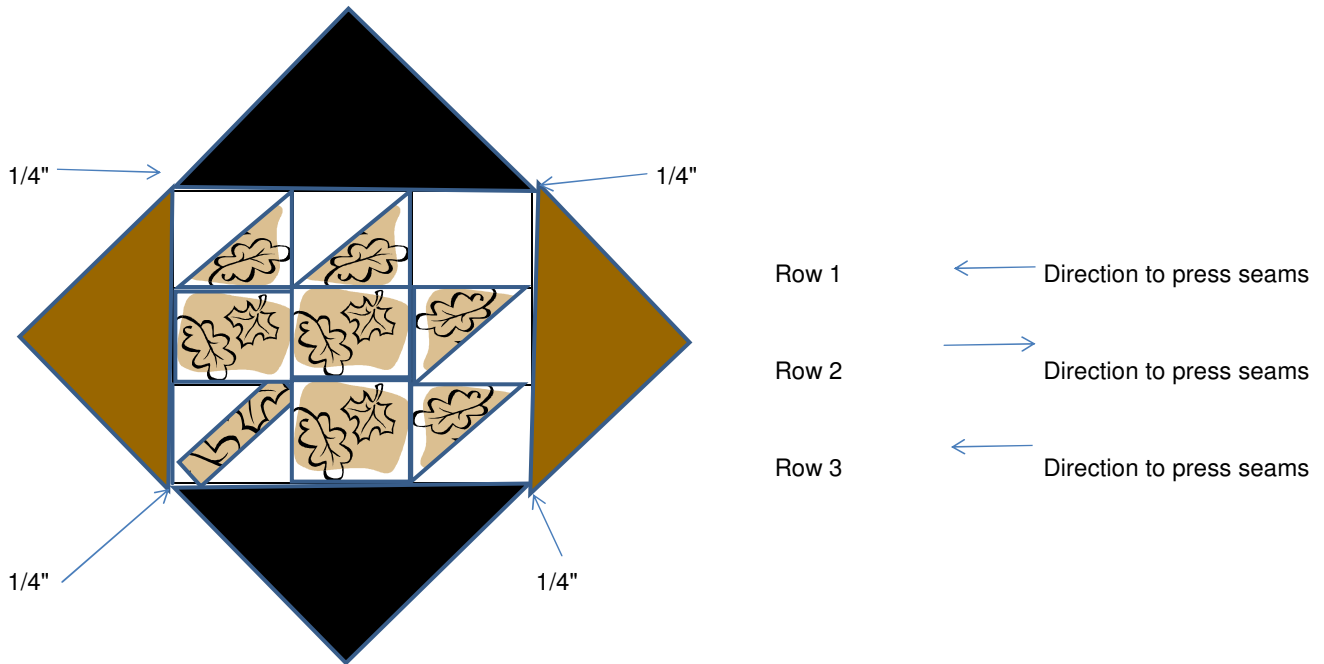


## Leaf Peeping Instructions



- Materials:**
- 1 - 1" wide strip of leaf fabric that is 3 - 5" in length
  - 7 - 2 1/2" square leaf fabric
  - 6 - 2 1/2" square background fabric
  - 1 - 5 1/2" square tan fabric (corner, left and right)
  - 1 - 5 1/2" square black fabric (corner, top and bottom)

- Instructions:** Note: all seam allowances should be 1/4" unless otherwise noted. Since some of the seams are sewn on a diagonal, accurate stitching and squaring up are really important to a lovely project.
- 1 With right sides together, sew one 2 1/2" square leaf fabric and one 2 1/2" background fabric on the diagonal. You may want to draw a line first and stitch on the line. It's easiest having the background fabric on the top. After the piece is stitched, trim to 1/4" seam and press the seam toward the leaf fabric. Square up the leaf/background squares to 2 1/2" squares. Repeat this three more times so that you will have a total of four leaf/background triangle squares.
  - 2 To make the stem, cut one of the 2 1/2" background squares on the diagonal. Then place one of the triangles right side down along one edge of the 1" wide strip right side up. Stitch a 1/4" seam along the long side of the triangle. Repeat this with the other triangle on the opposite edge of the strip being careful to align the points (the right angle) of the two triangles along the strip. You will need to finger press the first triangle out of the way before stitching the second one. Press the seams inward toward the stem and away from the background fabric. Square up the stem square to 2 1/2" square.
  - 3 You should now have 9 - 2 1/2" square blocks. Arrange the blocks as shown in the diagram above. Starting with row one, stitch the upper left block to the middle block. Then stitch the upper right block to the middle block. Repeat this for rows two and three. Following the arrows in the diagram, press row one seams to the left, row two to the right and row three to the left. Match row one to row two, smushing (a real quilting term) the seams together so they fit perfectly and stitch 1/4" seam. Repeat this for row two and three. Press both of the row seams down.
  - 4 Cut both of the 5 1/2" squares (black and tan) once on the diagonal. Next lay the leaf block face up with the stem in the lower left hand corner as shown above. With the right sides together, place the longest edge of the black triangle along the top of the leaf block. Be sure the tips hang out equally on both sides; this is critical, so be sure it's centered, and pin in place. Repeat for the other black triangle, placing it along the bottom of the leaf block. Stitch along the top and bottom using a 1/4" seam allowance. Placing the leaf block on top gives you more control over the direction of the seam allowances so that they don't bunch up. Press the seams toward the triangles and away from the leaf block. Repeat this for the tan triangles, attaching them to the left and right sides.
  - 5 Carefully square up to a 9" block being careful that it's centered 1/4" away from the leaf block at all four points of the triangles as indicated on the diagram.