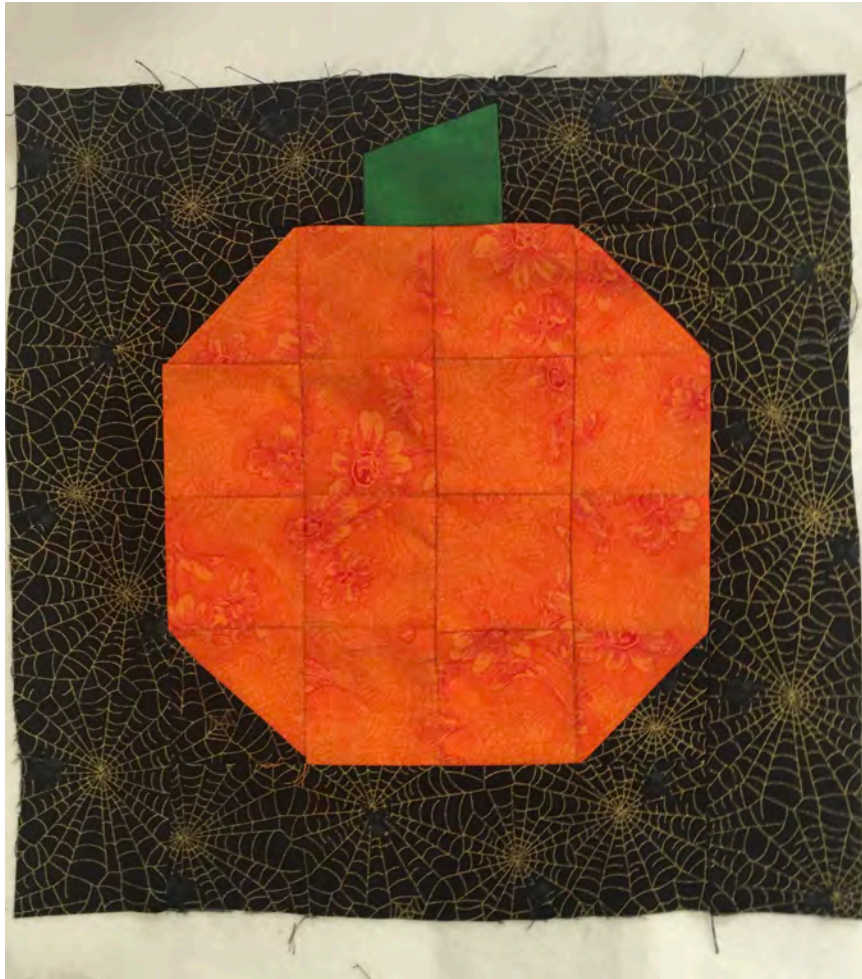


# OCTOBER 2021 BLOCK OF THE MONTH

## Halloween pumpkin

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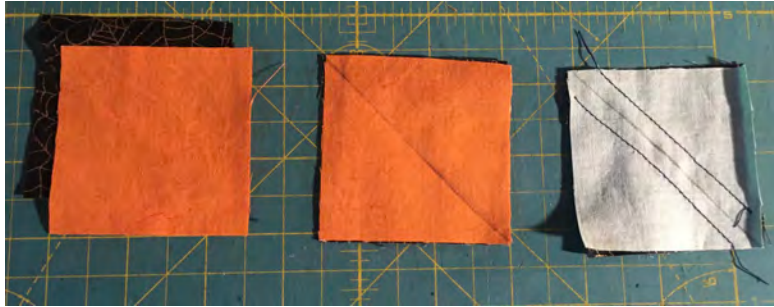


### **Cutting:**

- Dark background: Two 3 3/8" squares  
Two 3 1/2 x 2 1/2" rectangles  
One 3 x 2 1/2" rectangle  
One 8 1/2 x 2 1/2" strip  
Two 12 1/2 x 2 1/2" strips
- Green fabric: One 2 1/2" square
- Orange fabric: Two 3 3/8" squares  
Twelve 2 1/2" squares

