

What you will need

- 1) A 10" square of fabric for background
- 2) An 18" square of fabric for basket and handle
- 3) A 4" square of fabric for your pumpkin
- 4) Small scraps of fabric for leaves
- 5) Thread to match leaves for vines
- 6) Thread to stitch down basket (matching or monofilament)
- 7) Threads for stitching down pumpkin, leaves and stem and for "painting" details onto pumpkin, leaves and stem. * if you prefer you could "paint" details with a permanent fabric marker
- 8) A piece of fusible web about 9" wide by width of fusible web
- 9) Stabilizer of your choice cut 10" square
- 10) Cutting mat, rotary cutter, ruler, sewing machine, scissors, straight pins and appliqué pressing sheet

Rotary Cutting directions

3 strips from your basket fabric cut on the bias measuring $\frac{1}{4}$ " X 12"

1 strip of fusible web measuring $\frac{1}{2}$ " X 12"

Directions for block

- 1) Place the three strips of basket fabric together at the top and pin to your ironing surface with the right sides facing you. Being careful not to twist the fabric braid these three pieces together and pin at the bottom to hold together, remove the pin at the top from the ironing surface turn the braid over so the wrong side is facing you and re-pin.
- 2) Without removing the paper from the back of the $\frac{1}{2}$ " X 12" strip of fusible press the fusible side to the wrong side of the braid centering it as you press. This will hold the braid together until you stitch it to your background fabric
- 3) Trace your leaves, pumpkin, stem and basket to your remaining piece of fusible cut out the traced patterns leaving $\frac{1}{4}$ " on pumpkin and basket. Cut out the leaves leaving $\frac{1}{4}$ " around the entire group. (the leaves are very small so don't cut each one until you are ready to press it to keep them from being lost)
- 4) Using a light table or sunny window trace the curved lines inside your pumpkin (these will guide you later when thread painting).
- 5) Lay your appliqué pressing sheet over your pattern sheet/placement guide, peel the paper from the back of your braid and press the braid to your appliqué pressing sheet along the handle guide. Trim the ends to about $\frac{1}{8}$ " below the top line for your basket.
- 6) Press your fusible web pumpkin pattern to the **wrong side** of your 4" square of pumpkin fabric, cut it out along the solid outside lines. Press it in place on your fusible appliqué sheet using your guide.
- 7) Press your leaves and stem fusible web patterns to the **wrong side** of your scrap of leaf fabric.
- 8) Cut out the stem pattern along the solid lines and fuse it to the top of your pumpkin on the fusible appliqué pressing sheet.
- 9) Cut out the leaf pattern with dotted lines along the solid and dotted lines, press to your appliqué pressing sheet using your guide for placement.
- 10) Press your fusible web basket pattern to the **wrong side** of remaining basket fabric and cut out along the solid line. Press it in place on your fusible appliqué sheet using your guide. The top

edge of your basket should cover the bottom edges of your handle and the bottom edge of your pumpkin.

- 11) Peel up your basket, pumpkin and handle all in one piece and centering it press it to your 10" square of background fabric.
- 12) Place your stabilizer to the back of your 10" square of background block and pin it. Take your block to your sewing machine. Set your sewing machine for free motion stitching. Using the thread of your choice stitch your basket handle, basket, pumpkin leaf and stem down.
- 13) Using either thread or permanent fabric paint add the details to your pumpkin and stem. Follow the lines you traced earlier onto the pumpkin and add lines onto your stem free hand. If you wish to be more creative add beads or other embellishments.
- 14) Once you have finished stitching or painting return to your pressing area. Cut out your remaining leaves and using the picture of the block as a guide press leaves directly onto your block.
- 15) Using a pencil draw your vines onto your block adding a few curls and making sure each leaf has a vine attached to it with the exception of the one at the bottom of the basket.
- 16) Making sure your stabilizer is still in place return to your sewing machine and stitch your leaves down. Add your details to the leaves with thread or paint and following the lines drawn for your vines either stitch them or paint them.
- 17) Remove your stabilizer and press your block, then trim it to 8 ½" square.

CONGRATULATIONS YOU ARE DONE WITH YOUR OCTOBER BLOCK