

PATCHWORK PUMPKIN

SEWN & APPLIQUÉ TUTORIAL



MATERIALS

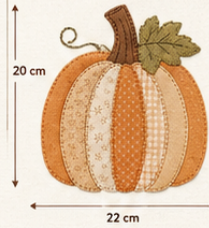
- Cotton fabric in fall colors
- Fusible Web
- Coordinating thread
- Appliqué thread
- Embroidery floss
- Polyester fiberfill
- Fabric glue (optional)

TOOLS

- Sewing machine
- Iron
- Scissors
- Appliqué scissors
- Chalk pencil
- Hand sewing needle
- Pins

FINISHED SIZE

22 cm (W) x 20 cm (H)



CUTTING GUIDE

All measurements include 0.7 cm seam allowance.

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| | 1 Center Panel (x1)
10 cm x 20 cm | | 6 Leaf (x1)
7 cm x 6 cm |
| | 2 Side Panel A (x2)
8 cm x 20 cm | | 7 Vine (x1)
30 cm (embroidery) |
| | 3 Side Panel B (x2)
8 cm x 20 cm | | 8 Branch (x2)
15 cm (embroidery) |
| | 4 Outer Panel (x2)
7.5 cm x 20 cm | | 9 Leaves (x6)
4.5 cm x 2.5 cm |
| | 5 Stem (x1)
6 cm x 8 cm | | 10 Berries (x6)
2 cm circle |

STEP-BY-STEP INSTRUCTIONS

1. PREPARE THE FABRIC



Wash, dry and iron all fabrics. Trace or print the templates (included). Cut all pieces according to the Cutting Guide.

2. FUSE APPLIQUÉ PIECES



Fuse the wrong side of all appliqué pieces (leaf, stem, leaves, berries) with fusible web. Cut them out neatly.

3. ARRANGE THE PUMPKIN



Lay out the pumpkin panels in this order:
4 - 3 - 2 - 1 - 2 - 3 - 4
Center the panels on the background fabric (25 cm x 23 cm).

4. APPLIQUÉ THE PANELS



Appliqué each panel with a buttonhole stitch or blanket stitch. Use matching thread. Press gently.

5. APPLIQUÉ THE STEM & LEAF



Appliqué the stem at the top center of the pumpkin. Appliqué the leaf next to the stem, slightly overlapping.

6. EMBROIDER THE VINE



Using embroidery floss (2 strands), stitch the vine with a stem stitch or back stitch as shown.

7. EMBROIDER THE BRANCHES



Embroider the branches on both sides of the pumpkin using stem stitch.

8. APPLIQUÉ LEAVES



Appliqué the leaves along the branches using small stitches.

9. APPLIQUÉ BERRIES



Appliqué the berries at the ends of the branches.

10. FINISH THE BLOCK



Trim the background fabric to 23 cm x 21 cm. Press. (Optional) Quilt around the design or add decorative stitching.

BASIC SEWING & QUILTING METHODS USED

Running Stitch
Simple straight stitches used to baste or gather.

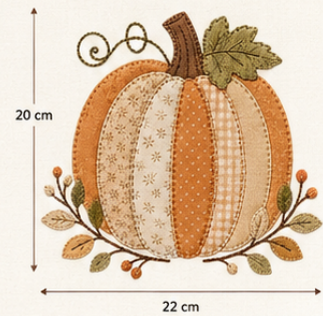
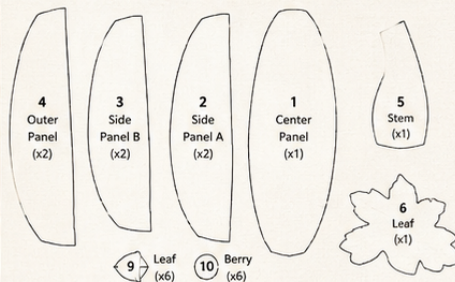
Back Stitch
Strong stitch used for outlines and details.

Stem Stitch
Perfect for vines and curved lines.

Appliqué
Technique of layering fabric shapes and securing them with stitches.

