

Mix and Match Blocks

Four really useful patchwork blocks have been created for you to make a wide range of lovely items. There is a flower, a leaf, a bee and a bird for you to play with. Including their borders, the motifs all create blocks of the same size, 13in x 12in (33cm x 30.5cm), so it is easy to combine them and mix and match to your heart's content. To provide ideas to get you going we have designed some quilts using these blocks – the Flower Meadow Quilt, the Flowers and Bees Quilt and the Adore You Baby Quilt. The quilts use fabrics mostly from the Happy Campers and Meadow Basics collections but you could easily use fabrics from other Tilda ranges. All of the instructions for the blocks and the quilts are available from www.tildasworld.com.

The Leaf Block

In the Happy Campers quilts, the Leaf block is used in two different colourways. Only one version of the block is described here. For the specific fabrics and the total fabric quantities to use, refer to the quilt instructions.

Materials

- A solid fabric for the background (see **Fig B** for sizes to cut)
- Five print fabrics

Making a Leaf Block

1 The Leaf block is used in two colourways in the Flower Meadow Quilt. The layout is shown in **Fig A**. This diagram also shows fabrics but these will need to change depending on the project you are making. Follow **Fig B** carefully to cut the pieces needed for a block.

Fig A Leaf fabric layout

The fabrics used will need to change depending on the project you are making

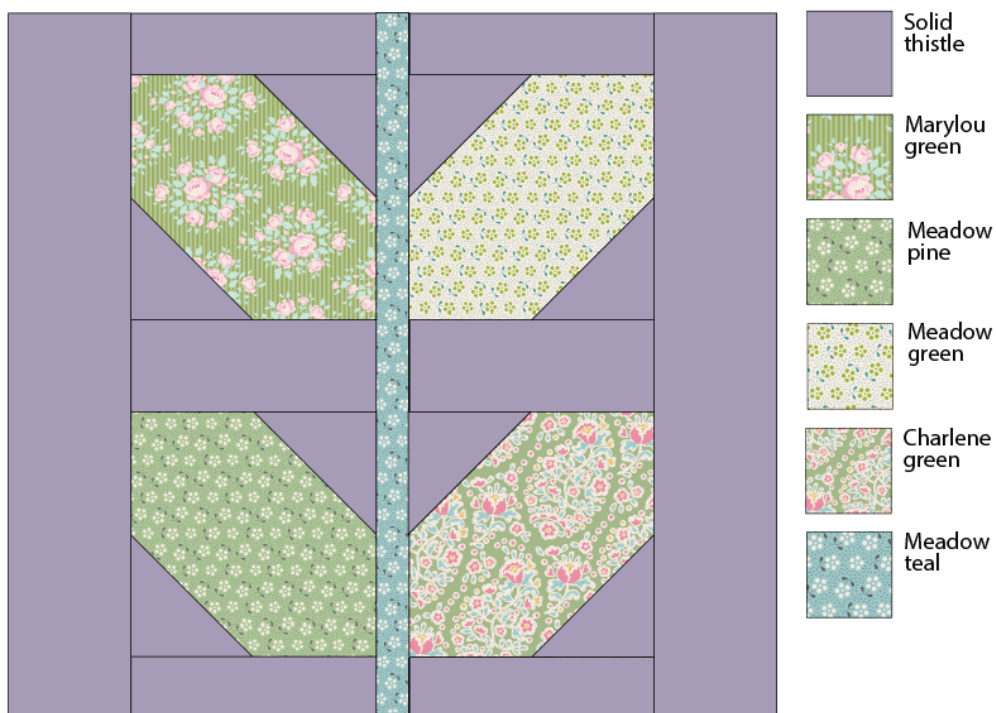
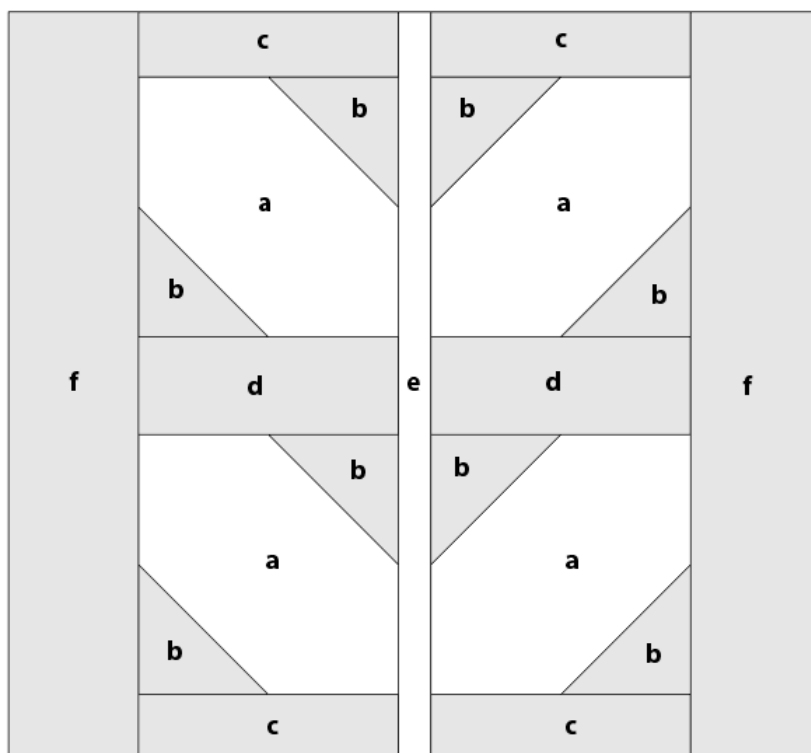


