

Brandywine Valley Quilters - Block of the Month October 2020

Scrappy Pumpkin

It's fall...time to throw caution to the wind and get scrappy! This month we will be using up some of our scraps to make a scrappy pumpkin block. This is a great stash buster. Sometimes this technique is also called crumb quilting.

What you need:

Scraps of fabric in a variety of fabric, colors, sizes and shapes

Background fabric

Rotary cutter & straight edge

Sewing machine with 1/4 foot

1. Take two scraps of fabric with a straight edge and sew them together with a 1/4 seam then press.
2. Take two additional pieces of fabric with straight edges and sew them together with a 1/4 in seam and press.
3. Take the two previously sewn pieces from step 1 & 2 and sew them together with a 1/4 in seam. You may need to do some trimming to get a straight edge.



Pile of scraps



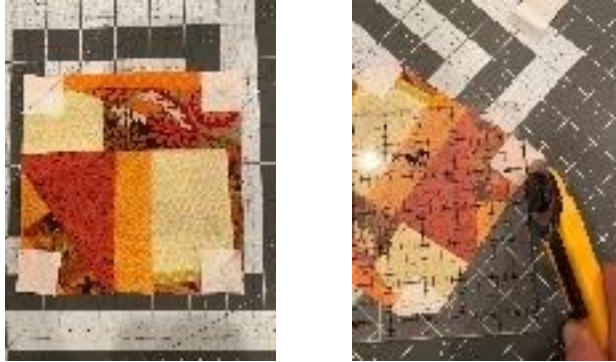
Sets of two Sew together pieces two pieces



4. Continue building onto your scraps until you get to the desired block size and square it up. In this example it was a 6 inch block. You can see how there are different shapes, angles and fabrics within the block.



5. From the background fabric make the following:
 1. Four (4) 1.25 in blocks
 2. Two (2) 1 in x 6 in rectangles
 3. Two (2) 1 in x 7 in rectangles
6. Mark the diagonal on the wrong side of all four 1.25 in squares and place on the corners of your 6 in scrappy block.
7. Sew along the diagonal line and trim to 1/4 in. Then press open.



8. Add your two 1in x 6 in rectangles on the right and left side of your 6 in block then press.
9. Add one of the 1in x 7 in rectangles to the bottom of the block then press.
10. Take the final 1in x 7 in rectangle and cut it in half. Add whatever size “stem” from your scrap pile. In this example a scrap that was 1 in x 1.5 in was used. Sew the stem to each side of the background pieces and press.
11. Sew the stem with background onto the top of the block. The final block size will be 7 in x 7 in.