Quilting (Optional)
Add decorative stitches around the design for texture.

TEMPLATES (Actual Size)



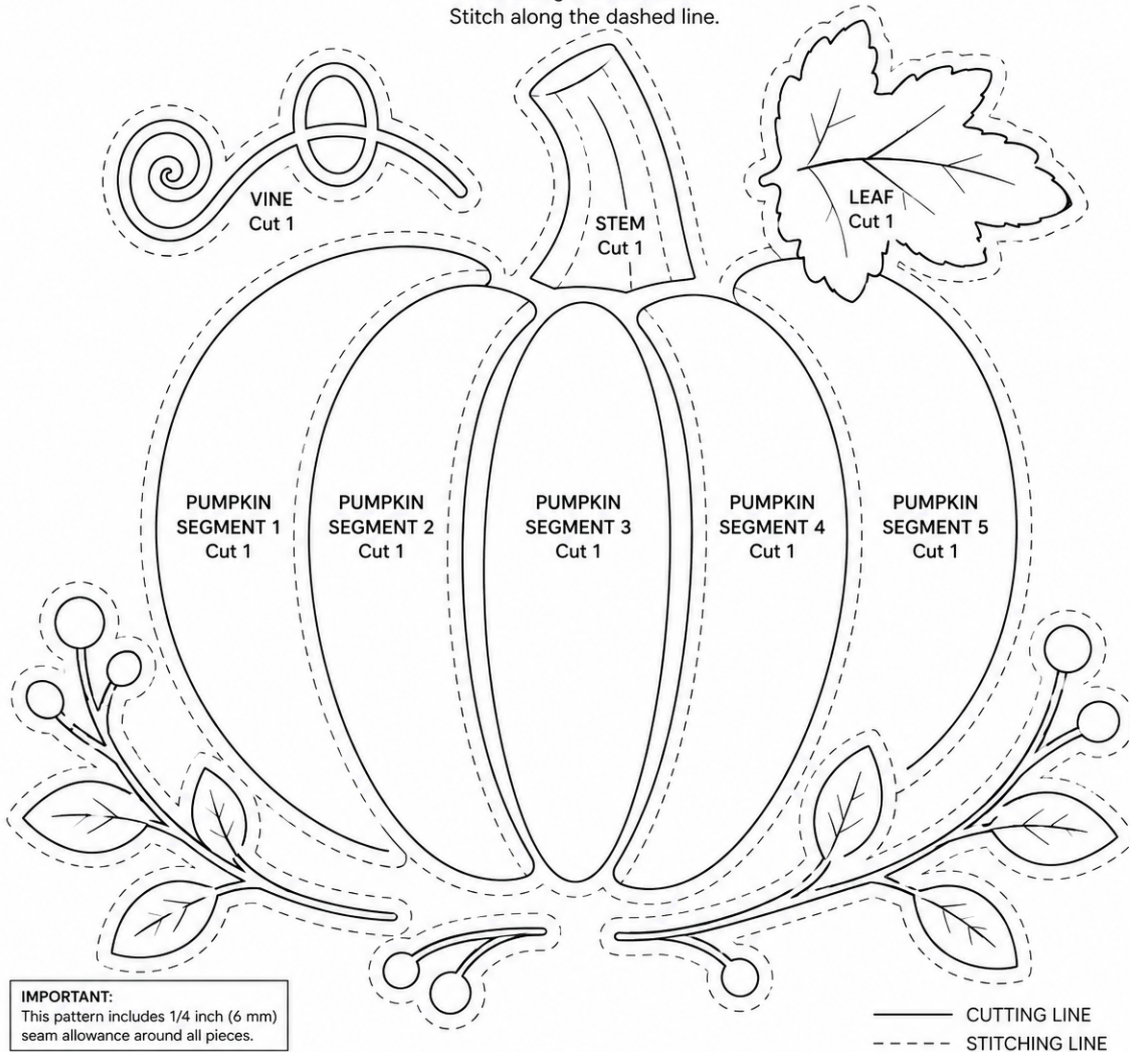
Tip: Use a lightbox to trace the templates easily. • Take your time and enjoy the process! ♥

PUMPKIN APPLIQUE – SEWING PATTERN

Seam allowance included: 1/4 inch (6 mm)

Cut along the solid line.

