

# Hands Across the Water 2025 Block Exchange Pattern

From Queen Bee (also Canadian Quilter maple leaf logo)

**The Leaves Are Beginning to Turn** - 10" unfinished

## Instructions:

1. Use batiks only please in a variety of fall themed colours – make it scrappy. Use white fabric (does not have to be batik) for background.
2. Please make 2 blocks – one to put in draw to possibly win for yourself and a 2nd to donate to CR Friendship Guild for them to make Quilts of Valour quilts for Canadian Veterans
3. Add a 1 1/2" border of background fabric around all four sides of the finished quilt block so that it completes at 10"



## 7.5" Maple Leaf Block

For the **leaf** cut:

- (6) 3.5" x 2" rectangles
- (1) 2" x 2" squares
- (1) leaf tip cut from template

For the **stem** cut:

- (1) 1.25" x 5.5" strip, cut on the bias

## Background (white fabric) cut:

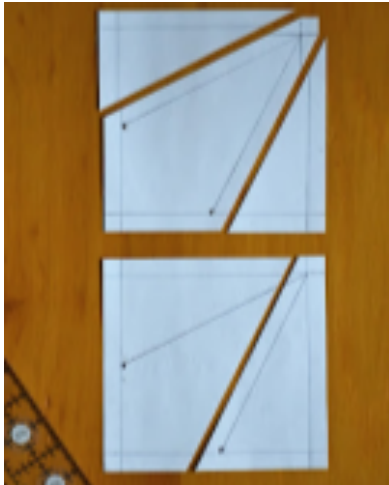
- (2) 3.5" x 2" rectangles
- (6) 2" x 2" squares
- (1) 3.5" x 3.5" square
- (1) triangle cut with template
- (1) triangle cut with the template reversed

### Make the leaf tip and triangle templates:

Draw two 3.5" squares on paper and mark the quarter inch seam allowance on all four sides.

Mark the center point of two sides and draw a line from each point to the opposite corner.(right)

You will have two identical squares.



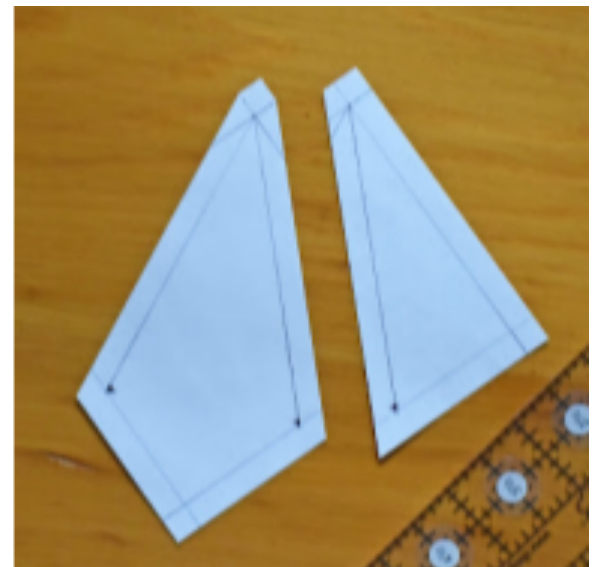
Cut the templates as illustrated (left), leaving a quarter inch seam allowance.



This is what the templates look like without the cutaways.

The template on the left is for the leaf tip and the triangular template on the right will be used for the leaf tip background.

When cutting the background triangles, cut one then flip the pattern piece to cut the reverse.



### Make the leaf tip block:

Sew the two background triangles to the leaf tip.

Trim to 3.5" square.



### **Make the stem:**

Fold the bias stem strip wrong sides together and sew a narrow seam allowance, about 1/8", the length of the strip.

Press, centering the seam down the back of the stem.

Machine or hand appliqué the stem to a 3.5" background square as shown, leaving the left edge of the stem a quarter of an inch from the left edge of the block. Trim. (I forgot to take a photo at this stage but here's an idea of the stem placement.)



### **Make the leaf:**

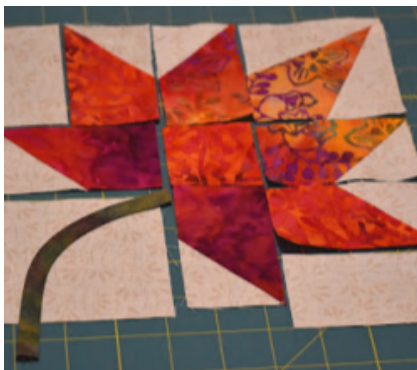
Draw a diagonal line on the back of the six 2" background squares.

Place one square on each of the six rectangles, right sides together, and stitch along the diagonal line. If you are using three colours for your leaf like I did, create pairs of opposites;

if your leaf is scrappy sew the squares randomly.



Lay out all of the elements of your block.



Assemble in three sections...



..and then sew the sections together.

Voila! An autumn maple leaf.

\*\*\*And don't forget to add a 1 1/2" background strip to both sides and top of quilt block so that it finishes at 10"

