## El Camino Quilters <br> Lucky Block

## Falling Leaves

Colors__ Select 3 Fabrics in any combination of Fall colors you like.
The background fabric can be light or dark but must have good contrast with the large leaf fabric.

## Cutting Instructions for 1 Block

Background
Large Leaf rectangle
Small Leaf rectangle

1. Print or Trace the patterns for Leaf $\mathbf{1}$ and Leaf 2 onto paper or freezer paper.
Rough-Cut out the Patterns.
2. Iron or Pin your Leaf patterns onto the right sides of your fabrics. Cut out the large and small leaves.

TIP: Freezer paper works great. Lightly iron the freezer paper patterns (medium heat) to the right side of your fabrics. You can layer 2 to 3 fabrics to cut out multiple blocks at one time. Pin through all layers of fabric to avoid shifting.
3. Make a small slit in the top and bottom points of both leaves at the center line slash marks. These are your placement marks. Remove your paper patterns.
4. Fold the Background rectangle in half lengthwise and press. This is your center placement line.
5. Lay the Large Leaf on the background Fabric matching up the top and bottom center slits with the center fold in the background. The bottom point of the large

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Example of two different halves sewn into one full Leaf Block
leaf must be 1 " from the bottom of the background.
6. Lay the small leaf on top of the large leaf, lining up the top and bottom center slits with the center line. The bottom of the small leaf must be $3 / 4$ " above the bottom of the large leaf. Put a pin in the center of the small leaf to hold both leaves in place on the background.
7. Using coordinating or decorative thread, stitch the leaves down about $3 / 8^{\prime \prime}$ from the raw edges, using a slightly longer stitch about 2.2 setting Fig A.

Tip: Slow down your machine speed to make the curves easier to sew.

Fig A

8. The last step is to cut your block exactly in half vertically giving you a left and right side that are $101 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 4$ " each Fig B.

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## Falling Leaves Real Sample Blocks



Falling Leaves Table Runner 49" x 17"<br>6 Full Blocks Border 1 = 1" Border 2 = 2.5"



Falling Leaves Quilt $46 " \times 61 "$
23 Complete Blocks Border $1=1.5^{\prime \prime}$ Border 2 = 4"


