



RAFFLE BLOCK OF THE MONTH OCTOBER 2017

BLOCK- PUMPKIN (your choice to make a pumpkin with or without a leaf)

The description will break the block into 2 sections, pumpkin & stem.

SIZE- 9" finished (9 $\frac{1}{2}$ " unfinished)

FABRIC CHOICES-

PUMPKIN-any orange, orange/yellow, orange/red fabric

STEM- brown or green (whatever makes you 'think' pumpkin)

LEAF (if you choose to make one)- green

BACKGROUND- cream or similar light value solid, semi-solid,

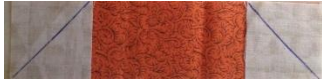
batik, mottle or print that looks like a solid

CUTTING-

1. Pumpkin- 6 2" x 8" different orange rectangles
4 2" x 2" squares of background(draw a diagonal on the wrong side of all corner to corner)
2. Stem- 1 2" x 2" square green or brown
2 2" x 4 $\frac{1}{4}$ " rectangles of background
- Stem with leaf- 1 2" x 2" square green for stem
1 2" x 4 $\frac{1}{4}$ " rectangle green for leaf
1 2" x 4 $\frac{1}{4}$ " rectangle background
2 2" x 2" squares background(draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of both corner to corner)

SEWING- *please use a shorter 2 mm stitch length and $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance*

1. Pumpkin- arrange your orange rectangles in an order that pleases you



- a. Place the two end orange rectangles right side up; place a 2" background square wrong side up on each short end with the diagonal lines going from the upper and lower inside to the outside opposite directions as in the picture
- b. Stitch on the diagonal lines, fold on the diagonal line to check the square matches up with the edges of the orange rectangle, trim seam to $\frac{1}{4}$ " and press towards the orange
- c. Stitch all six orange rectangles together along their long side

2. Stem no leaf-

- a. Stitch a background rectangle on either side of the stem square, press towards the stem
- b. Sew the stem unit to the pumpkin, press towards pumpkin

*sew with the pumpkin on top to be sure the seams stay in the proper directions

3. Stem with leaf

- a. Sew a background rectangle to one side of the stem
- b. Place the leaf rectangle right side up, place the 2 background squares on each end with the diagonal lines going in the same direction, sew on the diagonal lines, fold on the diagonal lines to check that the edges of the square matches up with the green leaf, trim seam allowance to $\frac{1}{4}$ ". Press the leaf and stem towards the background
- c. Pin the stem unit to the pumpkin making sure the leaf and pumpkin triangles nest together(the triangle seams should nest together since the backgrounds were pressed in opposite directions);press the leaf unit towards the pumpkin

*sew with the leaf unit on top so you can see the V of seam line for the leaf and that the diagonal seams nest between the leaf and pumpkin