Stitch along the dashed line.



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Patchwork Pumpkin – Sewn & Appliqué Tutorial

Create a beautiful **Patchwork Pumpkin** using appliqué, simple quilting techniques, and decorative embroidery. This project is perfect for autumn decorations, table toppers, wall hangings, quilts, pillows, or seasonal home décor.

The finished pumpkin measures approximately **22 cm (8¾") wide × 20 cm (8") high**.

This tutorial follows the original construction method shown in the pattern, expanding every step with detailed explanations so beginners and experienced quilters alike can successfully complete the project.

Materials

Prepare all supplies before beginning.

Fabrics

- Cotton quilting fabric in fall colors
- Light cream or beige background fabric
- Fusible web
- Optional backing fabric (if quilting)

Thread

- Coordinating sewing thread
- Appliqué thread
- Two strands of embroidery floss

Filling (Optional)

- Polyester fiberfill (only if creating a stuffed decoration)

Tools

- Sewing machine
- Iron and ironing board
- Fabric scissors
- Small appliqué scissors
- Rotary cutter (optional)
- Cutting mat
- Quilting ruler
- Fabric marking pencil
- Straight pins or clips
- Hand sewing needle
- Embroidery needle

Finished Size

Width: 22 cm (8¾")

Height: 20 cm (8")

Cutting Guide

Cut every piece before starting assembly.

Pumpkin Panels

Center Panel (Cut 1)

- 10 × 20 cm

Side Panel A (Cut 2)

- 8 × 20 cm

Side Panel B (Cut 2)

- 8 × 20 cm

Outer Panel (Cut 2)

- 7.5 × 20 cm

Stem

Cut 1

- 6 × 8 cm

Leaf

Cut 1

- 7 × 6 cm

Vine

Embroidered

- Approximately 30 cm

Branches

Embroidered

- Two branches approximately 15 cm each

Small Leaves

Cut 6

- Approximately 4.5 × 2.5 cm

Berries

Cut 6 circles

- Approximately 2 cm each

Important: All measurements already include a **0.7 cm (¼") seam allowance.

Step 1 – Prepare the Fabric

Before cutting, wash, dry, and press all fabrics to eliminate shrinkage and wrinkles.

Print or trace every template at **100% actual size**.

Carefully transfer all template outlines onto the fusible web according to the cutting guide.

Cut each fabric piece accurately. Precision during cutting greatly improves the final appearance of the pumpkin.

Keep similar pieces together to avoid confusion during assembly.

Press every fabric flat before moving on.

Step 2 – Prepare the Appliqué Pieces

Fuse the traced templates onto the **wrong side** of each fabric following the fusible web manufacturer's instructions.

Allow the pieces to cool completely.

Cut carefully around every shape:

- Pumpkin panels
- Stem
- Leaf
- Small leaves
- Berry circles

Trim smoothly around curves for a professional finish.

Avoid stretching the fabric while cutting.

Leave the paper backing attached until each piece is ready to be fused onto the background.

Step 3 – Arrange the Pumpkin

Place the background fabric on a flat surface.

The background should measure approximately:

25 × 23 cm

Arrange the pumpkin panels in this exact order from left to right:

4 – 3 – 2 – 1 – 2 – 3 – 4

This arrangement creates a symmetrical pumpkin.

Center the pumpkin on the background fabric.

Leave enough space around the pumpkin for the decorative branches, leaves, and berries.

Once satisfied with the placement, remove the paper backing from each panel and fuse everything in place using a hot iron.

Double-check alignment before pressing permanently.



Step 4 – Appliqué the Pumpkin Panels

Using a sewing machine or hand stitching, secure every pumpkin panel.

Recommended stitches include:

- Blanket stitch
- Buttonhole stitch

Work slowly around every curved edge.

