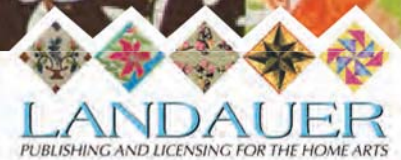


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When fall arrives I can feel the winds of change. The air is brisk and cool even as the sun shines through the autumn canvas palettes golden glow.

This is a favorite time of year for me. The Punkin quilt will draw you in with its harvest colors and, for me, is an expression of gratitude for all of life's bounty.



Finished size: approximately 42" x 42"



Fabric Requirements

Note: It is important to pre-starch your fabrics before beginning this quilt.

- Fabric A** 1 yard off-white for background and outer border
- Fabric B** 2/3 yard brown print for stem, inner border, and braided border
- Fabric C** 10 assorted orange prints, 1/4 yard of each for pumpkin appliqué, braided border, and corner stones; Honey Bun strips may be used here for quick assembly
- Fabric D** 2 assorted green prints, 1/4 yard each for leaf appliqués and braided border
- Fabric E** 3/8 yard of orange print for binding
- Fabric F** 2-2/3 yards backing OR 1-1/3 yards if using fabric with 44" of usable fabric without the selvages (but take care, it will be close)

Lightweight fusible web

Brown pearl cotton

Cutting Guide

Fabric A:

- Cut 1 square 21-1/2" x 21-1/2" for background
- Cut 4 strips 3" x WOF
Sub cut into 4 strips 3" x 37" for outer border

Fabric B:

- Cut 4 strips 2-1/4" x WOF
Sub cut into 2 strips 2-1/4" x 21-1/2" and 2 strips 2-1/4" x 25" for inner border
- Cut 3 strips 1-1/2" x WOF
Sub cut into 21 rectangles 1-1/2" x 6" for braided border

Fabric C:

- Cut 3 strips 1-1/2" x WOF from each of the 10 fabrics for a total of 30 strips
Sub cut each strip into 7 rectangles 1-1/2" x 6" for a total of 210 rectangles for braided border
- Cut 4 squares 3" x 3" from a dark orange print for corner squares
- Cut 1 rectangle 2-3/4" x 5-3/4" from a light orange print for pumpkin center

Fabric D:

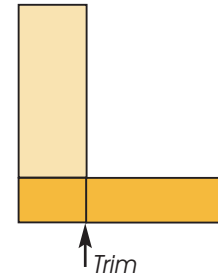
- Cut 2 strips 1-1/2" x WOF from each of the 2 fabrics for a total of 4 strips
Sub cut each strip into 7 rectangles 1-1/2" x 6" for a total of 28 rectangles for braided border

Fabric E:

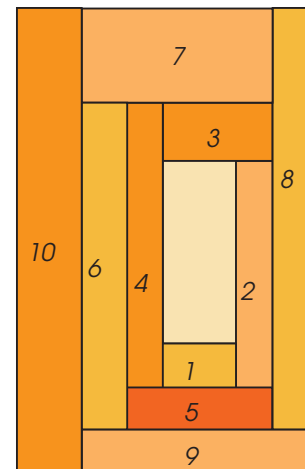
- Cut 5 strips 2-1/4" x WOF for binding

Punkin Appliqué

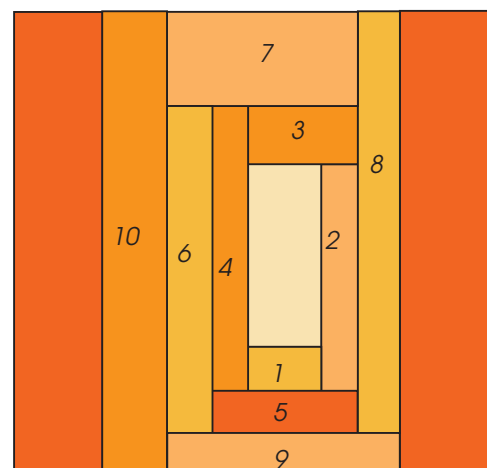
1. To prepare the log cabin block for the pumpkin appliqué, cut strips from 6 or 7 Fabric C prints varying in width from 1-1/2" to 3-1/2".
2. Sew one strip to a short edge of the Fabric C 2-3/4" x 5-3/4" light orange print rectangle. Trim the strip even with the adjacent edge of the rectangle. Press seam away from rectangle.



3. Continue adding strips outward from the rectangle in this manner until the log cabin block measures approximately 11" x 15".



