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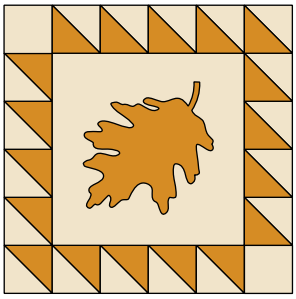
TURNING LEAVES

Select a variety of autumn-colored hand-dyed fabrics to make this beautiful quilt.



Turning Leaf
12" x 12" Block

DESIGN BY JULIE WEAVER

Project Specifications

Skill Level: Intermediate
Quilt Size: 85" x 105½"
Block Size: 12" x 12"
Number of Blocks: 18

Materials

- 18 fat quarters assorted hand-dyed mottleds
- 3⅝ yards multicolor batik
- 4¾ yards tan mottled
- Backing 91" x 112"
- Batting 91" x 112"
- All-purpose thread to match fabric
- Quilting thread
- 2 yards 12"-wide fusible web
- Basic sewing tools and supplies

Cutting

Note: *Steps 1–4 refer to the cutting diagram in Figure 1.*

Step 1. Cut a 94" length tan mottled; cut a 21¾" strip along the 94" length. Set aside remainder of length for Step 3.

Step 2. Cut the 21¾"-wide strip into two 12⅞" x 12⅞" H squares and three 21¾" x 21¾" G squares. Cut each H square in half on one diagonal to make four H triangles. Cut each G square in half on both diagonals to make 12 G triangles. Set aside two G triangles for another project.

Step 3. Cut nine 8½" strips from the remainder of the 94" tan mottled strip; subcut strips into (18) 8½" A squares.

Step 4. Cut six 2½" strips from remainder of tan mottled strip; subcut strips into (36) 2½" D squares.

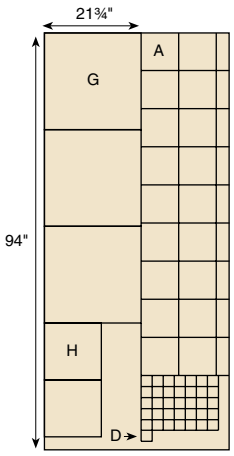


Figure 1

Step 5. From the remaining tan mottled yardage, cut (12) 2⅞" by fabric width strips; subcut strips into (162) 2⅞" B squares.

Step 6. Cut nine 2⅞" x 2⅞" C squares from each of the 18 hand-dyed mottleds as shown in Figure 2; sort by color into 18 stacks.

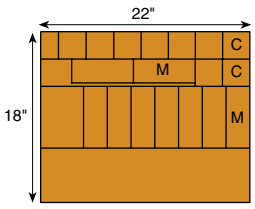


Figure 2

Step 7. Cut (19) 1" by fabric width E strips tan mottled.

Step 8. Cut (38) 1½" by fabric width F strips multicolor batik.

Step 9. Cut eight 1½" by fabric width strips multicolor batik. Join strips on short ends to make one long strip. Cut strip into two 86" I strips and two 67½" J strips.

Step 10. Cut eight 1" by fabric width strips tan mottled. Join strips on short ends to make one long strip. Cut strip

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into two 88" K strips and two 68½" L strips.

Step 11. Cut nine 2½" x 6½" M rectangles from each of the hand-dyed mottleds, again referring to Figure 2. Set aside six rectangles for another project.

Step 12. Cut four 6½" x 6½" N squares multicolor batik.

Step 13. Cut nine 1" by fabric width strips tan mottled. Join strips on short ends to make one long strip. Cut strip into two 101" O and two 81½" P strips.

Step 14. Cut nine 2½" by fabric width strips multicolor batik. Join strips on short ends to make one long strip. Cut strip into two 102" Q and two 85½" R strips.

Step 15. Prepare a template for the leaf shape using pattern given. Trace nine leaf shapes onto the fusible web; reverse pattern and trace nine reversed leaves.

Step 16. Cut out shapes, leaving a margin around each one. Fuse one shape to the wrong side of each hand-dyed mottled; cut out shapes on traced lines. Remove paper backing.

Step 17. Cut (10) 2¼" by fabric width strips multicolor batik for binding.

Completing the Blocks

Step 1. Draw a line from corner to corner on the wrong side of each B square.

Step 2. Place a B square right sides together with a C square; stitch ¼" on each side of the marked line as shown in Figure 3.