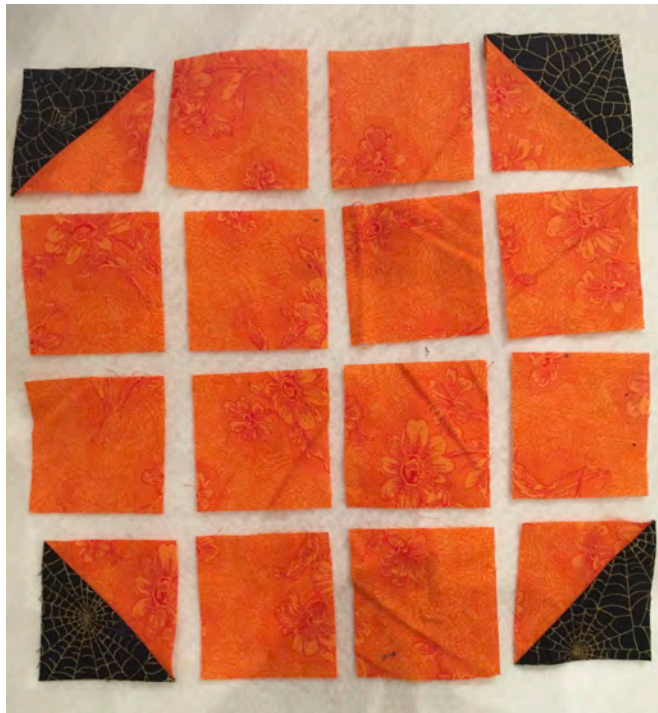
## Assembly:

First make four half square triangles. Place each of the two orange  $3\frac{3}{8}$ " squares on the two black  $3\frac{3}{8}$ " squares, right sides facing. Draw a diagonal line from one corner to the opposite one, then sew  $\frac{1}{4}$ " from each side of the line. Cut along your line.

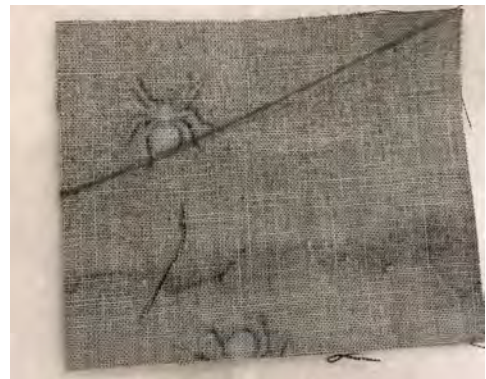


Open the resulting squares, press, and resize each to  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " square.

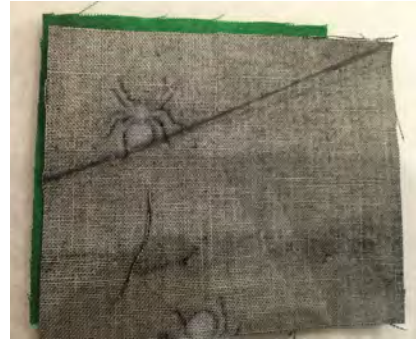
Join all the pieces of the pumpkin together as shown in the picture.



To make the stem block draw a line from the centre point of a short side of the  $3 \times 1\frac{1}{2}$ " background rectangle to the far corner.



Place this on the green 2 1/2" square as shown, matching the edges carefully and sew along the line.



Press the resulting unit open, and trim to a 2 1/2" square using the green square as your template.



Sew a 3 1/2" background rectangle each side of the stem unit and you will have your top strip. Sew this strip the top of the pumpkin and the 8 1/2" x 2 1/2" strip to the bottom.



Attach a 12 1/2" x 2 1/2" strip each side of your unit and you will have a 12 1/2" finished block as shown on the first page. If you wish, put a face on your pumpkin.