step 2 With right side up, fold each triangle in half along its long diagonal (bias) edge and finger press a crease into the fold of the fabric.



Step 3 Flip the triangles right side up.



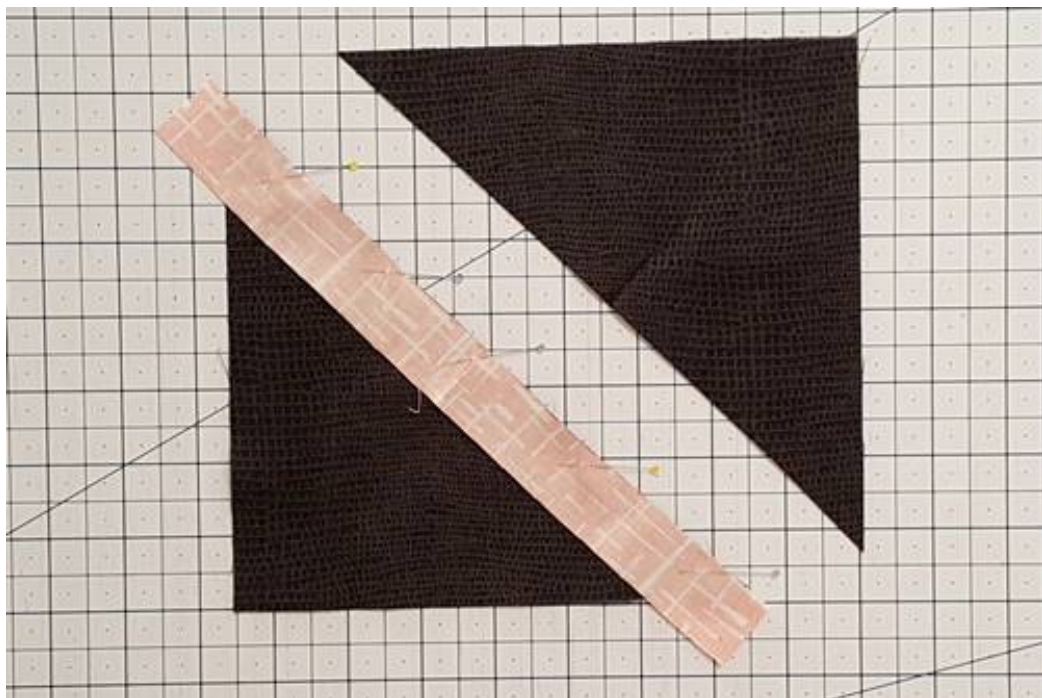
Step 4 With right side down, fold the stem fabric in half short end to short end and finger press a crease into the fold.



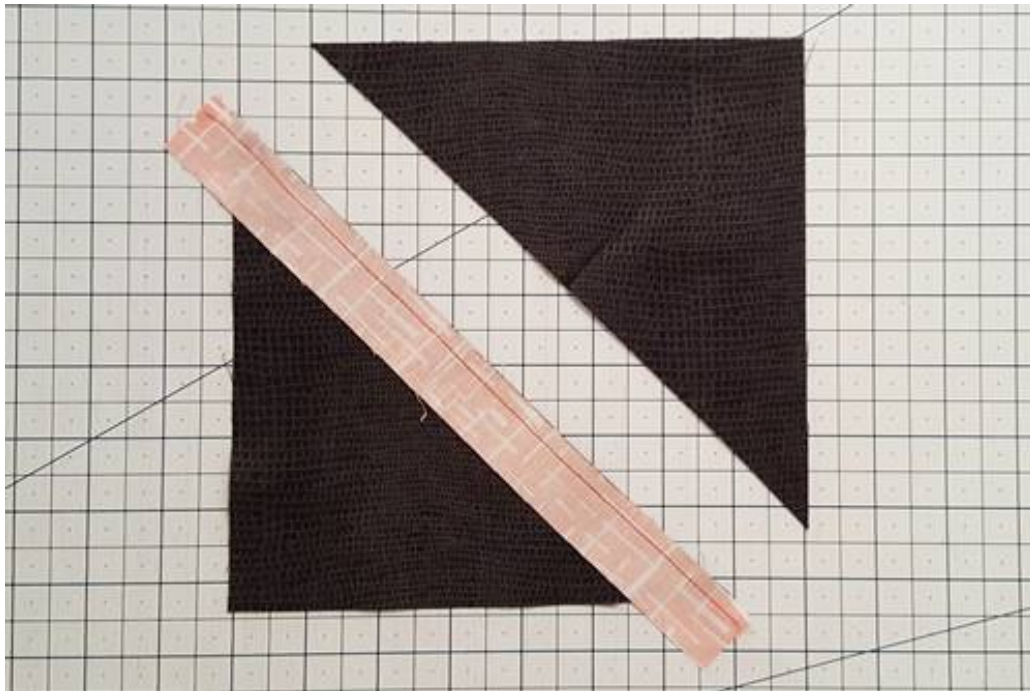
Step 5 Place all the components right side up with the stem strip in between the two triangles as shown below.



