

Pumpkin Quilt Block Tutorial

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This scrappy block of the month is a strippy little pumpkin that's made up entirely of 1 1/2" wide strips and will finish at 8" square. This adorable block comes together in a snap, so it's perfect for weekend warriors who are looking for a project to usher in October!



As always, all seams are sewn using a 1/4" seam allowance unless otherwise noted. This block requires six orange fabrics, one brown, one green and one background.

Step 1:

Cutting for this block is simple:

- All six orange strips will be cut $1\frac{1}{2}'' \times 5\frac{1}{2}''$
- The brown fabric will be cut $1\frac{1}{2}''$ square
- The green fabric will be cut $1\frac{1}{2}'' \times 3''$

The background fabric will need to be cut into the following:

- Two strips $1\frac{1}{2}'' \times 8\frac{1}{2}''$
- Two strips $1\frac{1}{2}'' \times 6\frac{1}{2}''$
- One strip $1\frac{1}{2}'' \times 3''$
- Six squares $1\frac{1}{2}'' \times 1\frac{1}{2}''$



Step 2:

Sew the orange strips together lengthwise and press the seams to one direction.



Step 3:

Place a background square on each corner of the strip unit. Mark the square with a diagonal line from corner to corner as shown. Sew on the diagonal line that is marked.



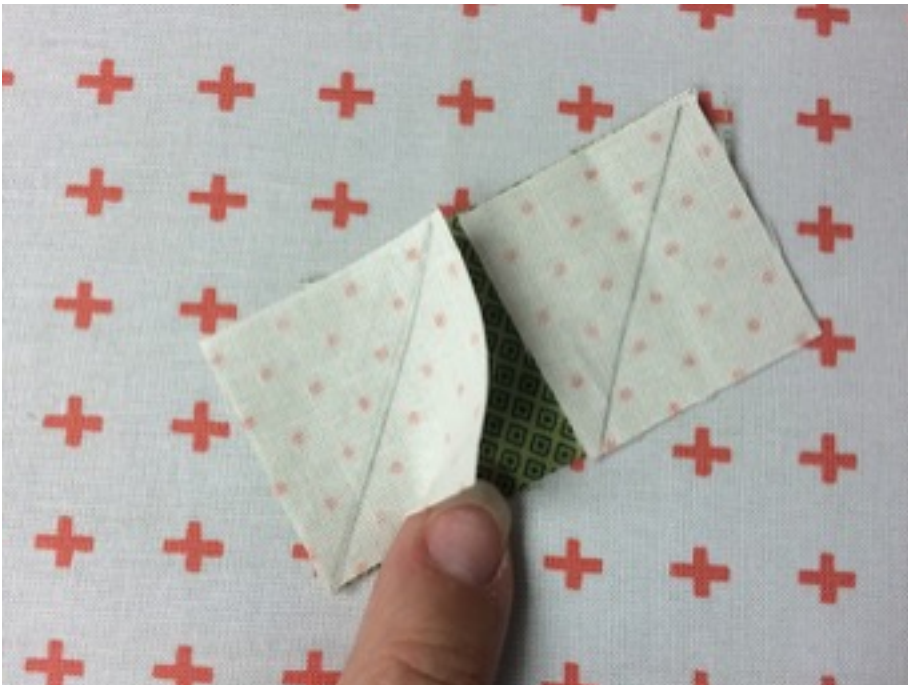
Step 4:

Using a ruler and rotary cutter, or scissors, cut away the corners 1/4" away from the sewn line. Press the corners away from the orange strips.



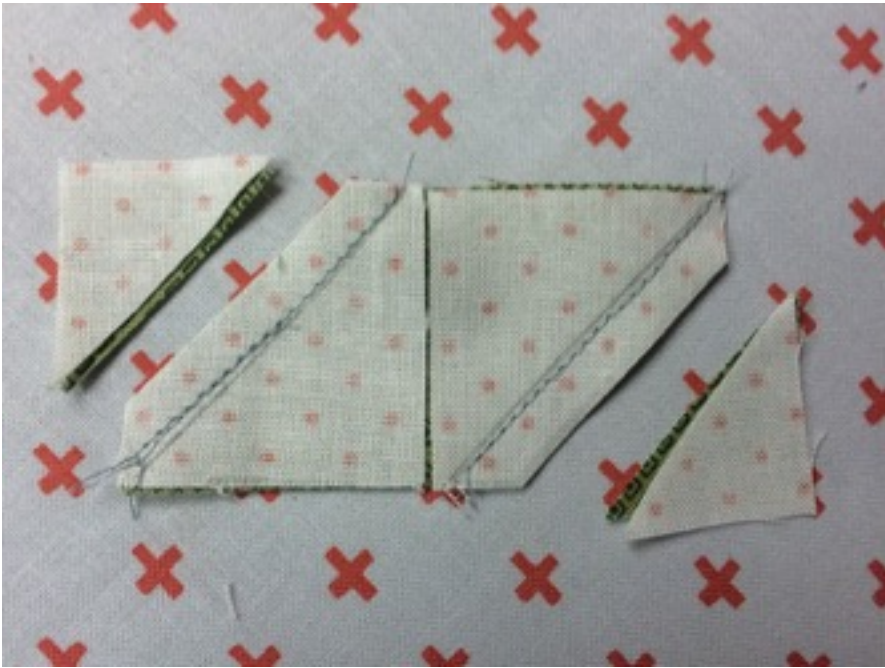
Step 5:

Layer two background squares on top of the green strip as shown and mark them diagonally from corner to corner.



Step 6:

Sew on the drawn lines and trim away the corners 1/4" away from the sewn lines. Press the corners away from the green strip.



Step 7:

Arrange the 1 1/2" x 3" background strip, the brown square and the green leaf unit as shown. Sew the background strip to one side of the brown square and the leaf unit to the other side. Press the seams toward the brown square.



Step 8:

Sew the stem and leaf row to the top of the orange strip set and press the seams away from the orange strip set.



Step 9:

Sew the 1 1/2" x 6 1/2" background strips to the sides of the pumpkin blocks. Press the seams toward the border strips.



Step 10:

Sew the 1 1/2" x 8 1/2" background strips to the top and bottom of the pumpkin block. Press the seams toward the background strips, and you're all finished!

