



Jack O'Lantern



Finished size: approx. 11" square

Requirements:

- 15cm (6") white homespun
- 25cm (10") dark orange fabric
- 15cm (6") light orange fabric
- 15cm (6") black fabric
- 5cm (2") brown fabric
- 35cm (14") square of backing and wadding (extra backing fabric for hanging sleeve-
optional)
- 13cm (5") binding fabric
- Neutral thread for piecing
- Quilting thread
- General sewing and paper piecing supplies

Please Note:

Please read all instructions carefully before proceeding with this project. A ¼" seam allowance has been added to all measurements. Fabric requirements are based on fabric 44" (112cm) wide. It is recommended that fabrics be prewashed and ironed before proceeding.

Printing the Paper Piecing Design Sheets:

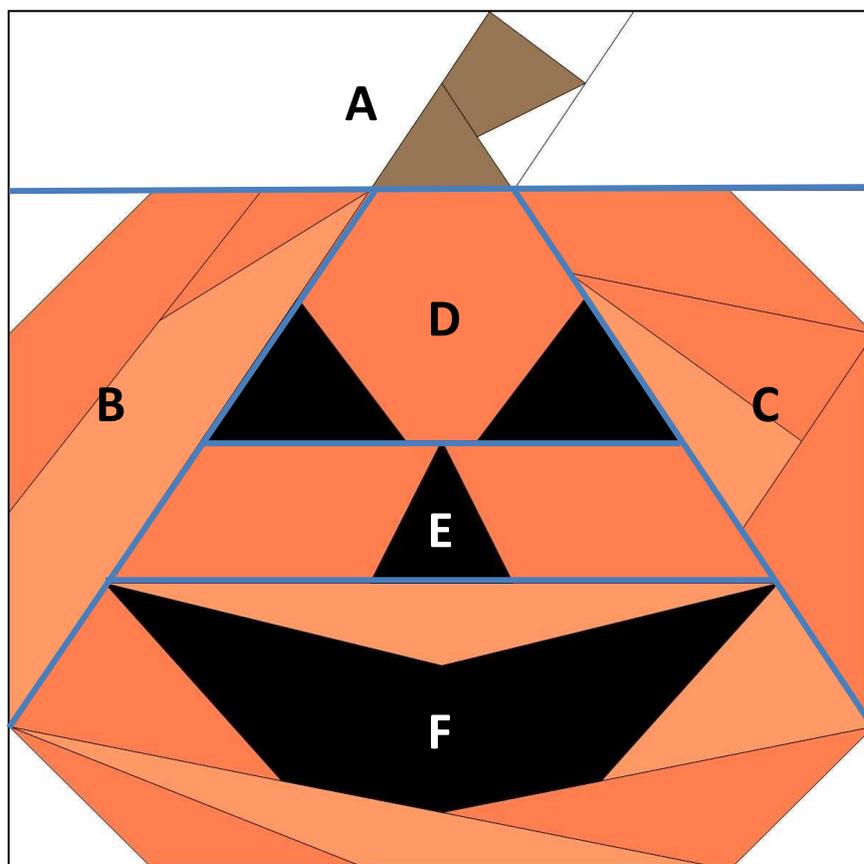
When printing the design sheets, ensure the printer settings are set to "none" or "actual size" in the page scaling panel to ensure accuracy of printing.



Paper Piecing the Jack O'Lantern Block:

1. Print the **Jack O'Lantern- Colouring Sheet** and plan the placement of your chosen fabrics/colours.
2. Print the **Jack O'Lantern** design sheets, included in this pattern.
3. Cut around the templates, about $\frac{1}{4}$ " from the outer lines. I found it easier to label the colour placement on the paper templates, prior to piecing each section. (**don't forget, you are working in reverse.**)
4. Paper piece sections **A- F** in your chosen fabrics.
5. Join the sections together, as follows, to complete your block which should measure $9 \frac{1}{2}$ " square when complete:

$$(D + E + F) + B + C + A$$



Cutting Guide for Borders:

