





# **PROJECT: Spooky Halloween Sampler**

Three different blocks in a variety of Halloween prints make up a frightful wall quilt.

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FABRICS are from the Hallo-Harvest and Grunge collections by BasicGrey for Moda Fabrics (modafabrics.com).



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FINISHED QUILT: 42 1/2" square FINISHED BLOCKS: 12" square

#### **MATERIALS**

Yardages and cutting instructions are based on 42" of usable fabric width.

- 1/8 yard each cream-and-orange polka dot, green skull print, green spider print, cream print, orange polka dot, and black polka dot (blocks)
- □ ¼ yard each black star print, black spiderweb print, orange spiderweb print, orange skull print, cream-and-black polka dot, and light green spiderweb print (blocks)
- □ 3/8 yard cream skull print (blocks)
- 4" square dark green spiderweb print (blocks)
- □ 1/2 yard black tone-on-tone (border)
- □ ½ yard binding fabric
- □ 21/8 yards backing fabric
- ☐ 51"-square batting

#### **CUT FABRICS**

Cut pieces in the following order.

From cream-and-orange polka dot, cut:

 $\square$  8-3 $\frac{7}{8}$ " squares

#### From black star print, cut:

- □ 2-71/4" squares, cutting each diagonally twice in an X for 8 triangles total
- $\Box$  4-37/8" squares

#### From black spiderweb print, cut:

- □ 2-71/4" squares, cutting each diagonally twice in an X for 8 triangles total
- $\Box$  4-3 $\frac{7}{8}$ " squares

## From orange spiderweb print, cut:

□ 4-6**%**" squares, cutting each in half diagonally for 8 triangles total

## From orange skull print, cut:

□ 4-67/8" squares, cutting each in half diagonally for 8 triangles total

# From green skull print, cut:

 $\Box$  16-2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " squares

# From cream-and-black polka dot, cut:

 $\Box$  16-2½×4½" rectangles

# From green spider print, cut:

 $\Box$  4-4½" squares

# From light green spiderweb print, cut:

 $\Box$  16-2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " squares

#### From cream skull print, cut:

 $\Box$  16-2\frac{1}{2}\times 8\frac{1}{2}\times rectangles

## From cream print, cut:

- $\square$  2-3 $\frac{7}{8}$ " squares
- $\Box$  1–3 $\frac{1}{2}$ " square
- $\Box$  2-2 $\frac{3}{4}$ " squares

## From orange polka dot, cut:

- $\square$  2–3 $\frac{7}{8}$ " squares
- $\Box$  1–3½×6½" rectangle
- □ 1-3**1/2**" square

## From dark green spiderweb print, cut:

 $\Box$  1–3½" square

#### From black polka dot, cut:

- $\square$  2-2×12½" rectangles
- $\Box$  2-2×9½" rectangles

# From black tone-on-tone, cut:

 $\Box$  4-3½×42" strips for border

## From binding fabric, cut:

 $\Box$  5-2½×42" binding strips

## **ASSEMBLE BLOCK A**

Measurements include 1/4" seam allowances. Sew with right sides together unless otherwise stated.

Press seams in directions indicated by arrows on diagrams. If no direction is specified, press seam toward darker fabric

**1.** Use a pencil to mark a diagonal line on wrong side of each cream-and-orange polka dot 37/8" square.

- 2. Layer a marked cream-and-orange polka dot square atop a black star print 37/8" square. Sew together with two seams, stitching 1/4" on each side of drawn line (Diagram 1). Cut pair apart on drawn line; press open to make two black star triangle-squares. Each triangle-square should be 31/2" square including seam allowances. Repeat to make eight black star triangle-squares total.
- **3.** Using remaining marked cream-and-orange polka dot squares and black spiderweb print 3%" squares, repeat Step 2 to make eight black spiderweb triangle-squares.
- **4.** Referring to **Diagram 2**, sew together four black star triangle-squares in pairs. Join pairs to make a black star Pinwheel unit. The unit should be 6½" square including seam allowances. Repeat to make a second black star Pinwheel unit.
- **5.** Repeat Step 4 using black spiderweb triangle-squares to make two black spiderweb Pinwheel units.
- **6.** Sew black star print triangles to opposite edges of a black star Pinwheel unit (**Diagram 3**). Add black star print triangles to remaining edges.
- 7. Sew orange spiderweb print triangles to opposite edges of Step 6 unit (Diagram 4). Add orange spiderweb print triangles to remaining edges to make orange spiderweb Block A. The block should be 12½" square including seam allowances.
- **8.** Repeat steps 6 and 7 to make a second orange spiderweb Block A.
- **9.** Repeat steps 6 and 7 with black spiderweb Pinwheel units, black spiderweb triangles, and orange skull triangles to make two orange skull A blocks.



