

October 2026 Block of the Month

Happy Halloween

While researching this month's design I came across many black cat designs, however none of them included the pumpkin that I wanted the cat sitting next to. My solution was to create my own design using ideas from several different designs and working with them to fit into my desired outcome. This block is rather like putting a puzzle together!

Fabric Requirements:

Black: (B)

1 - 2 ½" square
1 - 5 ½" X 3 ½"
1 - 2" X 2 ½"
1 - 5" X 6"
1 - 2" X 1 ¼"
1 - 3 ¾" X 1 ¼"
1 - 3 ½" X 1 ¼"
2 - 1 ½" squares

Orange:(O)

1 - 4 ½" X 4

Green(G)

1 - 1 ½" X 1"

Background:(BG)

2 - 1 ½" X 12 ½"
2 - 1 ½" X 10 ½"
1 - 2 ½" square

1 - 2 ½" X 2"

1 - 3" X 3 ½"

1 - 2 ¼" X 3 ½"

2 - 1 ¼" square

1 - 1 ¼" X 3 ¾"

3 - 3" X 2"

1 - 1" X 2"

2 - 1 ½" squares

5 - 2" square

1 - 3" square

Directions:

The block will be put together in rows with row 1: cat's ears, row 2: cat's head and top of tail, and row 3. Row 3 has 3 sections: pumpkin and left side of cat body, right side of cat body, and bottom of cat tail.

Row 1:

- Use 2 ½" (B) square and 2 ½" (BG) square to make 2 half square triangle blocks.
- Draw lines ¼" off each side of the center diagonal of the (BG) square. Place (BG) square onto (B) square, right sides together. Stitch on the drawn lines. Cut between the sewn lines, press open. Trim to 2" square.
- Lay out the row 1: 3" X 2" (BG), ½ Sq. triangle, 2 ½" X 2" (BG), ½ sq. triangle, 3" X 2" (BG)
- Sew row together
- Press seams to the left



Row 2:

- Use 5 ½" X 3 ½" (B) and 2 - 2" (BG) squares
- Draw diagonal lines on each (BG) square.
- Place the squares, right sides together in the bottom corners of the (B) rectangle. (Bottom of rectangle is 5 ½" side.) Diagonal lines should go from outside edge (3 ½" side) towards center of bottom edge.
- Stitch on the drawn line
- Cut ¼" from stitched line, cutting off the corner.
- Press open



- Use 1 ¼" X 3 ½" (B) and 1 ¼" (BG) to make tail top.
- Draw diagonal line on BG square
- Place in corner of B so that line goes top right to bottom left.
- Sew on the line
- Cut ¼" from the sewn line
- Press open
- Lay out row 2: 3" X 3 ½" (BG), head, 2 ¼" X 3 ½" (BG), tail piece
- Sew row together
- Press to the right
- Sew row 1 to row 2 nesting seams by ears and head



Row 3, section 1:

- Use 4 ½" X 4" (O), 1 ½" X 1" (G), 2" X 2 ½" (B), 2 - 1 ½" sq. (B), 1" X 2" (BG), 2 - 1 ½" sq. (BG), 2" sq. (BG), 3" X 2" (BG)
- Use 1 ½" squares (BG & B) draw diagonal lines
- Place squares, right sides together on the (O) rectangle. Place (BG) squares on left side and (B) squares on right side. (4 ½" side is bottom of pumpkin) diagonal lines should go from center top to bottom side and side top to bottom center. (see picture)
- Sew on lines
- Cut ¼" from seam,
- Press open
- Use 2" X 2 ½" (B) and 2" (BG) square
- Draw diagonal line on (BG) square
- Place at top of (B) rectangle so line goes right top to left bottom (see picture)
- Stitch on line
- Cut ¼" from seam
- Press open
- Sew 1" X 2" (BG) to 1 ½" X 1" (G) together along 1" edge
- Sew stem piece to 3" X 2" (BG)
- Sew this piece to cat side piece
- Sew this to pumpkin piece
- Press



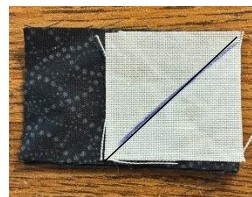
Row 3, section 2. Cat body

- Use 5" X 6" (B), 3" (BG) Square, 2" (BG) square
- Draw diagonal lines on each of the (BG) squares
- Place 3" square on top left of (B) (5" side is bottom of rectangle) line should go top left to bottom right
- Stitch on the line
- Cut 1/4" from sewn line
- Place 2" square in bottom right corner with line going top right to bottom left
- Stitch on the line
- Cut 1/4" from the sewn line
- Press open



Row 3, section 3, tail

- Use 2" X 1 1/4" (B), 1 1/4" X 3 3/4" (B), 2" sq. (BG), 1 1/4" sq. (BG), 1 1/4" X 3 3/4" (BG)
- Draw diagonal line on 1 1/4" (BG) sq
- Place this square on the right end of the 2" X 1 1/4" (B). Diagonal line should go top right to bottom left.
- Stitch on the diagonal line
- Cut 1/4" from seam line
- press open
- sew 1 1/4" X 3 3/4" (BG) to 1 1/4" X 3 3/4" (B)
- sew bottom tail piece to bottom of just completed unit
- sew 2" (BG) square to bottom
- Lay out your row and sew together
- Sew row 3 below row 1 & 2, line up neck to neck and tail to tail, nesting seams
- Press
- This block should now measure 10 1/2" square



1 1/4" X 3 3/4"
(BG) sewn to
1 1/4" X 3 3/4" (B)



2" square



- Sew the 1 ½" X 10 ½" (BG) strips on each side of the cat.
- Sew the 1 ½" X 12 ½" (BG) strips to the top and bottom of the block



Your block is now complete and should measure 12 ½" square



I did a little something different for this month's runner. I left off the side borders on the middle block instead of adding sashing between the blocks. This makes the runner a little shorter. I added a 3" border and some black binding to complete the runner.