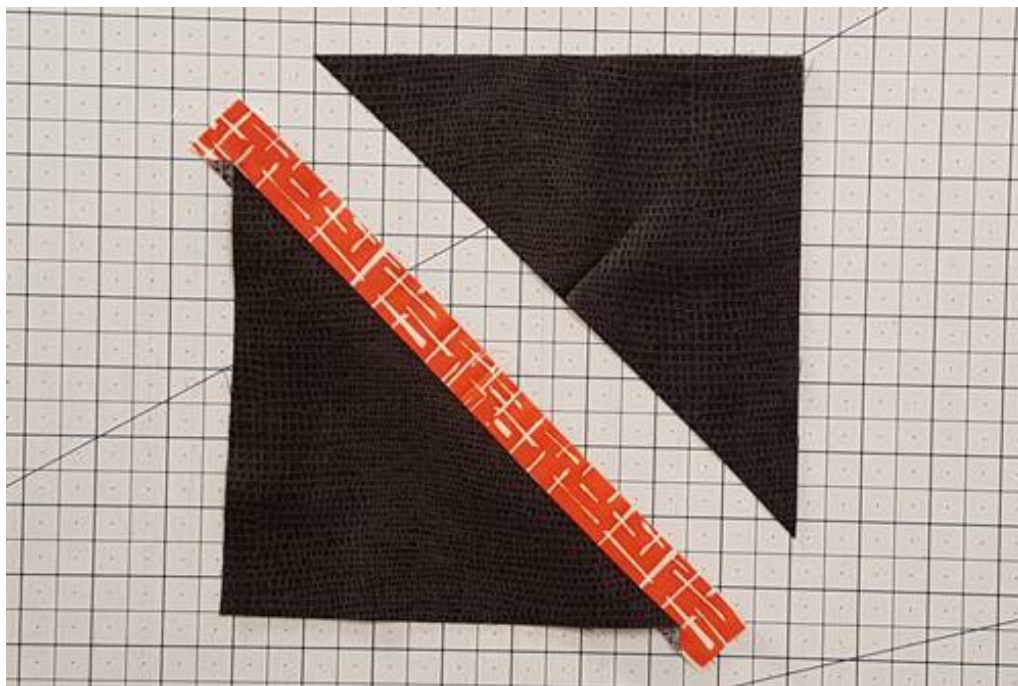
Step 6 With right sides together, place the stem strip on top of the triangle on the left. Match the center creases of both components. Align the edges and pin.



