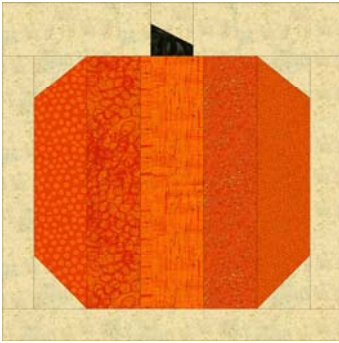


Southern Comforters
Block of the Month
August 2008
Fall Pumpkins



Let's get a jump on the holiday quilts – perhaps the winners can have quilts ready for Halloween and the Fall season! Although this block initially looks similar to last month's block, the stem on this one adds an interesting twist. Create an 8 1/2" block with a BEIGE background that highlights an ORANGE pumpkin made from five different fabrics to give it depth. Top it off with a BLACK or BROWN stem.

CUTTING INSTRUCTIONS

Pumpkin (ASSORTED ORANGES) – four 1 3/4" x 6 1/2" rectangles (A)
 one 2" x 6 1/2" rectangle (B)
 Stem (BLACK/BROWN) – one 1 1/2" x 2" rectangle (C)

Background (BEIGE)
 Pumpkin Corners: four 1 3/4" squares (D)
 Sides: two 1 1/4" x 6 1/2" rectangles (E)
 Bottom: one 1 1/4" x 8 1/2" rectangle (F)
 Stem Sides: two 1 3/4" x 4" rectangles (G)
 Stem Top: one 1 1/2" x 2" rectangle (H)

ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS

1. Sew the pumpkin rectangles (A) together along the long edges, making sure that the widest rectangle (B) is in the middle. Press toward the middle piece.
2. Draw a diagonal line on the back of the four 1 3/4" background corner squares (D). Place each one, right sides together, on each corner of the pumpkin piece. Sew on the drawn line. Trim edges, leaving a 1/4" seam allowance. Press seam toward the pumpkin.
3. Sew the sides (E) to the left and right sides of the pumpkin piece. Press toward the pumpkin.
4. Place the background Stem Top (H) right sides on top of the Stem (C) at right angles. Shift the top piece (H) so that the top left corner is centered on the short edge of the bottom piece (C) and the pieces intersect on the left side 1" down from the top. Sew from one intersection to the other. Trim 1/4" from the seam and press towards the stem. (NOTE: If this step causes you problems, feel free to sew a straight seam and make a blunt stem.)
5. Sew the background Stem Sides pieces (G) to each end of the stem piece to make an 8 1/2" top piece. Press seams toward stem.
6. Sew the Stem piece to the pumpkin, and then add the Block Bottom (F). Press toward the pumpkin.
7. Measure to make sure your block is at least 8 1/2" square, but leave the trimming to the winner of the block. Sign it, please!