Maintain an even stitch length throughout the design.

Use thread that coordinates with each fabric for a clean, professional appearance.

Press lightly after completing all pumpkin sections.



Step 5 – Add the Stem and Main Leaf

Position the stem at the top center of the pumpkin.

Overlap the stem slightly onto the pumpkin body.

Place the large leaf beside the stem so it overlaps naturally.

Fuse both pieces into place.

Secure them using the same appliqué stitch used on the pumpkin panels.

Take extra care around the leaf points and stem curves.

Step 6 – Embroider the Vine

Thread an embroidery needle with **two strands** of embroidery floss.

Embroider the curly vine extending from the stem.

Recommended stitches:

- Stem Stitch
- Back Stitch

Create smooth flowing curves.

Keep the stitching even to produce graceful spirals.

This detail adds movement and realism to the finished pumpkin.

Step 7 – Embroider the Branches

Embroider one branch on each side of the pumpkin.

Use Stem Stitch to create graceful curved branches.

Work from the center outward.

Keep both branches balanced in length and direction.

These embroidered branches become the foundation for the decorative leaves and berries.

Step 8 – Attach the Small Leaves

Arrange the six small leaves naturally along the embroidered branches.

Alternate directions to imitate real foliage.

Fuse each leaf in place.

Secure every leaf with small appliqué stitches.

Take your time around the pointed tips.

Proper placement creates a much more realistic design.

Step 9 – Add the Berries

Position one berry at each branch tip.

Space them evenly across both sides.

Fuse the circles in place.

Appliqué around each berry using small stitches.

You may also add tiny embroidery stitches at the base of each berry to connect it naturally to the branches.

These colorful accents complete the autumn arrangement.

Step 10 – Finish the Block

Trim the background fabric to approximately:

23 × 21 cm

Press the entire project carefully from the back.

If desired, quilt around the pumpkin using free-motion quilting or straight-line quilting.

Optional decorative stitching around the pumpkin can add additional texture and depth.

Your Patchwork Pumpkin block is now complete and ready to become part of many different sewing projects.

Basic Sewing & Quilting Methods

Running Stitch

A simple stitch used for gathering, basting, and basic hand sewing.

Back Stitch

A strong stitch ideal for outlines and embroidery details.

Stem Stitch

Perfect for vines, curved stems, and decorative branches.

Blanket Stitch

The classic appliqué stitch that secures raw edges while creating a decorative border.

Buttonhole Stitch

Another excellent choice for securing appliqué pieces with a polished appearance.

Quilting (Optional)

After assembly, decorative quilting can be added around the pumpkin to create texture and dimension.



Template Guide

The project consists of the following pattern pieces:

Piece 1

Center Panel (Cut 1)

Piece 2

Side Panel A (Cut 2)

Piece 3

Side Panel B (Cut 2)

Piece 4

Outer Panel (Cut 2)

Piece 5

Stem (Cut 1)

Piece 6

Large Leaf (Cut 1)

Small Leaves

Cut 6

Berries

Cut 6

Always verify that printed templates match the measurements before cutting fabric.



Helpful Tips

- Press every fabric before cutting.
- Use sharp scissors for clean edges.
- Test your iron temperature on scrap fabric.
- Match thread colors closely to each fabric.
- Stitch slowly around curves.
- Keep seam allowances consistent.
- Press after every major step.

- Arrange all pieces before fusing permanently.
- Practice appliqué stitches on scrap fabric if you are new to the technique.
- Good lighting makes detailed appliqué much easier.

Finished Project Ideas

Your completed Patchwork Pumpkin can be used as:

- Wall hanging
- Mini quilt
- Pillow cover
- Table runner centerpiece
- Table topper
- Tote bag panel
- Autumn cushion
- Seasonal door decoration
- Quilt block
- Thanksgiving décor
- Farmhouse fall decoration
- Handmade gift

With careful cutting, accurate placement, and patient stitching, this charming Patchwork Pumpkin becomes a timeless autumn project that can be enjoyed year after year. Happy sewing!  

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