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FINISHED SIZE: 64" X 64"

FABRIC:

Note: Yardage figured for 40" wide fabric

• White: 2 7/8 yd

 Oranges: 2 yd (total)

• Green: 5/8 yard

Backing squares: 4 1/8 yd (total)

 Batting: 4 1/8 yd (optional, this is a good use for batting scraps if you have a lot of them)

Pumpkin Rag Quilt

This is an easy, quilt as you go project. Consider using a variety of fall colors for the back.

Construct pieced blocks for front

Cut:

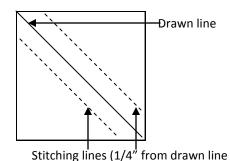
- (14) 9 7/8" squares of white
- (14) 9 7/8" squares of various oranges
- (4) 9 7/8" squares of green
- (2) 8 1/2" x 4 3/4" rectangles of white
- (2) 8 1/2" x 4 3/4" rectangles of green

Sew:

Layer right sides together in pairs of:

- (4) green and white
- (10) orange and white
- (2) orange and orange (make sure you have two different oranges in each pair.)

Draw a diagonal line on one square in each pair. Stitch 1/4" from each diagonal line. Cut on the diagonal line. Press the seams in one direction.



You should have the following squares:



One cut square set makes two. Make 8 total.



One cut square set makes two. Make 4 total.



One cut square set makes two. Make 20 total.

Stitch each white rectangle to each green rectangle along the 8 1/2" side.



Make 2.

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Pumpkin Rag Quilt (continued)

Cut other blocks for front:

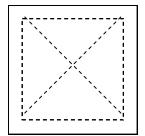
- (22) 9" squares of white
- (8) 9" squares of various oranges

Cut blocks for back and batting

- (64) 9" squares of various colors
- (64) 7 3/4" squares of batting (if desired)

Layer and Sew Blocks

Layer a front block with a back block WRONG sides together. If you are using batting, insert a batting piece between each layer. Stitch around the block with a 1/2" seam. (If using batting, stitch and "X" from corner to corner after stitching the edges.



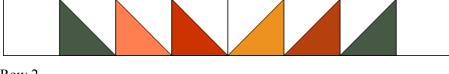
Stitch 1/2" from edge.

Diagonal stitching is optional for batting

Arrange blocks and sew top together

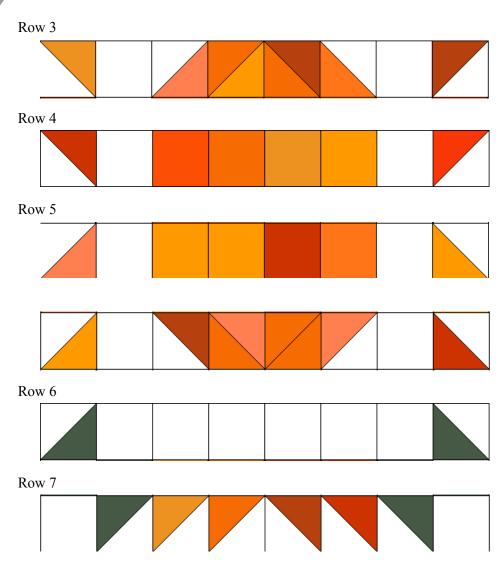
Arrange blocks into rows as shown. Sew the blocks into strips with backs together using 1/2" seam. (Backs together puts the seam/fringe on the front of the quilt.

Row 1



Row 2





Row 8

Sew strips together with seams from one strip pressed up and the strips from the next seam pressed down. (This will make it MUCH easier to match the seams.)

Make it into a Rag

Fringe the seams by snipping each seam and the outer edge at 1/2" intervals close to the seam. Be careful not to snip through the seam itself. At this point, I usually put the quilt in the dryer to help fringe get "raggy." If you choose, you can hasten that process by washing and drying the quilt once or twice. It is a good idea to clean the lint filter on your dryer halfway through the drying cycle.