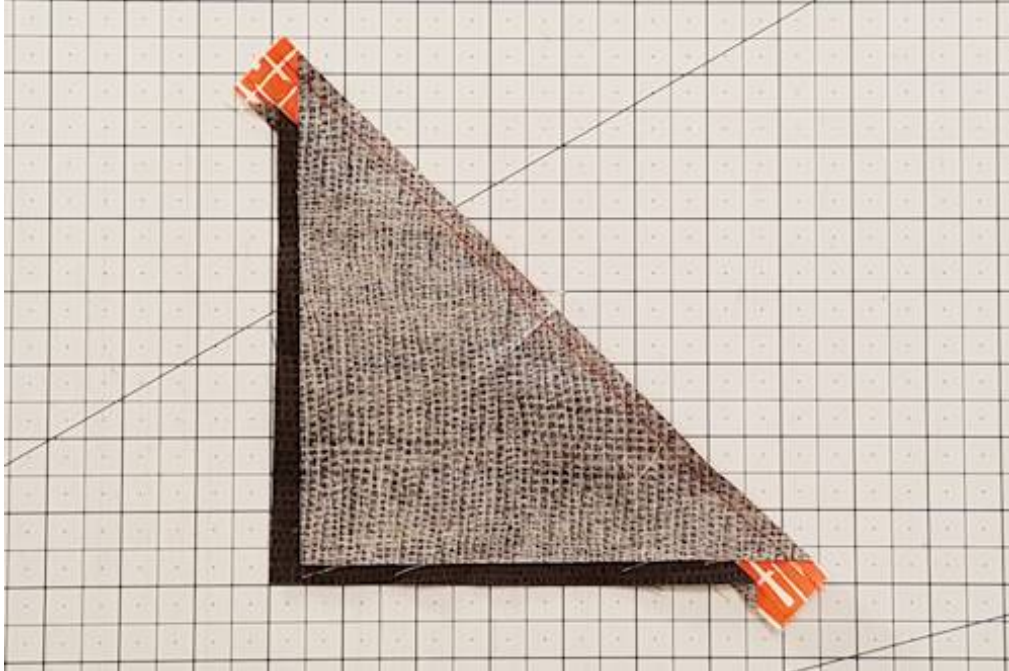
Step 7 Stitch a 1/4 inch seam.



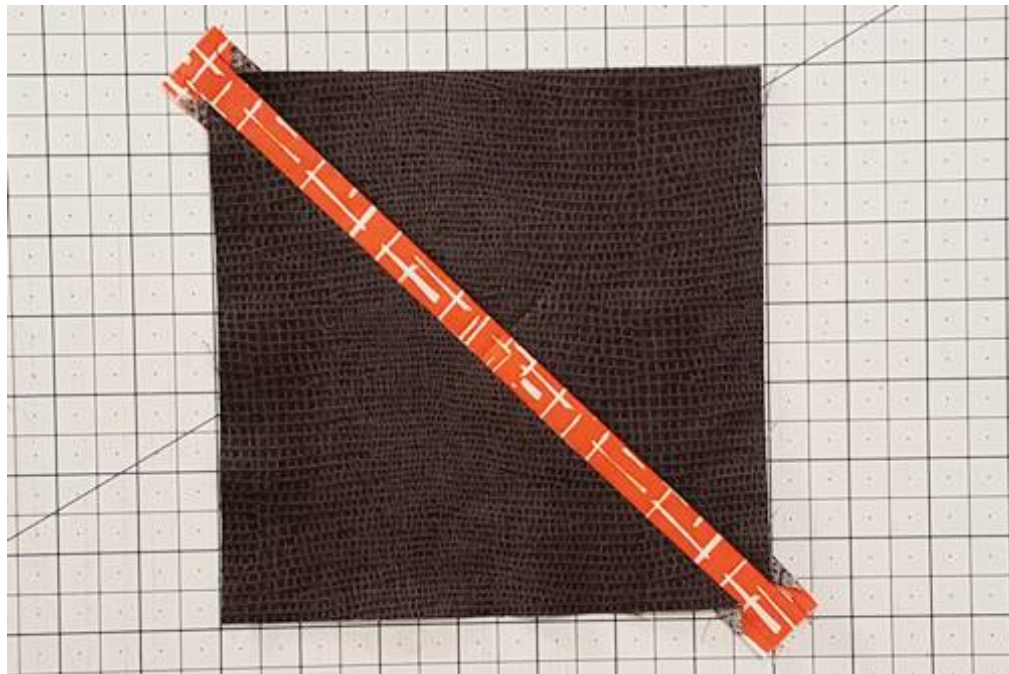
Step 8 Finger press, and then press with iron, the triangle away from the stem fabric.