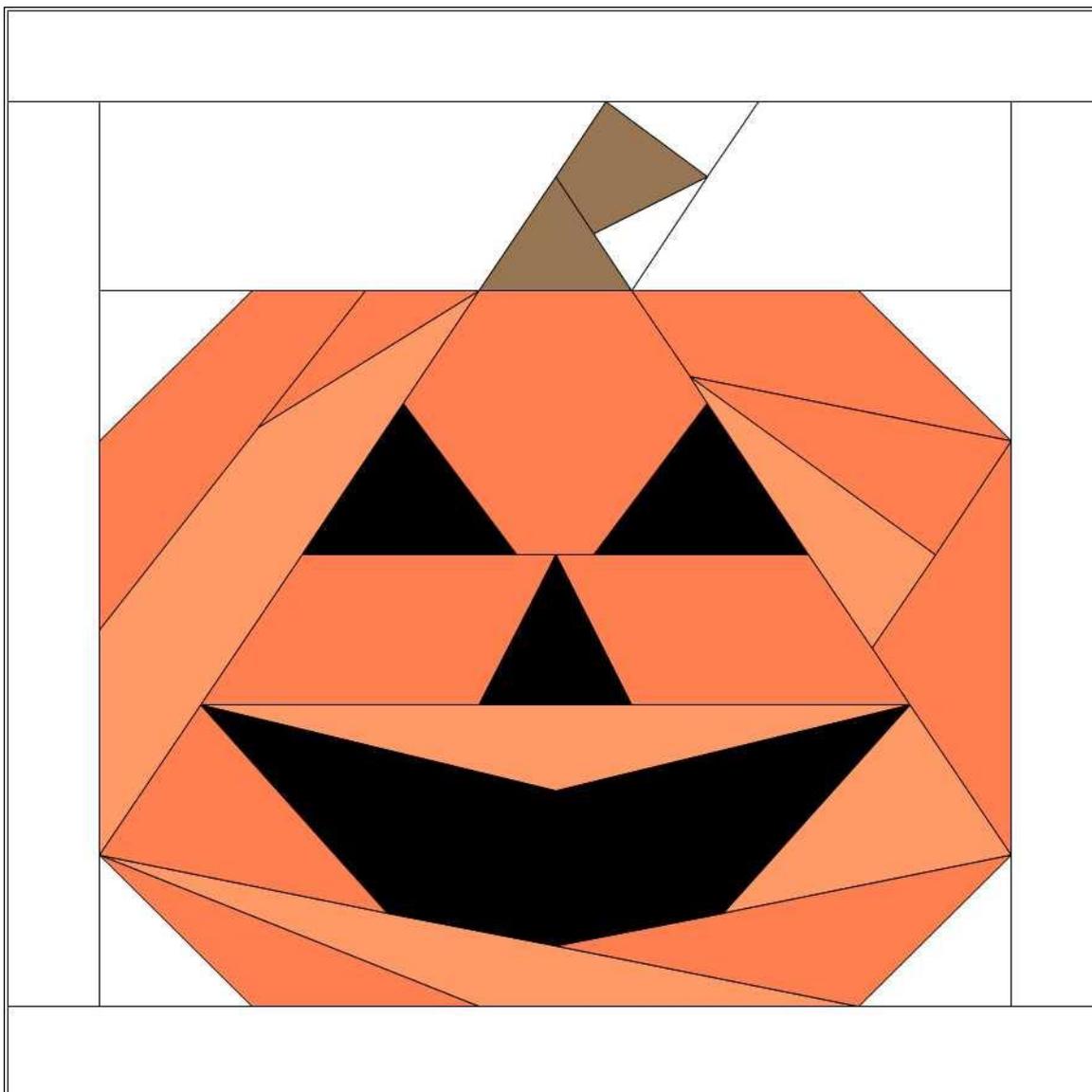
From the **white homespun** cut:

- 2 x $1 \frac{1}{2}$ " x $9 \frac{1}{2}$ " strips
- 2 x $1 \frac{1}{2}$ " x $10 \frac{1}{2}$ " strips

Attaching the Borders:

1. Sew a white $1 \frac{1}{2}$ " x $9 \frac{1}{2}$ " strip to either side of the **Jack O'Lantern** block, pressing seams towards the white strips.

2. Sew a white 1 ½" x 10 ½" strip to the top and bottom of the **Jack O'Lantern** block, pressing seams towards the white strips to complete your mini quilt top, which should measure 11 ½" square when complete.
3. Remove the paper from the back of the quilt top and press top well.



Basting and Quilting:

1. Lay the backing fabric wrong side up on a flat surface and tape into position to secure.
2. Lay the wadding on top, smoothing out any wrinkles and then position the well pressed quilt top, on top, right side up.
3. Pin the three layers together if you are machine quilting and hand baste the three layers together if you are hand quilting.
4. Quilt as desired. I have chosen to machine quilt and I have free motioned a stipple design, all over the mini quilt.

