**Fabric:** Choose one fabric that reads as red (or bright green for a Granny Smith apple), one brown, one green, one off-white, and one bright yellow or orange (think school pencils). You may also select from your scraps. Please use pre-washed cotton.

**Cutting:**
- Yellow/orange: (2) 2” x 9 ½” rectangles (A)
- Green leaves: (2) 1 ½” x 3 ½” rectangles (B)
- Brown stem: (1) 1” x 3 ½” rectangle (C)
- Red apple: (1) 6 ½” x 6 ½” square (D)
- Off-white: (4) 3 ½” x 1 ½” rectangles (E) *
  
  < * or (1) 6 ½” x 3 ½” rectangle if you plan to applique leaves & stem!>
  
  (4) 2” x 2” squares (F)
  
  (2) 1 ½” squares (G)

**Assembly:**
1. Put an F piece right sides together on one of D’s corners. Sew corner to corner. Cut excess fabric ¼” from the seam. Do the other three corners. (See images below.) Fold off-white corners open. Press toward “apple.” Square to 6 ½”.
2. Sew G to B in a similar manner, creating the “leaf” pieces. (Or use applique to shape the stem and leaves onto the larger E piece.)
3. Sew E+B+E, keeping the orientation of the pieces as shown in the picture. Square these to 3 ½”, trimming on the green end.
4. Sew the EBE pieces to each side of the stem (C), keeping the orientation correct.
5. Attach the stem section to “top” of the apple section, matching centers of the two pieces.
6. Sew the A pieces on both sides of the block. Square to 9 ½”.

**Appreciate your teachers at our September “Schoolhouse meeting” program!**

**BOM basics:**
- Each person may enter up to three blocks each month.
- Please include your name on your block(s)! Many of us just use a mailing label.
- If you have nice scraps left over, consider including them with your block (pinned on or in a baggie) for the winner (a border or other finishing touches).
- If you cannot bring the blocks to the quilt meeting, you may mail them to the MQ office. Please allow adequate time for them to arrive before the Saturday drawing.
- To help us celebrate more winners, we will draw two names if we have over 24 blocks (3 if we have 36+, 4 if we have 48+).
- Drawings are held at the Saturday meeting. If the winner(s) are not present, the blocks will either be mailed or left at the MQ office for the winner to pick up. We will call to notify winners.

**Block of the Month – September 2013 - Apple for Teacher**

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