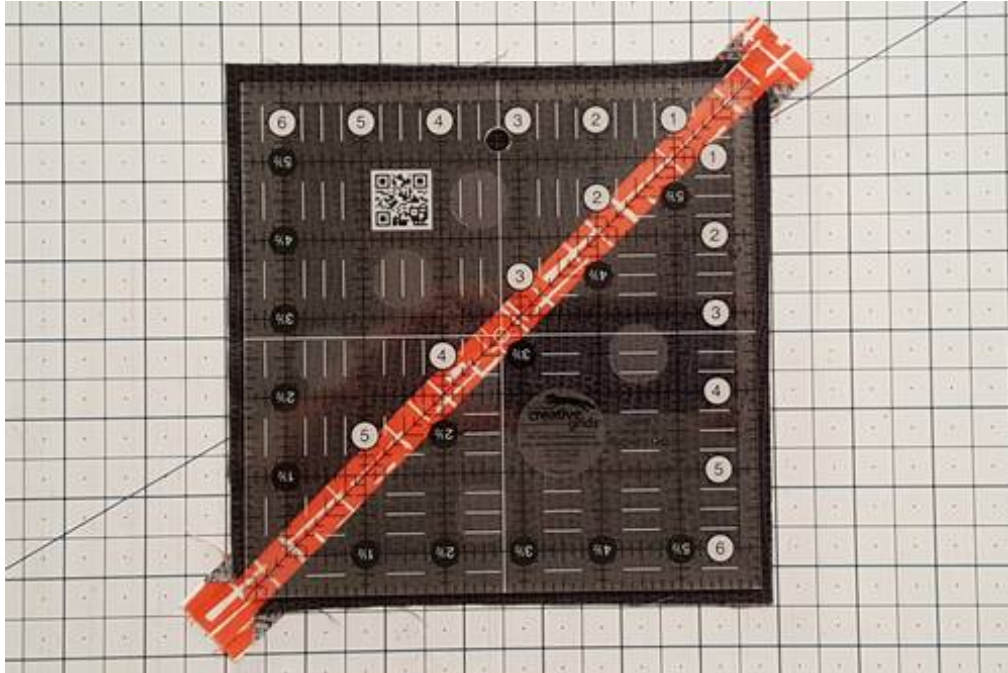
Step 9 Place the second triangle, right side down, on top of the stem fabric. Match the center creases of both components, aligning long edges. Pin if desired. Stitch a 1/4 inch seam.



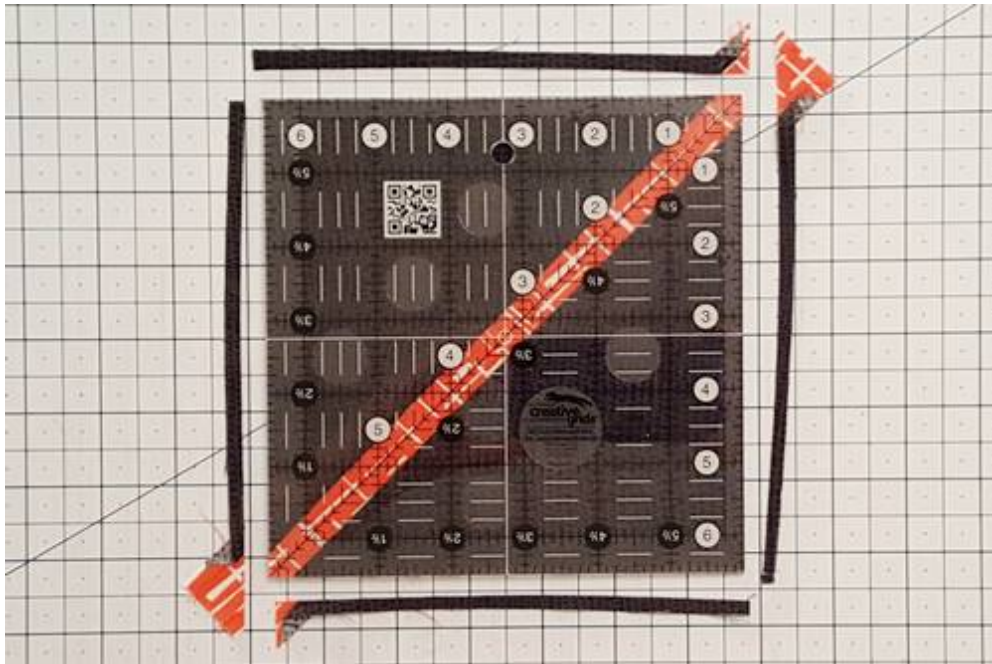
Step 10 Fold the second triangle right side up and finger press the seam towards it. Then, press it with an iron.