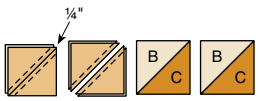

Figure 3

Step 3. Cut the stitched unit apart on drawn line to make two B-C units, again referring to Figure 3. Repeat for all B-C squares to make 18 B-C units of each hand-dyed mottled.

Step 4. Join four B-C units as shown in Figure 4; repeat. Press seams in one direction.

Figure 4

Step 5. Sew a pieced strip to opposite sides of A as shown in Figure 5; press seams away from A.

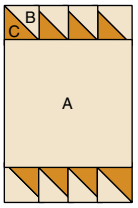

Figure 5

Step 6. Join five B-C units with a D square as shown in Figure 6; press seams in one direction. Repeat for two pieced strips.

Figure 6

Step 7. Sew a pieced strip to the remaining sides of the pieced unit referring to the block drawing for positioning of strips; press seams away from A.

Step 8. Center a leaf on A, matching the leaf color to the C triangles and referring to the block drawing for positioning; fuse in place.

Step 9. Machine-stitch a blanket or buttonhole stitch around the leaf shape using all-purpose thread to match fabric to complete one block. Repeat for 18 blocks. ***Note:*** *Half of the blocks use reverse leaf shapes.*

Completing the Top

Step 1. Sew an E strip between two F strips with right sides together along length; press seams toward F. Repeat for 19 strip sets.

Step 2. Subcut 16 strip sets into (48) 12½" E-F sashing strips as shown in Figure 7.

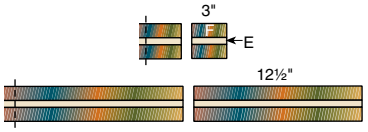

Figure 7

Step 3. Subcut the remaining three strip sets into (31) 3" E-F sashing squares, again referring to Figure 7.

Step 4. Referring to Figure 8 for positioning of leaf blocks, arrange the blocks in diagonal rows with the E-F sashing strips.

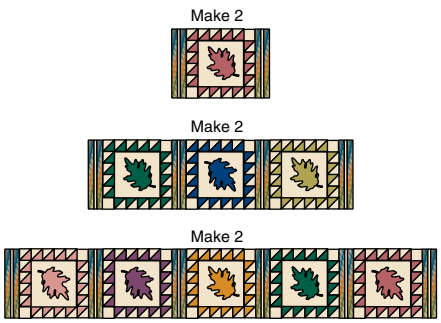

Figure 8

Step 5. Join blocks and strips in diagonal rows; press seams away from blocks.

Step 6. Join E-F sashing strips and sashing squares to make sashing rows as shown in Figure 9; press seams toward sashing strips.

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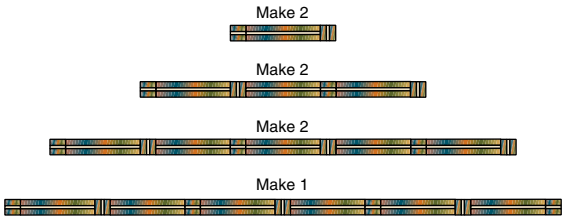

Figure 9

Step 7. Join the block rows with the sashing rows and the G and H triangles to complete the pieced center; press seams away from block rows. ***Note:*** *Refer to the Placement Diagram for placement of sashing rows to create a woven look.*

Step 8. Sew an I strip to opposite sides and a J strip to the top and bottom of the pieced center; press seams toward I and J.

Step 9. Sew a K strip to opposite sides and an L strip to the top and bottom of the pieced center; press seams toward K and L.

Step 10. Join 44 M pieces in random order to make a side border strip; repeat for two strips. Press seams in one direction.

Step 11. Sew a strip to opposite sides of the pieced center; press seams toward M strips.

Step 12. Join 34 M pieces in random order to make a top strip; press seams in one direction. Repeat for a bottom strip. Sew an N square to each end of each strip; press seams away from N.

Step 13. Sew an M-N strip to the top and bottom of the pieced center; press seams toward M-N strips.

Step 14. Sew an O strip to opposite sides and a P strip to the top and bottom of the pieced center; press seams toward O and P.

Step 15. Sew a Q strip to opposite sides and an R strip to the top and bottom of the pieced center; press seams toward Q and R to complete the pieced top.