Fig B Layout and cutting for a Leaf block

Sizes include seam allowances

All pieces to be cut as squares or rectangles



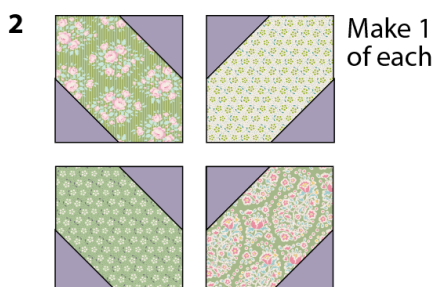
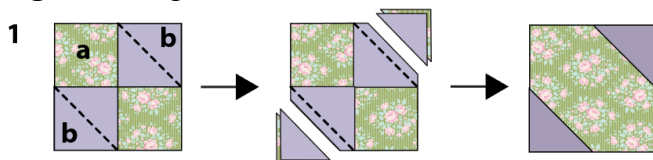
- a** 4½in (11.4cm) square
- b** 2½in (6.4cm) square
- c** 4½in x 1½in (11.4cm x 3.8cm)
- d** 4½in x 2in (11.4cm x 5.1cm)
- e** 1in x 12in (2.5cm x 30.5cm)
- f** 2½in x 12in (6.4cm x 30.5cm)

Block size

13in x 12in (33cm x 30.5cm)
(unfinished)