Step 11 To trim the stem patch unit place the diagonal 45 degree line of a quilting ruler down the middle of the stem.



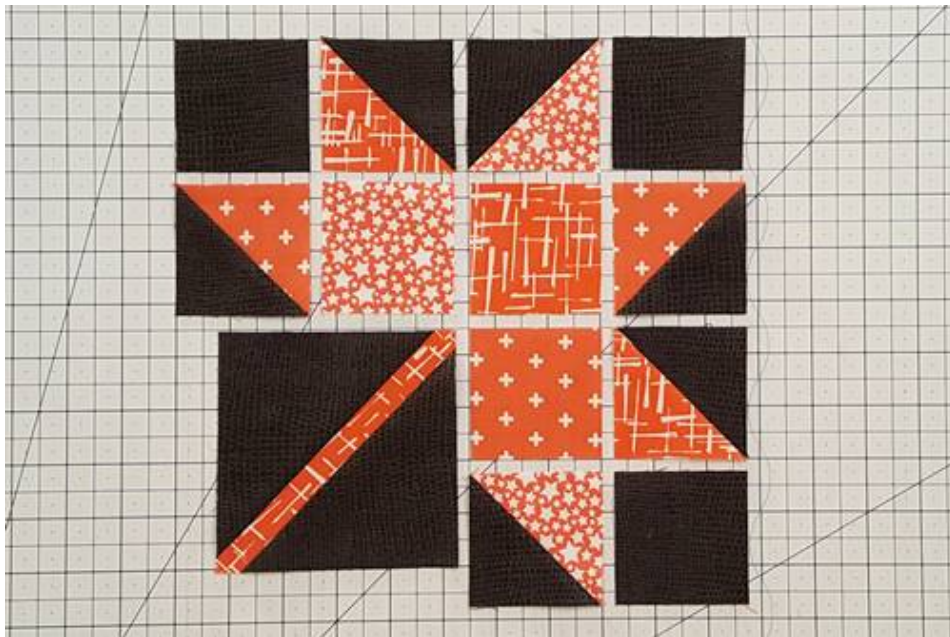
Step 12 Trim the stem unit to 3 1/2" x 3 1/2" turning your cutting mat as necessary to get a better cutting angle.



