Block of the Month – October 2014 – Strippy Pumpkin
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Theme: Holiday

Fabric: Choose black-on-black or Halloween print for the background; green or brown (contrast with background) for the stem; and at least 5 pieces of 3 or more different orange fabrics for the pumpkin. Please use pre-washed cotton.

Cutting:
A – cut strips of orange that are at least 10” long. You can vary the widths from 1-3” each.
Your final pumpkin dimensions will be 10 ½” wide x 9 ½” high.
B – (1) 1 ½” x 2 ½” green stem
C – (2) 1 ¾” x 1 ¾” black – bottom corners of pumpkin
D – (2) 2 ¼” x 2 ¼” black – top corners of pumpkin
E – (2) 1 ½” x 4 ½” black – attach to stem
F – (2) 1 ½” x 10 ½” black – side edges
G – (2) 1 ½” x 12 ½” black – top and bottom edges

Assembly:
1. Sew your orange strips together. Have fun with the widths and placement of pieces! Think of the vertical “ribs” of a real pumpkin. When you have a large enough A piece, trim to 10 ½” wide by 9 ½” high.
2. Place a C piece right sides together (RST) on a bottom corner of the pumpkin. Draw a chalk line from point to point if you aren’t comfortable eyeing it. Sew on the diagonal and trim to leave a ¼” seam. Press open.
   Repeat on the other bottom corner.
3. Do the same thing with the D pieces on the top of the pumpkin. <See pic for corners in stages of attachment.>
4. Sew an E piece to each side of the B piece to make a long strip.
5. Attach EBE to the top of the pumpkin. Press seam. Trim block to 10 ½” x 10 ½”.
6. Sew the F pieces to each side and the G pieces to top and bottom.
7. Optional: add a vine or leaves to the stem, applique a jack-o-lantern face on, or embellish with ribbon.

BOM basics:
- Each person may enter up to three blocks each month.
- Please include your name on your block(s)! Many of us just use a mailing label.
- If you have nice scraps left over, consider including them with your block (pinned on or in a baggie) for the winner (a border or other finishing touches).
- If you cannot bring the blocks to the quilt meeting, you may mail them to the MQ office. Please allow adequate time for them to arrive before the drawings.
  
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- We will have a drawing at each meeting (Thursday and Saturday). If the winner(s) are not present, the blocks will either be mailed or left at the MQ office for the winner to pick up. We will call to notify winners.