

# PUMPKINS IN A ROW

## Materials:

Fabric cut to 4.5" x 5.5"—

- (A) 3 rectangles in dark brown/black print or solid fabric of choice
- (B) 2 rectangles in orange print or solid
- (C) 2 rectangles in yellow print or solid

Fabric cut to 7.5" x 5.5"—

4 rectangles in cream or natural

Felt—

1 sheet craft felt in dark brown

1 sheet craft felt in orange

Notions and Misc—

Thread

Fiberfill

Sewing machine or, if hand sewing, needle

Exacto knife and/or small, sharp scissors

Pins/safety pins

PDF of "Pumpkins in a Row" appliqué pattern

## Instructions:

Step one—Cut fabric to specifications above. Starting with back of pillow, pin and (using a ¼ inch seam) sew rectangles with 5.5" sides together, right sides facing inward, in the following pattern: C, A, B, A, B, A, C (Yellow, black, orange, black, orange, yellow)

Step two—Print and cut out pumpkin template. Match blank pumpkins to face pumpkins and trim an overlap of paper.

Step three—Pin blank pumpkins to dark brown felt and cut out along edge.

Step four—On the pumpkin templates with faces, carefully cut out features and place, RIGHT SIDE DOWN on the orange felt. Taking a Sharpie marker, outline pumpkins AND facial features. \*This will be the wrong side of the felt pumpkins, so ink marks will not be visible once sewn.\* After outlining pumpkins, cut on the lines you made. For facial features, use small scissors and cut carefully. \*I DON'T advise using an exacto knife to cut felt! It tugs, and in my opinion, is dangerous! Cutting the paper templates with the exacto knife, though, is fine—still use CAUTION!\*

Step five—With the cream fabric positioned with wider side on top/bottom (see blog post for pictures), center and pin pumpkins with dark brown topped with the orange. Sew around the perimeter of the ORANGE pumpkins, about an eighth of an inch from the edge.

Step six—Stitch around facial features. You can leave the stem alone, or stitch that down, as well. You can machine stitch the facial features BUT I advise you to hand stitch them, since some of the features are small, and difficult to maneuver with a machine. I used a backstitch.

Step seven—Machine stitch cream rectangles with a ¼ inch seam, right sides facing, on 5.5" sides. Press seams. If you want, you can go back over and stitch 1/8 inch on both sides of the seam, for a finished look. (See blog for photo example.)

Step eight—Place right sides of the pillow front and back together and pin. Leaving enough room at the BOTTOM of the pillow, stitch a ¼ inch seam around the perimeter of the pillow.

Step nine—Turn and stuff. Close up hole by hand with ladder stitches, or, if you want, you can send it through the sewing machine, being careful to sew close to the edge of the pillow