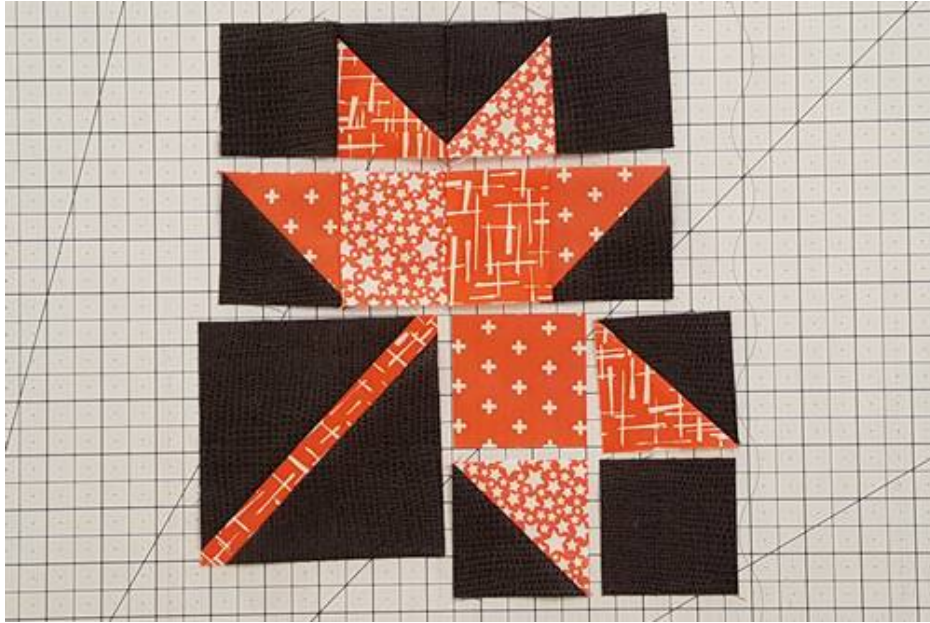


Stitch the Patches and Units of Each Row Together

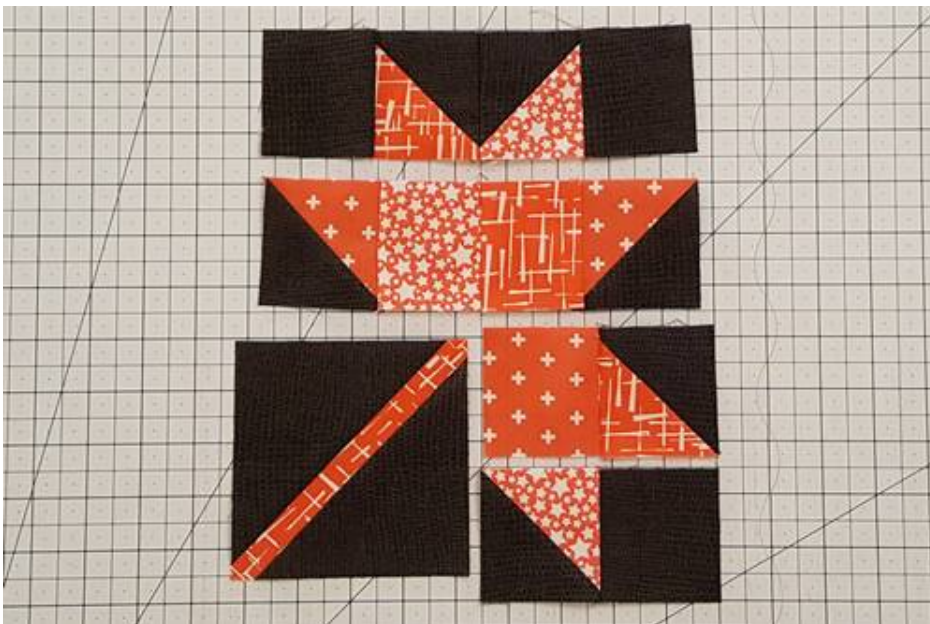
Step 1 Layout the patches and patch units for your fall leaf quilt block as shown in the picture below.



