

ABOUT THE BLOCK LOTTO

The Block Lotto has been a monthly online activity for quilters since January 2002.

It began as an activity on a quilting message board and moved into blog land in 2007. In 2012, we moved to our own site and group blog at blocklotto.com

The Block Lotto is open to all quilters at any level of experience.

No commitment is required: make blocks and enter them when you want; otherwise sit on the sidelines, read along, and

Join us!



SHOW US YOUR QUILT

If you use the Long Leaf block in in a project, please share a photo of your work. You can:

- Email photos and the story of your quilt to jeansophie@gmail.com
- Add your photo to the Flickr group pool [Lotto Block Quilts](#)
- Join the block lotto and add your quilt and its story to the Gallery

I can't wait to see what you make from this block.

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BLOCK LOTTO



Oak Leaf Block Pattern

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ABOUT THE BLOCK

OAKLEAF



This 6 x 9 inch (finished size) oak leaf block is an abstract leaf shape from my imagination. I've decided that it most looks like an Oak Leaf.

I have included a scrappy version of this block as a bonus for my Block Lotto friends, but for the October Block Lotto we'll be making it from two fabrics only.

CHOOSE FABRICS

CHOOSING FABRICS FOR YOUR BLOCK

The Long Leaf Block is made from two fabrics.

BACKGROUND—a cream or tan tone-on-tone (TOT) print. If you make multiple blocks, you may use the same cream/tan fabric for the background in all our blocks.

LEAF—any batik fabric. It may be leaf-like or ... not. If you make multiple blocks, use a unique LEAF fabric in each block.

CUT FABRICS



CUT FABRICS FOR ONE BLOCK

From **LEAF** cut ONE each:

3 ½ by 6 ½ inch rectangle

3 ½ inch square

2 by 3 ½ inch rectangle

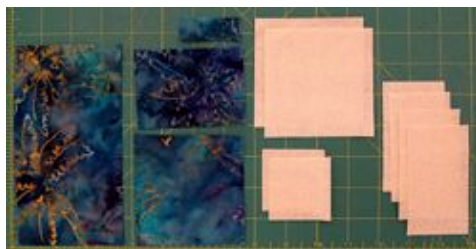
¾ by 2 inch rectangle

From **BACKGROUND** cut:

Two 3 ½-inch squares

Two 2-inch squares

Four 2 by 3 ½ inch rectangles



SEWING THE BLOCK

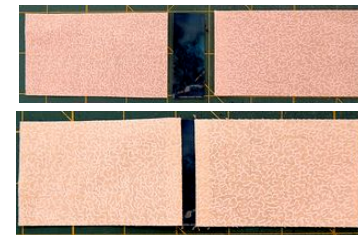


ASSEMBLE LEAF SECTIONS

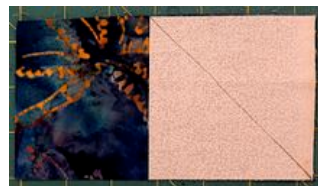
STEM

Insert the smallest LEAF rectangle between 2 BACKGROUND rectangles.

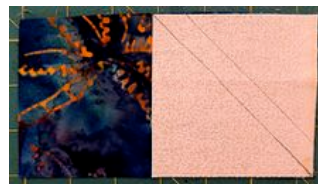
Press and trim to 6 ½-inches wide with the stem centered.



BOTTOM LEAF SECTION



Prepare the large Flying Geese unit by aligning the large BACKGROUND square on one end of the large LEAF rectangle, right sides together and drawing a line across the diagonal.

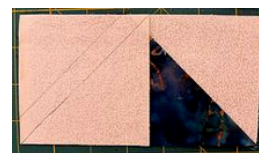


Next draw a second line, ½-inch from the diagonal.

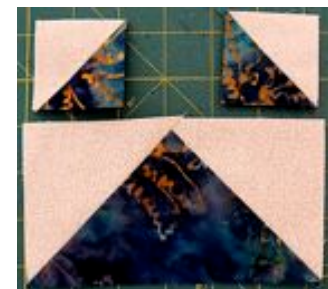
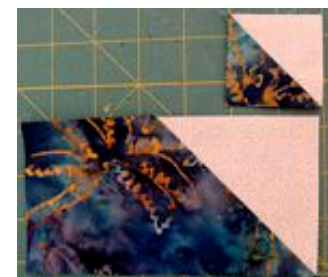
Sew along both lines, then cut apart between them and press.

The bonus triangle square unit you create is used in the next step. Trim it to 2-inches square.

Repeat on the other side with the second large square of BACKGROUND.