Completing the Quilt

Step 1. Press quilt top on both sides; check for proper seam pressing and trim all loose threads.

Step 2. Sandwich batting between the stitched top and the prepared backing piece; pin or baste layers together to hold. Quilt on marked lines and as desired by hand or machine.

Step 3. When quilting is complete, remove pins or basting. Trim batting and backing fabric edges even with raw edges of quilt top.

Step 4. Join binding strips on short ends with diagonal seams to make one long strip; trim seams to ¼" and press seams open.

Step 5. Fold the binding strip in half with wrong sides together along length; press.

Step 6. Sew binding to quilt edges, matching raw edges, mitering corners and overlapping ends.

Step 7. Fold binding to the back side and stitch in place to finish. ✦

Turning Leaves
Placement Diagram
85" x 105½"

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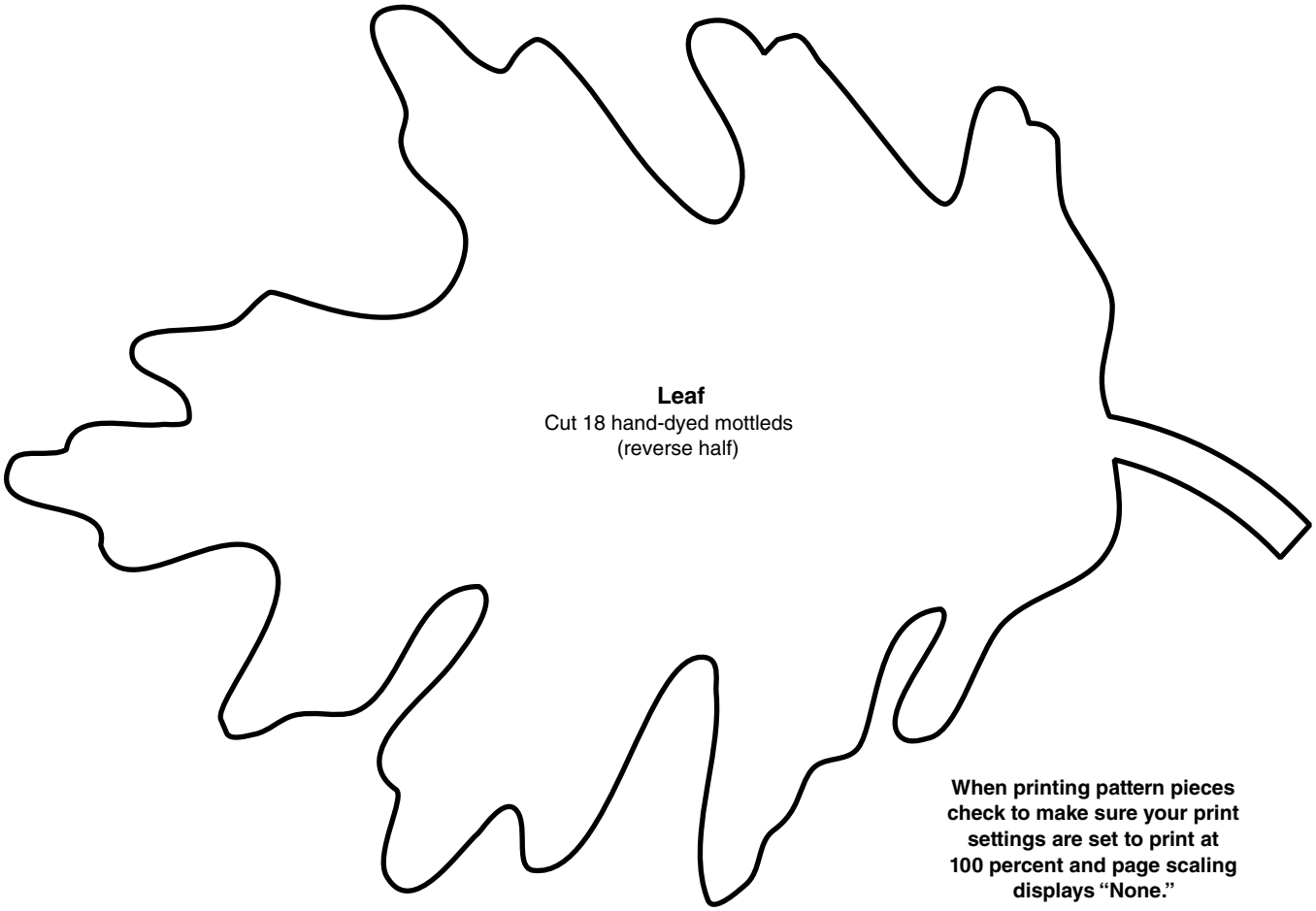

