

QCNNY Block of the Month October 2010

DISAPPEARING NINE-PATCH

Finished block size: 9 ½" x 9 ½"

In a nod to Halloween, this block's colors are black, orange, and green. Print fabrics are suggested, but tone-on-tones and batiks will work well also. It's a simple nine-patch, but with a twist, finishes as a four-patch.

Cut (4) 3 ½" squares from both orange and black, and (1) 3 ½" square from green.

Arrange the squares in a traditional nine-patch design with the orange squares in the corners and the green square in the center. Sew together as usual.

Press the nine-patch block, then cut it into four equal quarters.

Rotate the upper right and lower left quarters so that the green squares are in the outer corners of the block. Sew the quarters together as you would a four-patch. Press.