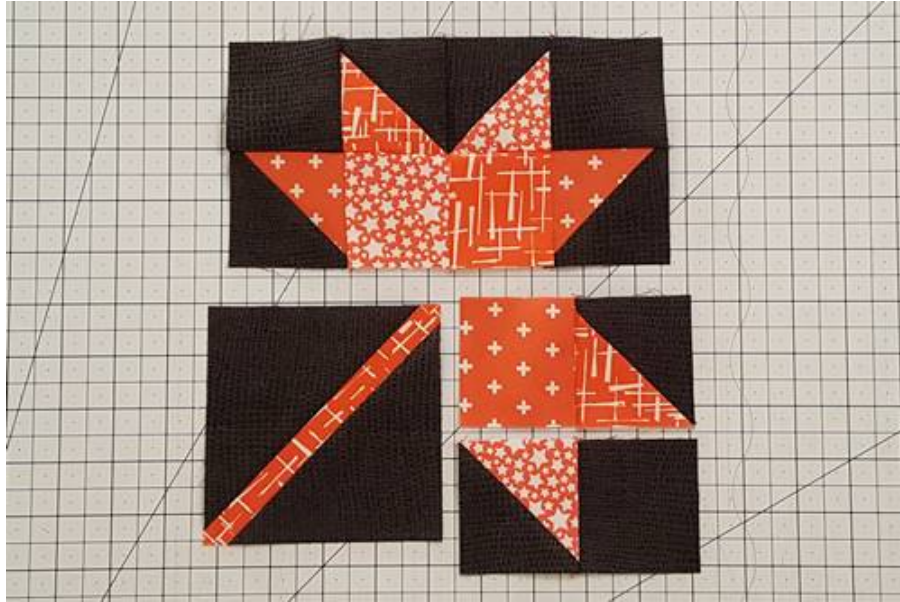
Step 2 Sew together top two rows, aligning seams.



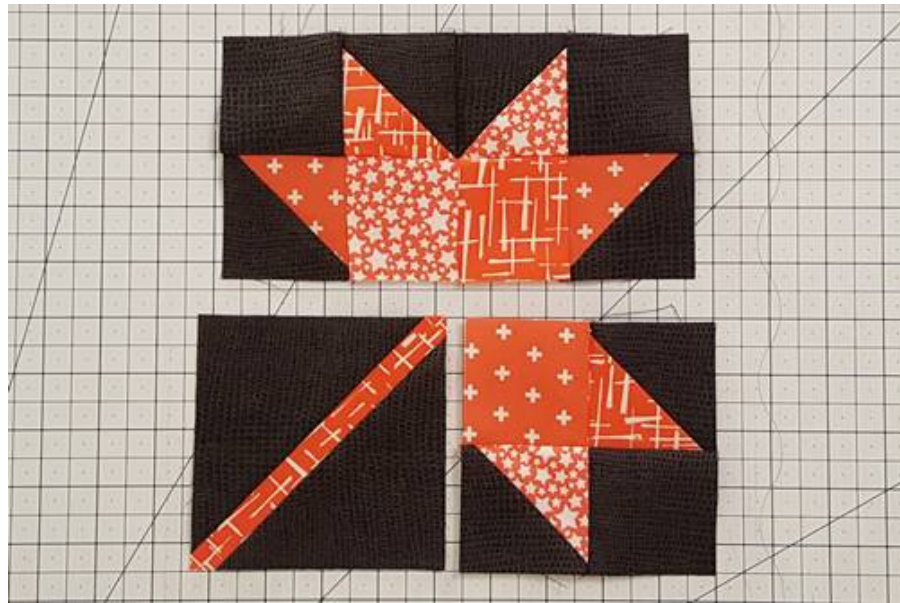
Step 3: With right sides together, place the HST from Column 4 on top of the plain square in Column 3. Align the edges. Stitch a seam along the right edge. Press seam open.



Step 4: Stitch rows together. With right sides together, place Row 2 on top of Row 1. First match the middle seams. Then match the two outer seams. Stitch 1/4 inch seam. Press row seam open.



Step 5 Stitch Row 4 to Row 3, matching the center seam. This makes a four patch. Press seam open.



Step 6 With right sides together stitch the four patch to the stem unit along the right side. Press seam open.



Step 7 Stitch Row 3 to Row 2. Match the middle seams first. Then the outer seams. Press row seam open.



Trim to 10 1/2" x 10 1/2".

Your fall leaf quilt block is finished!