

## July's Maple Leaf Block

To make this Maple Leaf block in the spirit of Canada Day feel free to make the leaf in red and the background white. If you don't fancy those colours, you can choose whatever fabric suits your fancy.

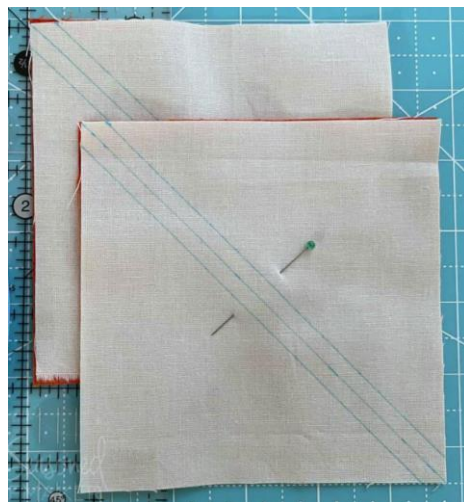
### Fabric needed:

- White Fabric
  - (1) 4.5" x 4.5"
  - (3) 5" x 5"
- Red Fabric
  - (3) 4.5" x 4.5"
  - (2) 5" x 5"
  - (1) 1.5" x 7"

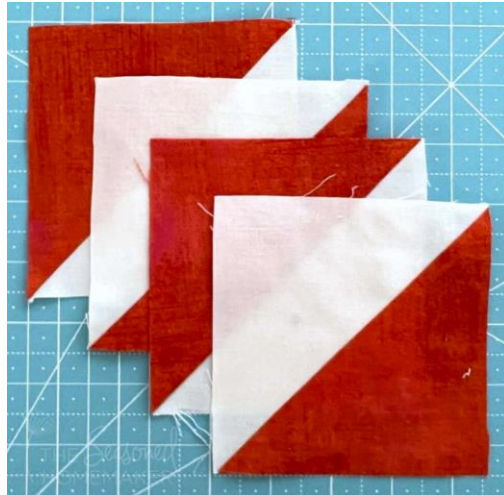
Finished block size is 12 1/2" x 12 1/2"

### Making Half Square Triangles

- Place (1) 5" x 5" White and (1) 5" x 5" red square with right sides together. Draw a line diagonally corner to corner, using a pencil or water-erasable pen. Mark an outside line, one-quarter inch on each side of your diagonal lines (these will be your sewing lines). Sew along your outside lines. Repeat for remaining (1) White and (1) red square.

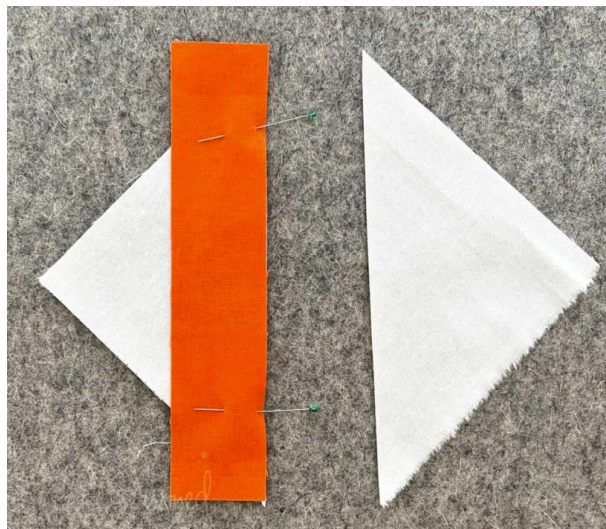


- Cut the square units in half along the middle-marked line.
- Press seams to one side (the dark side).
- Block may be made slightly over-sized and must be trimmed down to 4.5 inches square.
- Remove any remaining markings that show.



### **Making the Stem Block**

- Cut the remaining 5" white square in half, diagonally. Place the Red 1.5" x 7" rectangle against the raw edge (as shown in the picture below). Sew a quarter inch away from the raw edge and press open to the dark side.



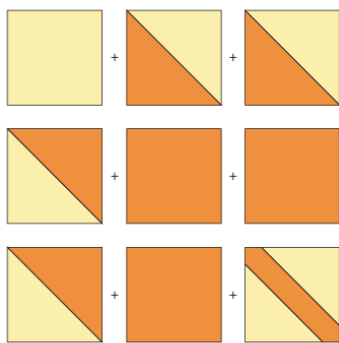
- Repeat the above step with the remaining triangle and press to the dark side.

- Center the 'stem' along the 45-degree angle on your acrylic ruler and trim this block to 4.5" square

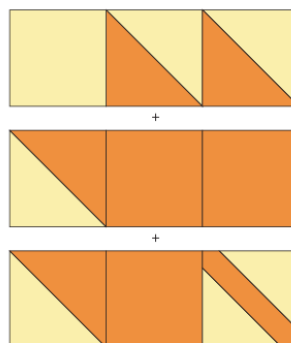


## Block Assembly

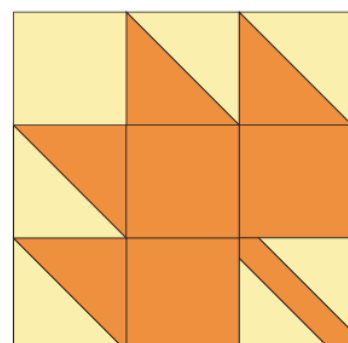
- Using the diagram, arrange your blocks in correct layout.
- Use a quarter inch seam allowance, sew each row, and then sew the rows together. Be sure to nest your seams. Press your seams in the opposite directions.
- Join all rows, using a quarter inch seam allowance. Take time to nest your seams. Press the completed block and trim down to 12.5" square (if necessary).



Block assembly step 1



Block assembly step 2



Block assembly step 3