Leaf
Cut 18 hand-dyed mottleds
(reverse half)

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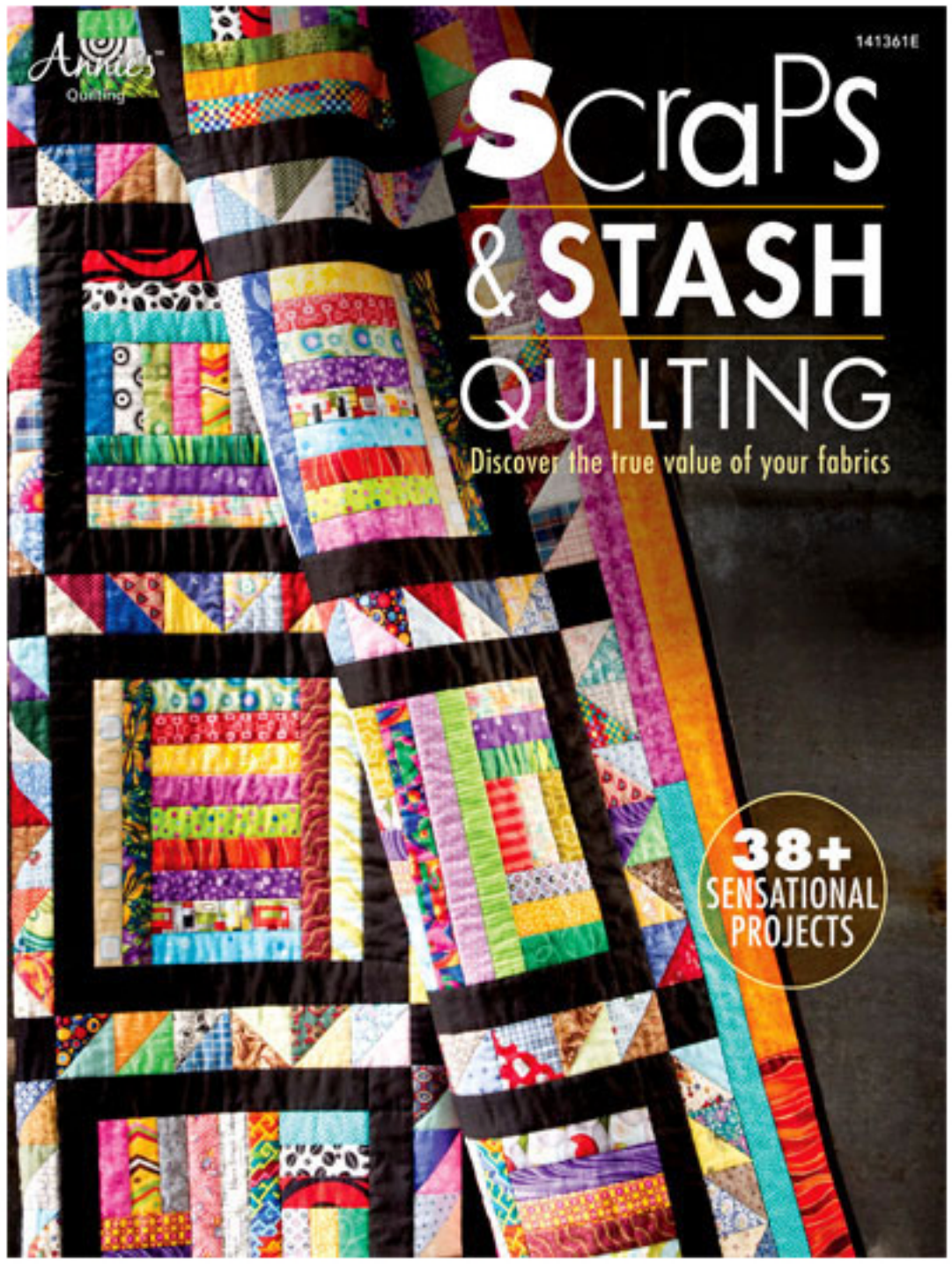

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