Bindings and Optional Hanging Sleeves:

1. Trim the excess backing and wadding level with the quilt top.

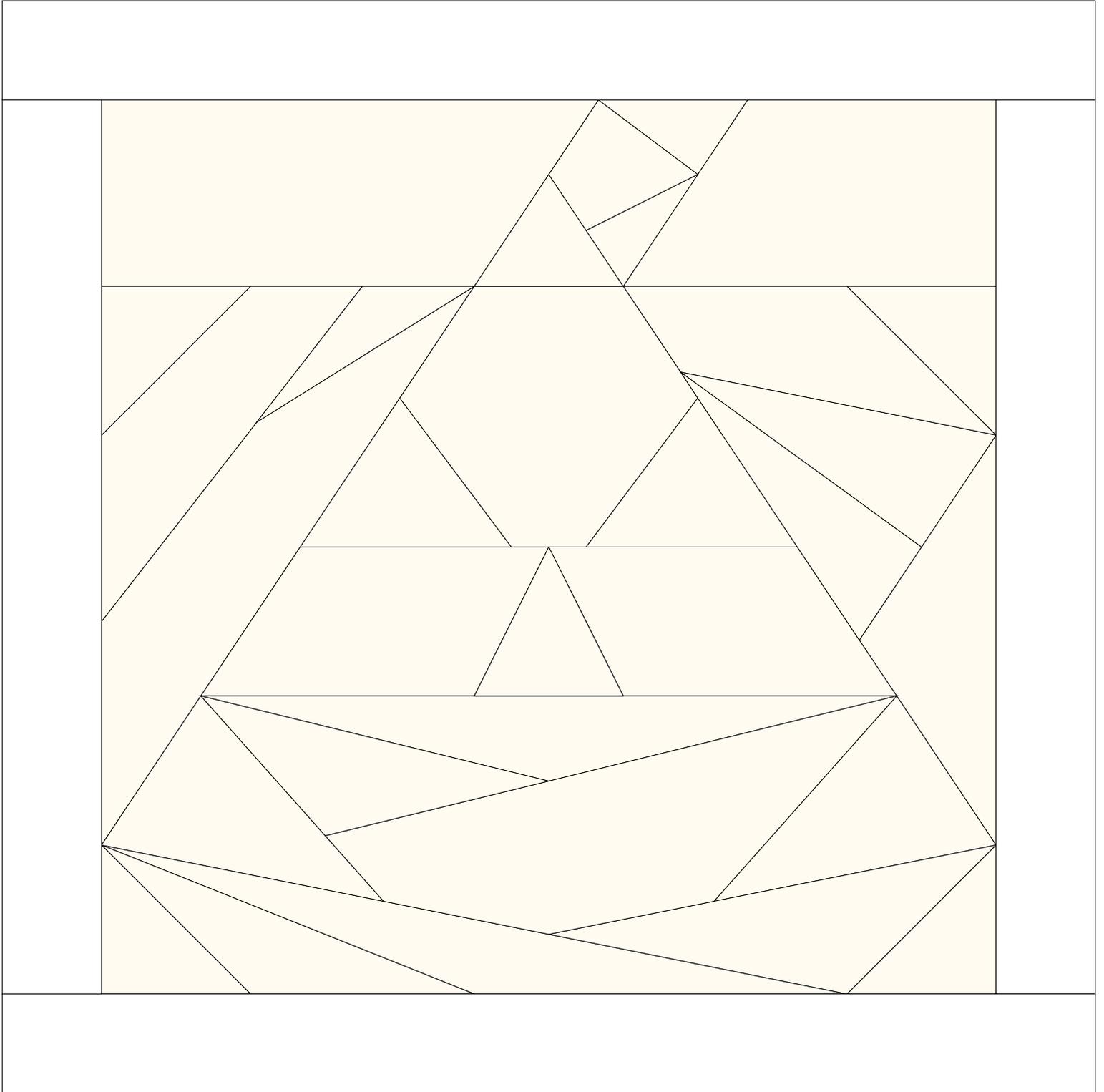
2. You can add a hanging sleeve at this point if desired. Here are two options:
Option 1: Cut a strip of backing fabric 2 ½" x 7 ½" and with right side down, turn in a ¼" seam on either short edge and press well. Fold strip in half lengthways, wrong sides together. Pin the raw edge of the sleeve to the back of the quilt, evenly on one raw edge and sew across a scant 1/8" seam to secure into position. (With this option, once binding has been completed you can slide in a quilt hanger to hang your quilt)
Option 2: Cut 2 x 3 ½" squares from the backing fabric and with wrong sides together, fold each square diagonally to form a triangle. Press well. Position a triangle on the back of the quilt, in the two top corners, raw edges together. Sew around the raw edges with a scant 1/8" seam to secure into position. (With this option, you can use the triangles to hold a quilt hanger OR place a thumbtack inside the triangle and push through the triangle only and then into your wall to hang your quilt)
3. From your binding fabric cut:
 - 2 x 2 ¼" strips across the fabric width
4. Sew the strips together, with diagonal seams, along the short sides to form one long strip.
5. Press strip in half lengthways and starting in the middle of one side of the quilt, sew bindings to the quilt front, raw edges together, mitring the corners as you go and trimming excess.
6. Turn bindings to the wrong side of the quilt and slipstitch into place to secure.
7. Label and date your completed **Jack O'Lantern** mini quilt.

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Jack O'Lantern- Colouring Sheet



Jack O'Lantern- Design Sheets

