

San Joaquin Valley Quilters' Guild
October 2021
Block of the Month - *Fall is in the Air*

We're offering two options this month for our guild BOM. You can make the pumpkin, the acorn, or both. We hope to combine the blocks into a quilt for donation.

Paper-Pieced Pumpkin (Finished size is 10.5")

Fabric (please use the colors described here):

- 8 orange fabrics in varying values from light to dark as follows; pieces 1,2,5,7 light to medium and pieces 3,4,6,8 medium to dark.
- 1 piece of green fabric for stem piece 1.
- Light to medium yellow, cream, or white for background, pumpkin section 9,10,11,12 and stem section 2,3,4.



Helpful Hints:

- Use a short stitch length. Extend stitching beyond the end of each section line by 2-3 stitches.
- Hold the pattern and fabrics up to a window or use a light table to confirm placement.
- Go slowly, making sure all underneath fabrics are out of your way when sewing and cutting.

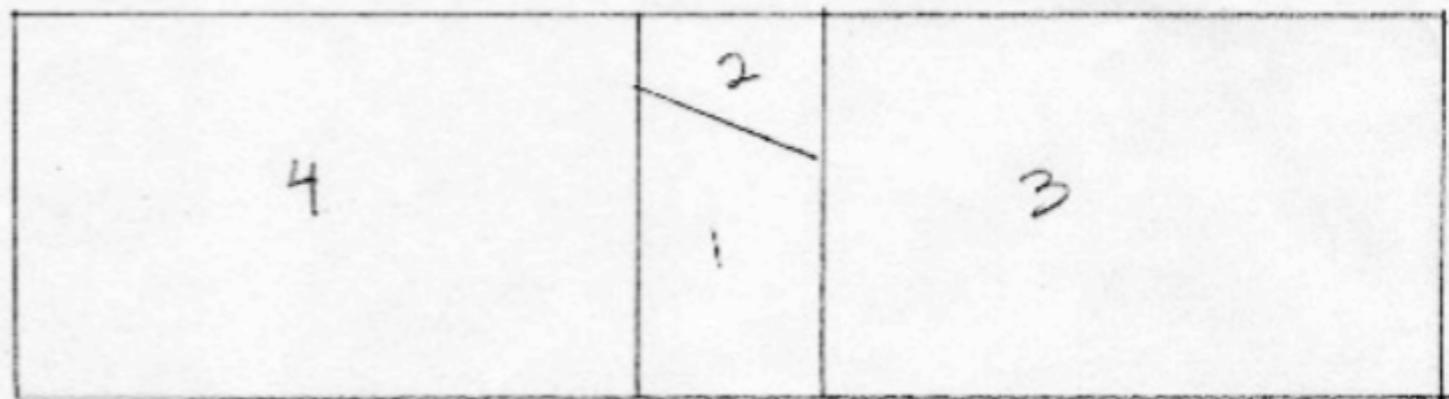
Instructions:

This is a paper-pieced block, so print both block patterns (stem and base) and use them for your foundation. If printed on a single sheet of paper, cut them apart so you have two sections.

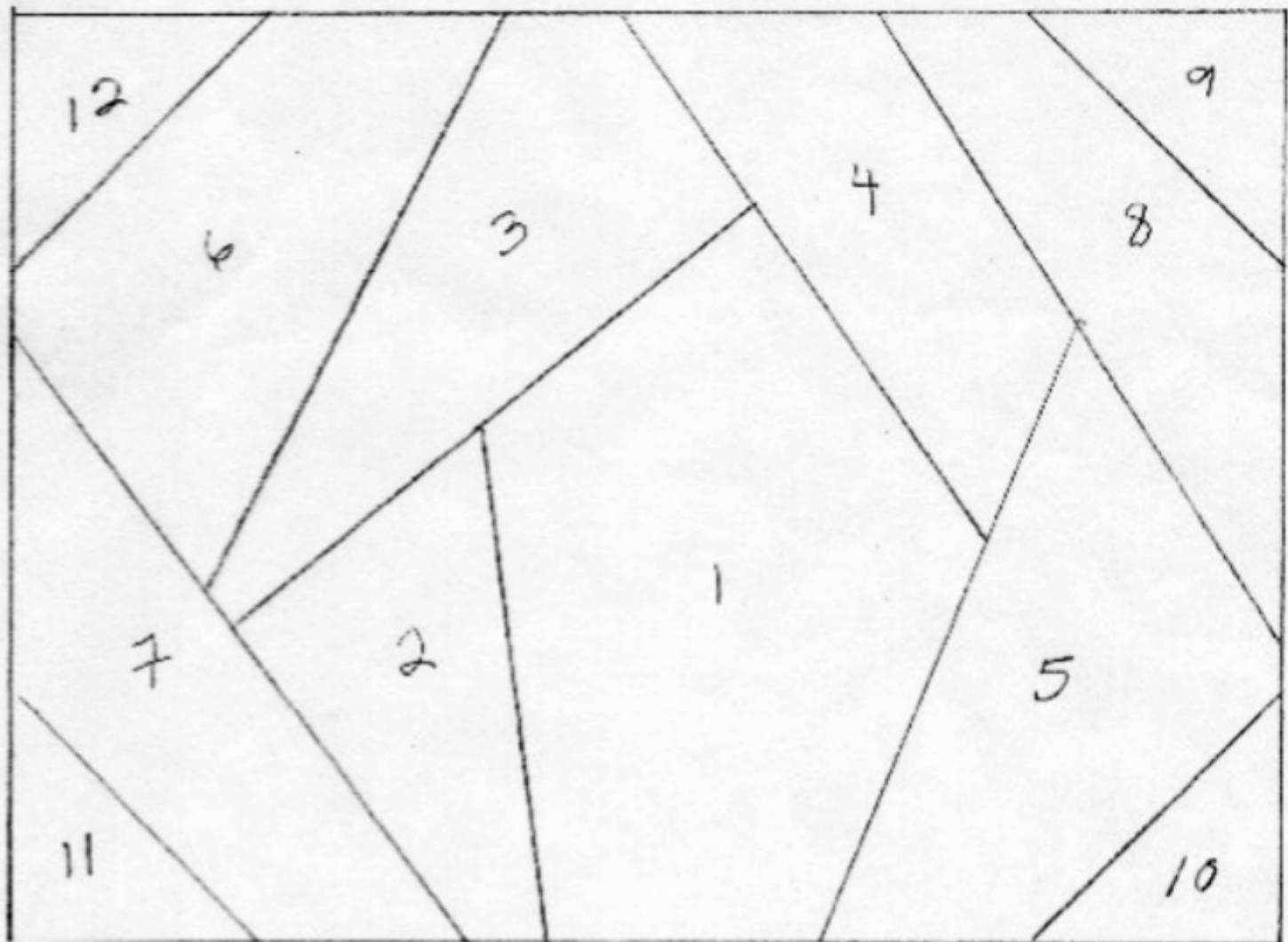
Piece in numerical order laying fabric 1 for pumpkin body face up on bottom of printed pattern, then lay fabric piece 2 face down, along the edge where pieces 1 and 2 meet, allowing a 1/4" seam allowance.

