Halloween Crazy
Block of the Month – October 2017
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9” square (unfinished)

Fabric: Use four different pieces of Halloween-themed, orange, acid green, Halloween purple, and/or black fabric.

Cutting:
Start with 10 ½” squares of each of your four fabrics. Then follow the directions below.

Instructions:
NOTE: Each set of blocks you make will have the same configuration. In each stack of 4 10 ½” squares, make 3 straight cuts. We’ve made one looking like a K (see photo), but you can make it to look like an H or any other shape. Be sure you leave at least ¾” of fabric at the end of any given cut. Remember that, since your cutting lines will become your sewing lines, you’ll want to keep all the pieces in place when you move to your sewing machine to assemble them. Use the blank box to the right to design your cuts before cutting or use one of our examples.

1. Layer your fabrics and carefully make three cuts through all four layers at once. Use a sharp blade and press hard.

2. Leave one stack of fabric as is. On the next one, move one piece from the top of the stack to the bottom. On the third, move two pieces to the bottom. On the last, move three pieces to the bottom. Check that each pile has a different fabric showing on top.

3. You will sew each “layer” as a separate block. Refer to your design for the method of sewing the pieces together. Each layer should have one of the four different fabrics visible!

4. Since you “lose” a quarter inch from each piece for the seam allowance, the pieces will not line up perfectly. Do the best you can!

5. Trim blocks to 9” square.

You may enter the four blocks as ONE entry for this month . . . so your “three block” limit could look more like twelve. Have fun!

BOM GUIDELINES: Each person may enter up to three blocks each month. Please include your name, address, and phone number on your block(s). (Make it simple: stick your mailing label on each block’s back and add your phone number.) Consider including leftover scraps with your block (pinned to the back or in an attached baggie) for the winner to use in a border or for other finishing touches. If you cannot bring the blocks to the meetings, you may mail them to the MQ office. Please allow adequate time for them to arrive before the drawings. Address: Block of the Month, Minnesota Quilters, Inc. 253 State Street, St. Paul, MN 55107. If we have enough blocks, we’ll have a drawing at both the Thursday and Saturday meetings. If we get only a few blocks on Thursday, we’ll do one drawing on Saturday. You need not be present to win. We’ll call to notify winners. Winning blocks may be mailed, picked up during the month at the MQ office, or claimed at the next meeting.