

Fraser Valley Quilters' Guild - Block of the Month – October 2023

Crumb Quilting Block with 2 Black Borders – 8" x 8" (finished)



- Collect a few scraps for the centre part of the block
- Cut 2 black strips that are 1 ½" x 8 ½" for the 2 sides.

Let's use Halloween themed fabric scraps (prints or Halloween coloured solids) for the centre pieced section of the block. It's easiest to start with a scrap in the centre. Making sure to use straight edges, add a second piece, face down on top of the centre piece and sew a seam along one of the edges. Press open to flatten. Add a 3rd piece along another straight edge. Continue on until you have covered an area with your scraps that measures at least 6 ½" x 8 ½". Trim to exactly this measurement. Sew a black strip on each of the longer sides of the block. Press the seam towards the black strips. You can use more than 5 scraps for the crumb piecing. It is more interesting in a wall hanging or quilt if these crumb blocks are random and different. There are LOTS of videos online that will teach you this crumb quilting technique, search the web for crumb quilt block tutorials.

*** Crumb blocks are a lot of fun to make and work up quickly. Make a few blocks. Placing these blocks in rows and rotating every alternate block 90 degrees creates a neat, woven look. I've added a 1" (finished) border around a quilt made of 4 x 4 blocks. See the example:

