

Pieced Pumpkin Block

*An adorable little pumpkin ripe for customizing!
Check out the video tutorial on YouTube*

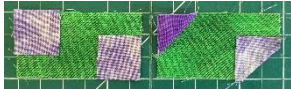
What you need:

- Five 1.5" x 4.5" orange strips for the pumpkin
- One 1" x 1.5" brown rectangle for the stem
- One 1.5" x 2.75" green piece for the leaf
- One 1.5" x 2.75" background rectangle
- Two 1" background squares
- Four 1.5" background squares
- Two 1.5" x 5.5" background rectangles for the sides
- Two 1.5" x 7.5" background rectangles for the top and bottom
- Sewing supplies



What to do:

1. Place the two 1" background squares on the upper left and lower right corners of the green rectangle, right sides together. Sew corner-to-corner as shown. Trim and press.



2. Place the stem piece on the left side of the leaf piece, right sides together. Sew using a 1/4" seam allowance and press open. Do the same for the 1.5" x 2.75" background rectangle, placing it right sides together on the left side of the stem. Trim to 1.5" x 5.5", if needed.



3. Arrange the strips in the pattern you want for the pumpkin. Sew them together on the long sides, using 1/4" seam allowances. Iron the seams flat on the back.



4. Place the four 1.5" background squares on each of the four corners of the body of the pumpkin. Sew, trim, and press them as you did in Step 1. Trim to 4.5" x 5.5", if needed.

5. Place the stem and leaf piece on the pumpkin body, right sides together. Sew along the top using a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance, and press.



6. Sew on both side pieces, and then the top pieces.
7. Your block is done!



Ideas:

Fuse or quilt the block onto some fleece or other heat-resistant material along with a back piece and create a hot pad.

Make a small pillow or pillowcase (for a case, be sure to fuse or quilt the pieced pumpkin onto muslin or some other backing so it doesn't come apart in the wash).

Add a back and binding to make a mini wall quilt, a "mug rug," or turn it into a blanket for a doll.

Make a lot of pumpkins and combine them to make a bigger wall hanging or quilt.

Use a fabric marker or applique pieces to make the pumpkin into a Jack O' Lantern.

Or even enlarge the pieces to make a single HUGE pumpkin!

Go wherever your creativity takes you!