Photo G

This block is from The Big Book of Strip Quilts from Martingale Press and uses 2-1/2" strips. It's perfect for remnants of a jelly roll, and fat quarters work well too. In keeping with our fall theme, use a variety of leaf colors in any combination pleasing to you: yellow, orange, rust, red, brown, and green. Of course, contrast is good!

Fabric:

Four sets of two contrasting fabrics, 2-1/2" x 18". Total eight strips.

Cutting the fabric:

1. Cut two contrasting 2-1/2" X 18" strips, sew together along the long edges, and press the seam to the darker side. (Photo A)

2. Cut fabric for three more strips and sew together.

Make the cutting template:

1. Cut a 3-1/2" paper square.

2. Mark the square exactly 1-1/8" down on the right side and 1-1/8" up on the left side. Draw a line connecting the two points. Use a red (or other bright color) marker to highlight the line.

3. Tape the square right side up to the back of a square grid ruler. (Photo C)

Making the patches:

1. Place the template on the strip with the red line along the seam of the strip. (Photo C)

2. Cut along the right side of the template (ruler) and along the top. (Photo D)

3. Rotate the strip and cut along the opposite side and top. (Photo E) The patch should be a 3-1/2" square with the diagonal seam line through the center. Cut 3 more. (Photo F) Choose which color you would like to be to the outside and sew the four pieces as shown.

4. Cut four patches from each of the remaining 4-1/2" strips. Trim and sew as above.

5. Sew the four different patches together to make the finished 12-1/2" block. (Photo G)

Remember to write your name on an inside seam and give to either Kay or Rena at any upcoming meeting to be entered in the drawing for the blocks. The drawing for the November BOM will be held on January 4, 2024.
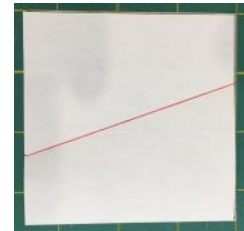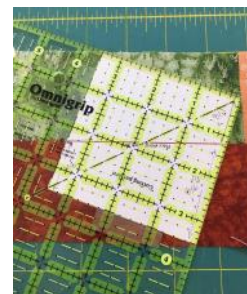
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Kay Hartman

Photo A

Photo B

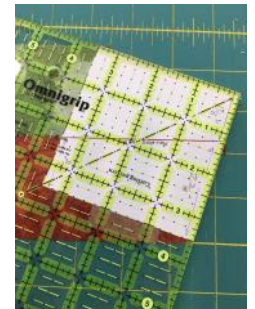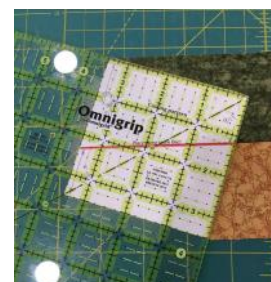Photo C

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