

Pumpkin Patch



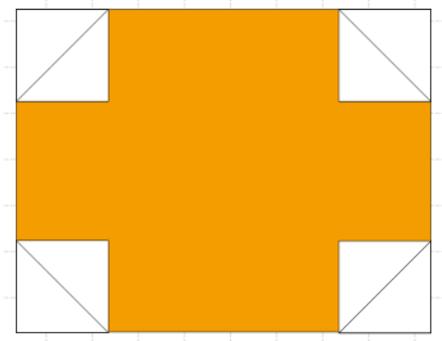
This month we will celebrate a bit of Halloween with a simple pumpkin block. However, there will be extra tickets for every block that adds a bit or creativity to this block. See the end of this document for a few ideas to help you get your extra tickets!

Fabric Required:

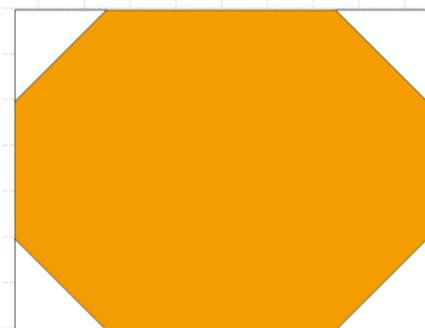
- 1 – 9 ½” x 7 ½” - Orange
- 1 - 1 ½” x 2 ½” - Green
- 2 – 4 ½” x 2 ½” - Background fabric – Your choice
- 4 – 2 ½” x 2 ½” - Background fabric
- 2 – 1 ½” x 9 ½” - Solid Black
- 2 – 1 ½” x 11 ½” - Solid Black

Construction:

With your orange block, place a 2 ½” square background block in each corner, right sides together. Following the diagram below, snowball the corners of the block by stitching from corner to corner across each of the 2 ½” square blocks.

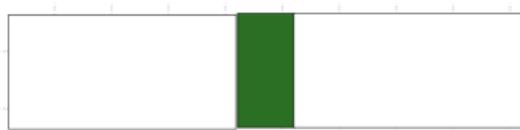


Cut the corners off $\frac{1}{4}$ " from the seam line. Fold back the background fabric on the corners and press towards the orange. This creates your pumpkin body.

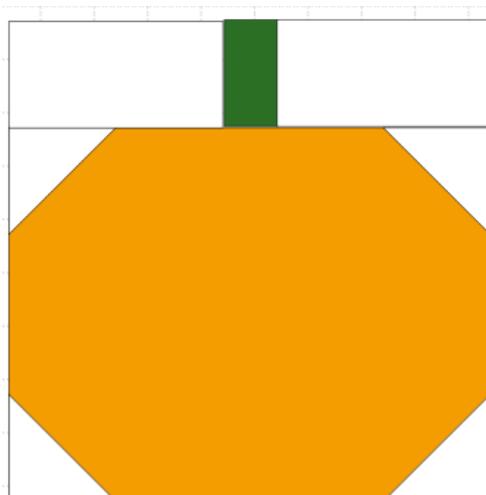


Take one of your $4\frac{1}{2}$ " x $2\frac{1}{2}$ " background fabrics and place the green $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x $2\frac{1}{2}$ " block right sides together on the right side of the background fabric on the short edge. Sew a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam and press towards the green.

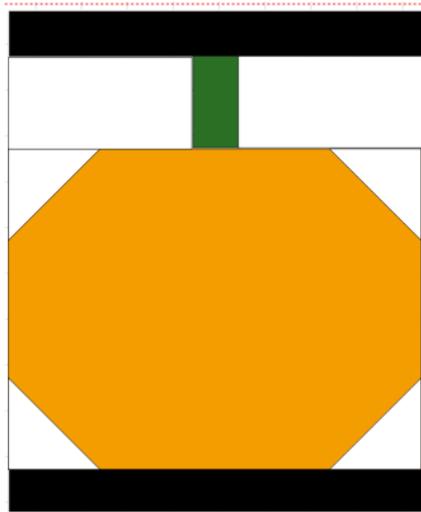
With the piece you just made, right side up with the green on the right, place the second $4\frac{1}{2}$ " x $2\frac{1}{2}$ " background fabric right side down and align on the right edge. Sew a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam and press towards the green. This creates your stem.



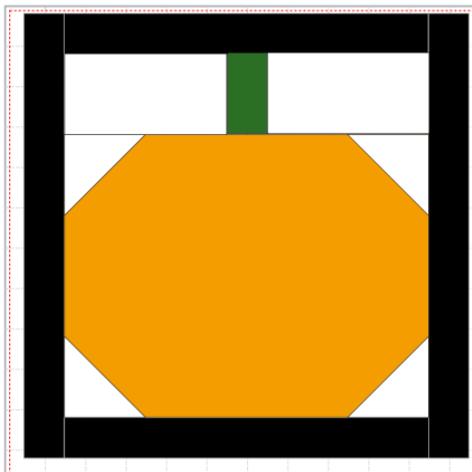
Place the stem block face down on the pumpkin body block and align at the top. Sew a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance to complete the full pumpkin. Press towards the pumpkin body.



Sew the 9 ½” x 1 ½” borders to the top and bottom of the pumpkin block with a ¼” seam. Press towards the pumpkin block.



Sew the 11 ½” x 1 ½” borders to the left and right of the block using a ¼” seam. Press towards the pumpkin.



Ideas for Extra Tickets!

The block size needs to be consistent at 11 ½” Square in order to fit in with the rest of the blocks that the winner will receive. With that in mind, here are some ideas:

Turn the pumpkin into a Jack O' Lantern. Applique or embroider a face onto the pumpkin. If you have some fabric with a large enough pumpkin printed on it, fussy cut the fabric to add the face to this block.

Make the pumpkin a bit narrower or more round. Cut a square orange block instead of the rectangle and add more background fabric to the sides.

Use orange strip sets to create the pumpkin body. Vertical orange strips could look a bit like the natural ribbing that you see on a pumpkin.