Pin in place and flip the pattern over to sew on the stitching line from the top of the pattern. Trim seam to 1/4" being careful not to cut or tear pattern. Flip fabric into place for piece 2, press lightly. Do not move iron around. Continue to follow directions for piece 3, repeating for each subsequent pattern piece in numerical order. Do not remove the paper pattern.

Make the pumpkin pattern and stem pattern separately. After both pieces are complete, sew them together on the 1/4" seam line between base and stem to complete the block. Trim edges using the outer pattern line which includes 1/4" seam allowance. The block will measure approximately 8". Using the background fabric, add a 2" border to all sides and trim the finished block to 10.5". Don't trim your block, we can trim them when we are assembling the quilt; bigger is better!



Stem



Pumpkin

Acorn (Finished size is 10.5")

Cut the following pieces of fabric in the colors indicated:

- Fourteen 2" squares of tan/gold colored fabric for the body of the acorn
- Two 2½" squares of tan/gold colored fabric for the base of the acorn body for Half Square Triangles (HST). *If they are the same fabric, only one 2½" square is needed.
- One 1½ X 2" rectangle of green fabric for the stem on the cap of the acorn
- Eight 1½ X 2" rectangles of dark brown fabric for the cap of the acorn
- Four 1½" squares of dark brown fabric for the edges of the acorn cap

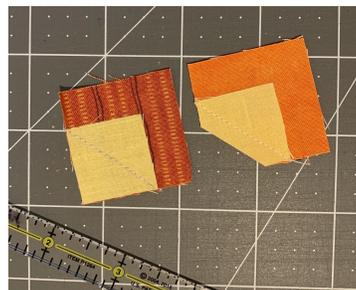
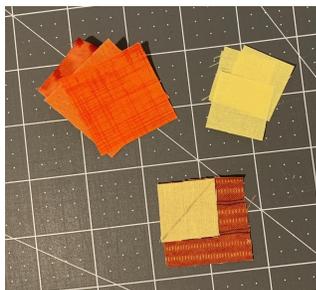


Background Fabric (light beige or yellow, white)

- Two 2 X 5" rectangles (A)
- Two 1½ X 2½" rectangles (B)
- Two 2½ X 7" rectangles (C)
- One 1 X 6½" rectangle (D)
- One or two 2½ X 2½" squares for the HST base of the acorn body (E) depending on fabric choice (see * above).
- Four 1 X 1" squares for the edges of the acorn cap (F)

For the base of the acorn body, make 2 HST using a 2½" tan/gold fabric square and a 2½" background fabric square. Trim each HST to 2" squares.

Make the edges of the cap using the four 1½" squares of dark brown fabric and four 1" squares of background fabric. Sew from corner to corner on the background square on one edge of each dark brown square to create the rounded edge of the cap as shown in the photos below.



Arrange the fabric pieces as shown in the image above and join them in rows. Iron seams in opposite directions so they nest. Join the rows.

Piece the cap and the stem sections and then attach them to each other. Then, sew the 16 2" blocks that form the acorn body together. Add background piece D to the bottom of this section. Add "C" pieces to each side of the acorn body. Join the top section to the base of the acorn. Press every seam as you sew, and measure components accurately.

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