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#### ASSEMBLE BLOCK B

- 1. Referring to Diagram 5, lay out four green skull print 2½" squares, four cream-and-black polka dot print 2½×4½" rectangles, and one green spider print 4½" square in three rows. Sew together pieces in rows. Join rows to make a center unit. The unit should be 8½" square including seam allowances. Repeat to make four center units total.
- 2. Referring to **Diagram 6**, lay out four light green spiderweb print 2½" squares, four cream skull print 2½×8½" rectangles, and one center unit in three rows. Sew together pieces in rows. Join rows to make Block B. The block should be 12½" square including seam allowances. Repeat to make four B blocks total.

#### ASSEMBLE BLOCK C

- 1. Use a pencil to mark a diagonal line on wrong side of each cream print 3% square and cream print 23/4" square.
- 2. Using marked cream print 3% squares and orange polka dot 3% squares, repeat Assemble Block A, Step 2, to make four orange triangle-squares total.
- 3. Align a marked cream print 2¾" square with one corner of dark green spiderweb print 3½" square (Diagram 7; note direction of marked line). Sew on marked line. Trim excess fabric, leaving a ¼" seam allowance. Press open attached triangle. Add remaining marked cream print 2¾" square to opposite corner of dark green square to make a stem unit. The unit should be 3½" square including seam allowances.
- 4. Referring to **Diagram 8**, lay out orange triangle-squares, cream print 3½" square, orange polka dot 3½×6½" rectangle, orange polka dot 3½" square, and stem unit in three rows. Sew together pieces in rows. Join rows to make a leaf

unit. The unit should be  $9\frac{1}{2}$ " square including seam allowances.

**5.** Referring to **Diagram 9**, sew black polka dot  $2\times9\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangles to opposite edges of leaf unit. Join black polka dot  $2\times12\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangles to remaining edges to make Block C. The block should be  $12\frac{1}{2}$ " square including seam allowances.

#### **ASSEMBLE QUILT TOP**

- 1. Referring to Quilt Assembly Diagram, lay out blocks in three rows. Sew together blocks in rows. Press seams in one direction, alternating direction with each row
- 2. Join rows to make quilt center. Press seams in one direction. The quilt center should be 36½" square including seam allowances.
- **3.** Piece and cut black tone-on-tone  $3\frac{1}{2}\times42$ " strips to make:
  - $\Box$  2-3½×42½" border strips
  - $\square$  2-3½×36½" border strips
- **4.** Sew short border strips to opposite edges of quilt center. Add long border strips to remaining edges to complete quilt top. Press all seams toward border.

#### **FINISH QUILT**

- **1.** Layer quilt top, batting, and backing; baste. Quilt as desired.
- 2. Bind with binding strips.







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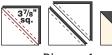


Diagram 1



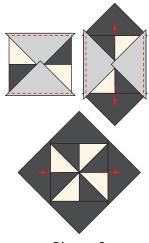
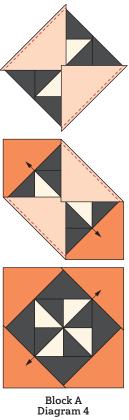


Diagram 3



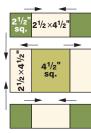
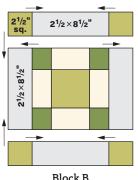


Diagram 5



Block B Diagram 6

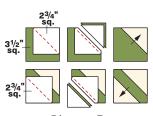


Diagram 7







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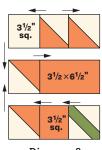
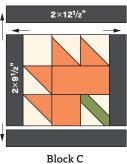
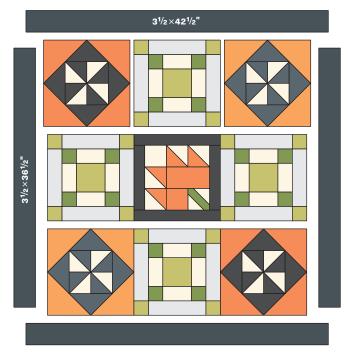


Diagram 8



Block C Diagram 9



**Quilt Assembly Diagram**