# October 2013 Falling Leaves



## 12 inch finished block

We Supply:	You Supply :	
Six 3 ½" X 3 ½" squares of	Your choice of fall colors –	One 3 ½" X 3 ½" one color (Example:
background fabric	Mix and Match	Red)
Three 4" X 4" squares of	Be Creative!	Two 4" X 4" squares of two different
background fabric	Note: Directions are given for	colors (Example: Yellow and Green)
One 2" X 9 ½" rectangle stem	a multicolored leaf	Three 4" X 4" squares of another
fabric		color (Example: Brown)

### **Preparation:**

1. Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of the 4" background squares.



Place one background square and one fabric "Yellow" 4" square with right sides together and sew a scant 1/4" inch on either side of this line. Cut apart on the line and press to the dark side. Trim these half square triangles to 3 ½". Repeat this step with the background fabric and one fabric "Brown" 4 inch square and the background fabric and one fabric "Green" 4 inch square.



3. Repeat steps 1 and 2 using one "Brown" square and one "Green" square, placing right sides together. Repeat steps 1 and 2 using one "Yellow" square and one "Brown" square, right sides together. Note: your block will use only one of the "Yellow" and "Brown" half square triangles you create in this step.



#### **Block Construction**

4. Lay out half square triangles and all 3 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>" squares as shown below.



5. Sew squares and half square triangles into 4-patch units.



#### Stem

6. Fold the 2" X 9 ½" rectangle in half, wrong sides together and sew a scant 1/4" from the edge. Trim to 1/8 inch and press the edges toward the middle of the strip.



7. Applique the stem to the background 4 patch (lower right corner), using your favorite technique. Trim the corners to reduce bulk.



8. Sew the four 4-patch units together to create the block.



