

Halloween Crown

This mini will teach you a little trick to make this quilt a treat!

Finishes 12 ½" x 12 ½"

A ¼" seam allowance is assumed. WOF means Width of Fabric.

Fabric Requirements and Cutting:

¼ yard orange

Cut (1) strip 3 ½" x WOF. From this strip, cut (4) 3 ½" X 3 ½" squares.
Cut (2) strips 2" x WOF. From one of these strips, cut (4) 2" x 2" squares,
(2) 2" x 9 ½" rectangles and (2) 2" x 12 ½" rectangles.

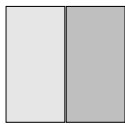
¼ yard black

Cut (1) strip 3 ½" x WOF. From this strip, cut (4) 3 ½" X 3 ½" squares.
Cut (1) strip 2" x WOF.
Cut (1) strip 1" x WOF. Cut this strip into (2) 1" x 9 ½" rectangles and
(2) 1" x 12 ½" rectangles.

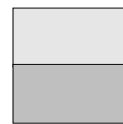


1. Sew a 2" wide orange strip to the 2" wide black strip and press the seam open. The two strips sewn together should measure 3 ½" wide. Cut this two-part strip into (8) 3 ½" blocks and discard anything left over.

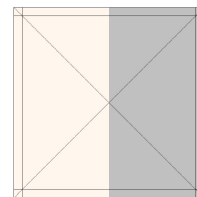
2. Here's the tricky part. Take two of these blocks and place them right sides



together with the seam of one horizontal and the seam of the other vertical. Make four packets like this. Make sure the right side is on the inside. Sew ¼" all around the outside of this packet. Pretend you are making a pillow, but don't leave an opening for turning.



3. Now cut your pillows on an X and open up your pieces. Each pillow will make four star points, two dark and two light. Press these open, being careful not to distort these bias blocks. Using a ruler with a bias line, place the line on the diagonal seam with the corner of the ruler and square these up to 2" x 2" square.



4. From the $3\frac{1}{2}$ " x $3\frac{1}{2}$ " squares, make (4) pillows with the orange on one side and the black on the other. Just as you did before, sew all the way around the outside using a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam. Cut your pillows on an X, creating (4) Half-Square-Triangle (HST) blocks per pillow. Press and square up these HSTs to 2 " x 2 " square.

5. You now have all the pieces you need to finish this mini. Sew them in rows as shown to the right. Press as directed by the arrows.



6. Sew the rows into (4) blocks. Sew the blocks in two rows of two, taking care to rotate the block so the plain square is in the outer corner of the top. The HST blocks should meet in the center to make a square-in-a-square design.



7. Your new top should measure $9\frac{1}{2}$ " x $9\frac{1}{2}$ ". To insert a little three-dimensional flange border, fold a 1 " x $9\frac{1}{2}$ " black rectangle wrong sides together and pin it to one side of the top. Ease it to fit if necessary. Stay-stitch this flange to the top using a $\frac{1}{8}$ " seam. Repeat for the other side. Forcing the top to match two identically cut borders will force it to remain square.



8. Sew the 2 " x $9\frac{1}{2}$ " orange border rectangle to both sides of the top, using a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam. Take care to match the center of the border strip to the center of the top and ease to fit if necessary.



Here's a tip: if you are really pleased with your points on the outside of your top, press your flange so it overlaps the border. If you aren't, press your flange over the center of the top. You will hold the flange in place when you add the next border.

9. Repeat this process with the 1 " x $12\frac{1}{2}$ " black flange strip and the 2 " x $12\frac{1}{2}$ " orange border strip and you are done!