## El Camino Quilters 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 (1) 8" x 10½" rectangle approximately 9¼" x 6¼"

Small Leaf rectangle

approximately 61/2" x 41/2"

 Print or Trace the patterns for Leaf 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.
- 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" 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.

Note: The Lucky Block Winners will match up the variety of left and right blocks and sew the center seams with 1/4" seam allowance.

Fig A

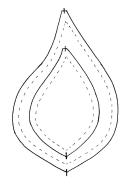
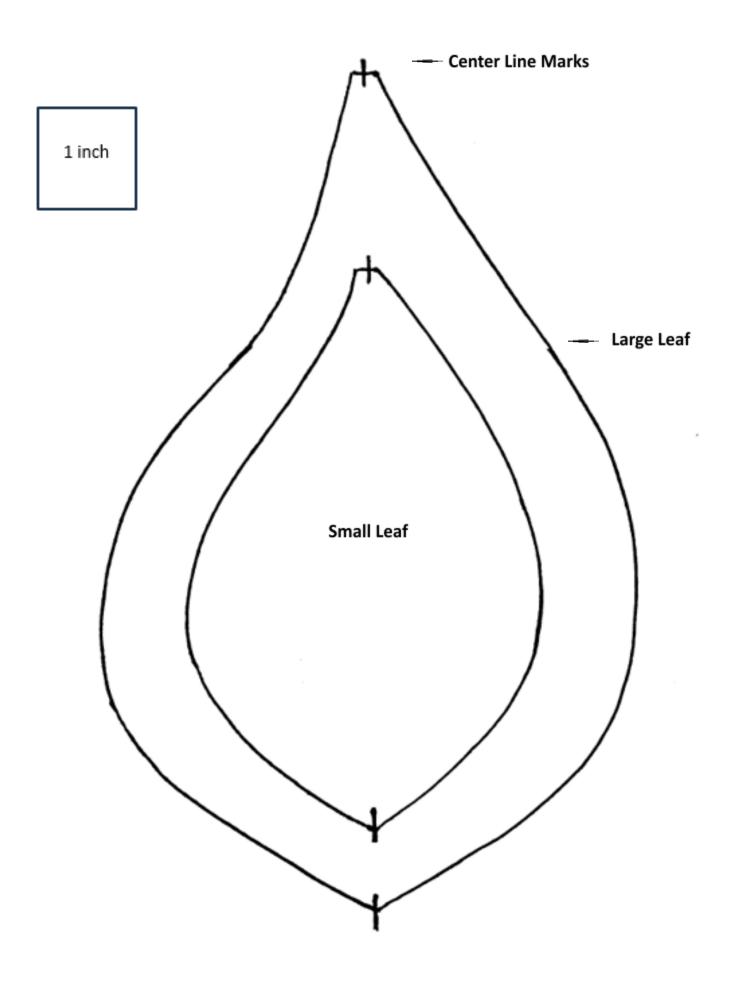


Fig B



8. The last step is to cut your block exactly in half vertically giving you a left and right side that are 10½" x 4" each Fig B.

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## **Falling Leaves Real Sample Blocks**



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



Falling Leaves Quilt 46" x 61"
23 Complete Blocks Border 1 = 1.5" Border 2 = 4"

