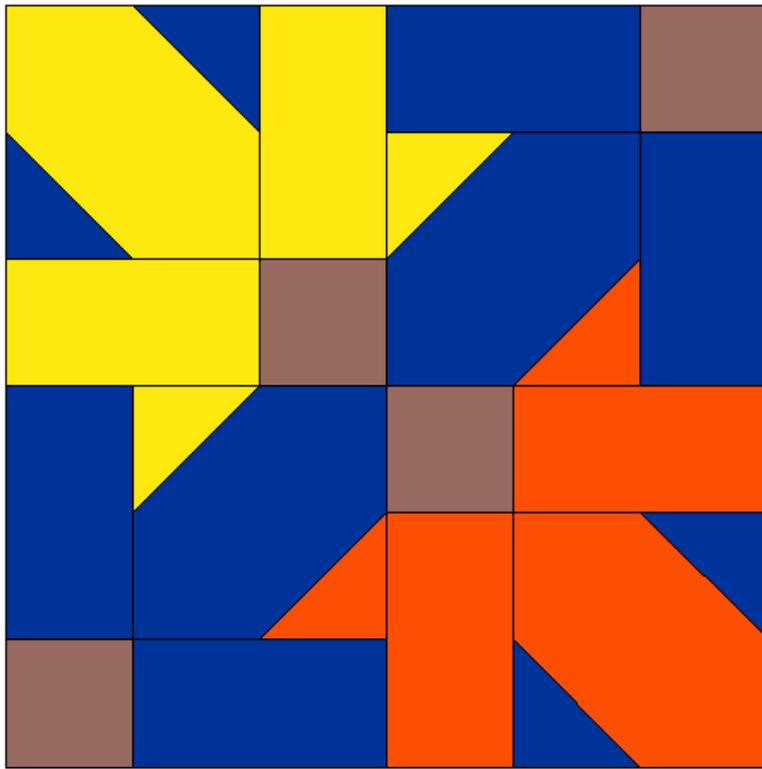


Silver Maple

15 inches finished (15 ½ end to end)



The silver maple—also called creek maple, river maple, silverleaf maple, soft maple, water maple, or white maple—is a species of maple native to eastern North America in the eastern United States and Canada.

The silver maple is a relatively fast-growing [deciduous tree](#), commonly reaching a height of 15–25 m (50–80 ft), exceptionally 35 m (115 ft). Its spread will generally be 11–15 m (35–50 ft) wide. A 10-year-old sapling will stand about 8 m (25 ft) tall. It is often found along waterways and in wetlands, leading to the colloquial name "water maple". It is a highly adaptable tree, although it has higher sunlight requirements than other maples

Background (Twilight Blue)



2 – 5 ½ inch squares
4 – 3 by 5 ½ inch rectangles
4 – 3 inch squares

Tree Brown



4 – 3 inch squares

For Each Leaf (Fall Colours – reds, orange, yellows)

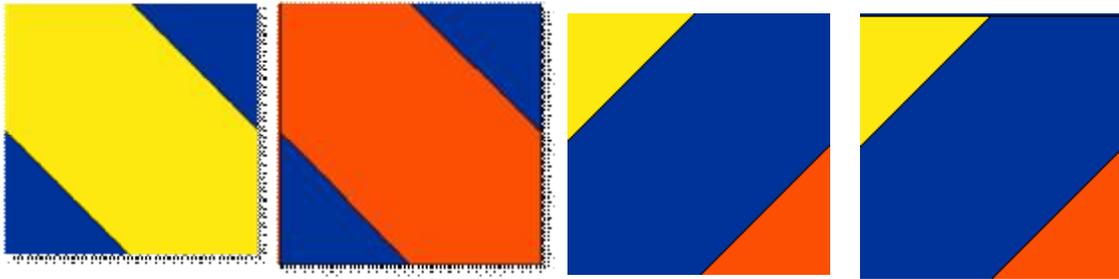


1 – 5 ½ inch square
2 – 3 by 5 ½ inch rectangle
2 – 3 inch squares



You may make the leaves in two colours or make them both the same.

For each leaf, sew background connectors to the 5 ½ inch square. Using the two background 5 ½ inch squares, add one connector from each leaf. If you have two different colour leaves, be very careful with the placements:



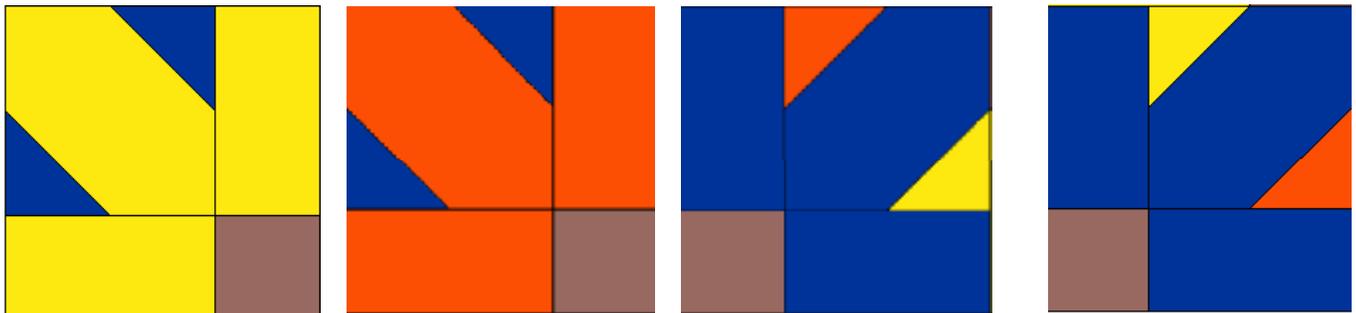
Your squares must still measure 5 ½ inches.

Sew a brown 3 inch square to one end of two background rectangles, and one rectangle from each leaf:



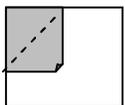
These will measure 3 by 8 inches when complete.

Now assemble each leaf, and the background sections. Each will measure 8 inches square.



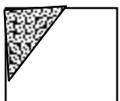
Now all you have to do is put the four corners together to make the 15 ½ inch block.

Connector Corners:



Draw a line kitty corner across the back of your small connector square. Place this on the appropriate corner of your larger piece, right sides together. Make sure that the line that you drew is in the correct position.

Now, sew along that line.



Press the connector into the corner so that the right side of the connector is in the correct position on the base piece, then trim away the centre layer ¼ inch from the seam. Square up your piece.