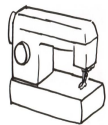


The large flying geese unit forms the bottom of the leaf.



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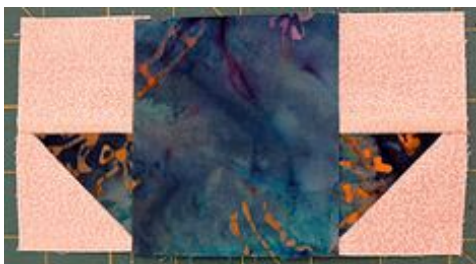
SEWING THE BLOCK



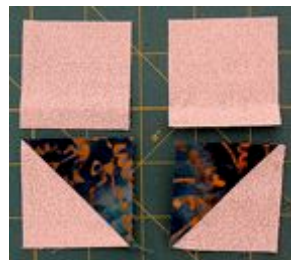
ASSEMBLE THE SECTIONS

MIDDLE LEAF

Add the small BACKGROUND squares to the bonus triangles you just created, as shown in the photo. Note that you are creating a left and right side.



Sew these to each side of the large square of LEAF to create the middle leaf section.



TOP OF THE LEAF

Align the corners of the small LEAF and BACKGROUND rectangles, with the fabrics at right angles. Draw a diagonal line from corner of BACKGROUND to corner of LEAF (underneath). I found using the lines on the cutting mat to line things up helped. Sew on the line. Trim and press.



Repeat on the other side.



I sewed the small bonus triangles, but they are not needed for the block.

SEWING THE BLOCK



PUTTING THE BLOCK TOGETHER.

Once the four sections are completed, finishing the block is a snap.

Layout the sections you've created into the abstract leaf shape and sew the "rows" together.



THANK YOU

Thank you to the Block Lotto sneak peekers, Cathy, Elizabeth, Ginny, Helen, Kathie, Kathleen, MN, Nann and Peggy, for testing this block pattern and making the beautiful Oak Leaf blocks on the cover and in the virtual quilt on the next page.

THE VIRTUAL QUILT



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BONUS BLOCK

SCRAPPY OAK LEAF BLOCK



When I saw how this block could be constructed from half-square triangle (HST) units, I thought it would be a great candidate for scrap-busting and would also scale easily to suit your purpose (or the size of scraps).

For each block, you need 8 HST units which are LEAF+BACKGROUND fabrics and 6 HST units which are LEAF+LEAF fabrics.

These directions are for a 6 by 9 inch (finished size block) made from HSTS made by the 2-at-a-time method.

CUT FABRICS



CUT FABRICS FOR ONE BLOCK

From **LEAF:**

Ten 2 ½-inch squares

One ¾ by 2 inch rectangle (not shown in photo)

From **BACKGROUND:**

Four 2 ½-inch squares

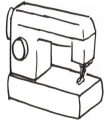
Two 2-inch squares

Four 2-by 3 ½-inch rectangles



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BONUS BLOCK



SEWING THE BLOCK

1. Pair 4 larger background squares with 4 of the leaf squares and create 8 HST units.
2. Put together 3 pairs of leaf fabrics squares and create 6 HST units.
3. Trim units to 2-inches square (to finish at 1 1/2-inches).
4. Lay out HST units and background fabrics as shown to form leaf shape. Use remaining 2 background rectangles and small LEAF rectangle to form leaf section as before.
5. Sew together the 4 HST units at the center top as a 4-patch, then add a background rectangle to each side to create the top of the leaf.



The top of the leaf is complete.



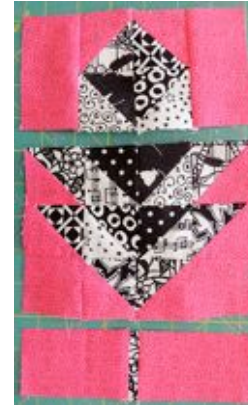
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BONUS BLOCK



SEWING THE BLOCK

6. Sew the remaining HST units together in rows and then sew the rows together to form the bottom of the leaf.
7. Layout and sew the three sections together to form leaf block.



CUTTING FOR OTHER SIZES

Use this chart if you would like to use leftover half-square triangles that are a specific size or want to make an Oak Leaf block that is larger (or small).

All measurements are in inches.

Block Size (finished)	HST (finished)	Small square	Medium square	Rectangle
4 x 6	1	1 1/2	2	1 1/2 x 2 1/2
6 x 9	1 1/2	2	2 1/2	2 x 3 1/2
8 x 12	2	2 1/2	3	2 1/2 x 4 1/2
12 x 18	3	3 1/2	4	3 1/2 x 6 1/2

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