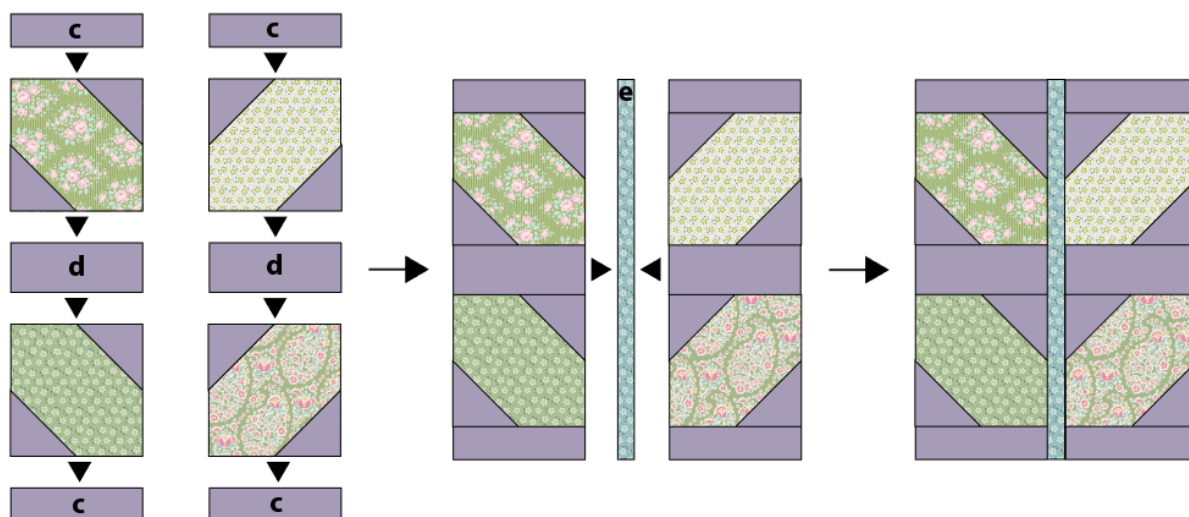
2 Begin by making an **a/b** unit as follows. Take one **a** square and two smaller **b** squares. Pencil mark a diagonal line on the wrong side of the smaller squares and place the squares right sides together with two of the corners of the larger squares, with the marked lines angled as shown in **Fig C 1**. Pin if needed and then sew along the marked lines and trim off excess fabric ¼in (6mm) outside the sewn lines. Press the triangles outwards.

3 Use this same triangle corner method to make four units like this in total, changing the large square fabrics as needed (**Fig C 2**).

Fig C Making the leaf units

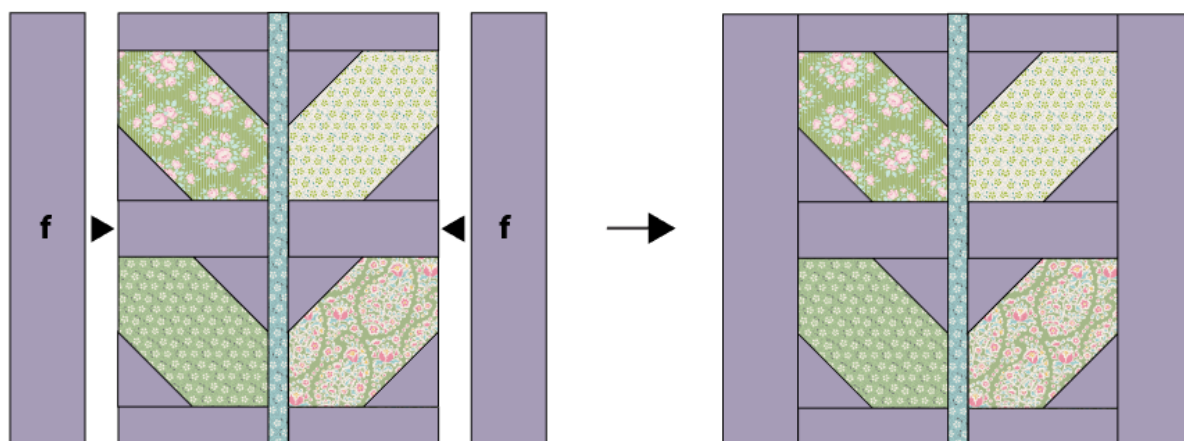
4 Arrange the leaf units with pieces **c** and **d**, as shown in **Fig D**, making sure the **d** pieces are in the centre. Sew the units together into two columns and press. Now sew the narrow strip of piece **e** between the columns and press.

Fig D Assembling the leaf units



5 Add the border by sewing the **f** pieces to the left and right side of the block (**Fig E**). Check that the block is 13in x 12in (33cm x 30.5cm).

Fig E Adding the border



Tip

If creating your own projects using the Mix and Match blocks, you can change the outer border sizes. This will allow you to make the border deeper if you wish, or change the fabric, or even create a pieced border.