

BLOCK OF THE MONTH

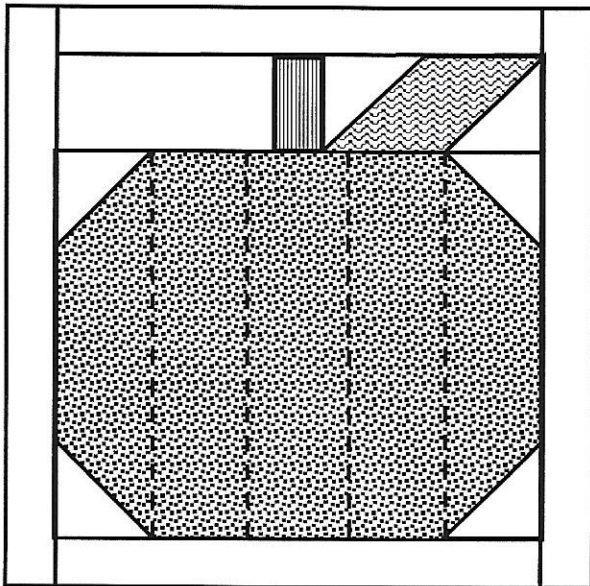
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Fifty-three fabulous "Sailboats" were submitted at the August Guild meeting. There were four winners each receiving at least 13 blocks. Congratulations to Dell Childs, Lupe Weebelt, Phyllis Derigo and Kristin Stonham.

The block to be submitted at the September meeting is the "Maple Leaf", (see the August Newsletter). We hope to see lots of Fall colored leaves done in batik fabrics.

The October block of the month is "Oh, My Pumpkin". Create your pumpkin block using a beige background, orange pumpkin, brown stem and green leaf. Prints or solids are okay. Your pumpkin can be one fabric or strips of various fabrics. Use good quality 100% cotton. Use a scant $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam. Upon completion your block should measure $12\frac{1}{2}$ " square unfinished. It's never too late to participate. We hope to meet you and see your block(s) at the next meeting!

Happy Piecing!!



BLOCK CONSTRUCTION:

1. From the beige background fabric, cut two strips $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x $12\frac{1}{2}$ "; two strips $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x $10\frac{1}{2}$ "; one strip 5 " x $2\frac{1}{2}$ " and six $2\frac{1}{2}$ " squares. On each of the six squares, draw a diagonal stitching line on the wrong side. From the brown stem fabric, cut one rectangle $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x $2\frac{1}{2}$ ".

From the green leaf fabric, cut one rectangle 5 " x $2\frac{1}{2}$ ".

The orange pumpkin may be created in one of two ways: a) Use one fabric - cut one rectangle $10\frac{1}{2}$ " x $8\frac{1}{2}$ "; or b) cut $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x $8\frac{1}{2}$ " strips to total five, from 2, 3, 4 or 5 different fabrics and piece the strips together along the $8\frac{1}{2}$ " edges to create a new rectangle that is $10\frac{1}{2}$ " x $8\frac{1}{2}$ ". Press the seams open.

2. With right sides together, place a background square on each corner of the pumpkin rectangle in the directions shown on the diagram. "Snowball" the corners by stitching ON the drawn line, trimming a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam and pressing the seam towards the background.

3. With right sides together, place one background square on each end of the leaf rectangle in the directions shown on the diagram. Stitch ON the drawn line, trimming away the corners $\frac{1}{4}$ " from the sewn lines. Press the seams towards the leaf fabric.

4. Arrange the $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x 5 " background strip, stem piece and leaf unit as shown. Stitch the pieces together. Press seams towards the stem fabric. Sew this to the top of the pumpkin. Press the seam open or towards the background.

5. Sew the $10\frac{1}{2}$ " x $1\frac{1}{2}$ " background strips to the top and bottom. Press the seams open or towards the background.

6. Sew the $12\frac{1}{2}$ " x $1\frac{1}{2}$ " background strips to the sides. Press the seams open or towards the background.

7. Give the block a final press. Be sure it measures $12\frac{1}{2}$ " unfinished. Bring to the October meeting.

HERE'S HOW IT WORKS...

Complete up to five blocks. Return the completed block(s) for this month to the Block-of-the-Month table at the meeting and, for each block you make, your name is put into a drawing. Before the end of the meeting, one or more names and the winner(s) wind the blocks to take home and use as you like. Also consider...making one block for yourself in the colors of your choice and at the end of the year you will have a sampler quilt for yourself.