4. Cut a 3-1/2" x 15" strip from 2 Fabric C dark orange prints and add a strip to the side edges. Press seams away from center.





5. Trace one pumpkin from the template on page 64 onto fusible web. Cut the shape out approximately 1/8" outside the traced line. Cut away the center of the pumpkin shape, cutting about 1" inside the traced line. Press fusible web shape, paper side up, onto the wrong side of the log cabin block being careful not to distort the block. Cut out the appliqué shape on the drawn line.
6. Position the pumpkin shape on the Fabric A 21-1/2" x 21-1/2" square, referring to the photograph on page 67 for placement. Fuse in place. Appliqué using your method of choice. A decorative stitch and contrasting thread were used on the project shown.
7. Trace one stem and one of each leaf from the templates on pages 65-66 onto fusible web. Cut the shapes out approximately 1/8" outside the traced lines. Press fusible web shapes, paper side up, onto the wrong side of leftover Fabric B and Fabric D scraps. Cut out the appliqué shapes on the drawn lines.
8. Position the stem and leaf shapes and fuse in place. Appliqué using your method of choice.
9. Use brown pearl cotton to embroider tendrils, referring to the photograph on page 65.

Borders

1. Sew 2 Fabric B 2-1/4" x 21-1/2" inner border strips to the top and bottom edges of the appliquéd quilt center. Press seams toward border.



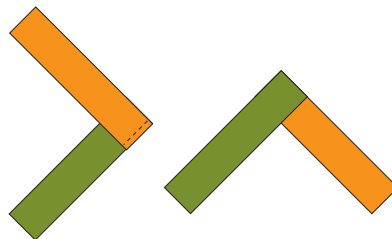
2. Sew 2 Fabric B 2-1/4" x 25" inner border strips to the side edges of the quilt center. Press seams toward border.



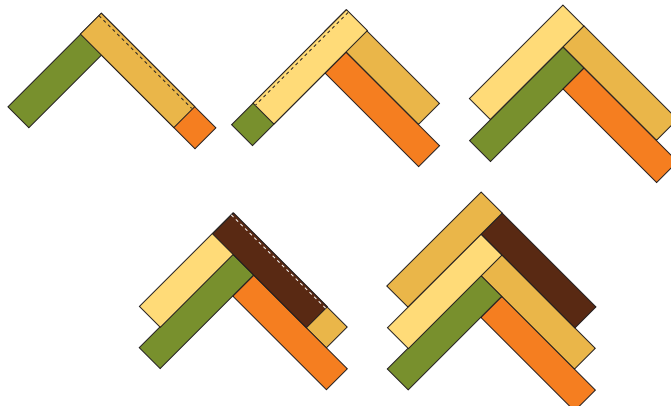
Two Sisters Tip

Place strips in a brown paper bag & mix them up. Draw strips out randomly. This takes the pressure out of choosing fabrics and makes your braid strips a real potluck!

3. Use the 1-1/2" x 6" rectangles from Fabric B, C and D to make the braided middle border. With RST, sew the end of one 6" strip to another using a scant 1/4" seam.

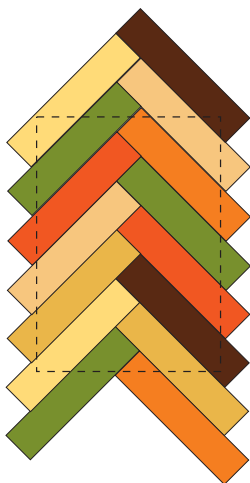


4. Line up another strip even with the left hand side and stitch from top to bottom using a 1/4" seam. Continue to add strips in this manner, building one upon another until it is long enough to cut a 24-1/2" length of braid.





5. Trim the braid off on both sides to make it 6-1/2" wide by using a long ruler and finding roughly the center of the braid. Line the ruler up at the 3-1/4" mark. Using a rotary cutter, trim off one side of the braid. Repeat on the other side making sure the braid is 6-1/2" wide. The braid strip should measure 6-1/2" x 24-1/2".



6. Repeat Steps 3-5 to make a second 24-1/2" side border and two 37" top and bottom borders.
7. Sew the two 24-1/2" braided borders to the side edges of the quilt. Press seams away from center. Sew the two 37" braided borders to the top and bottom edges and press seam away from center.



8. Sew 2 Fabric A 3" x 37" outer border strips to opposite edges of the quilt. Press seams toward outer border.

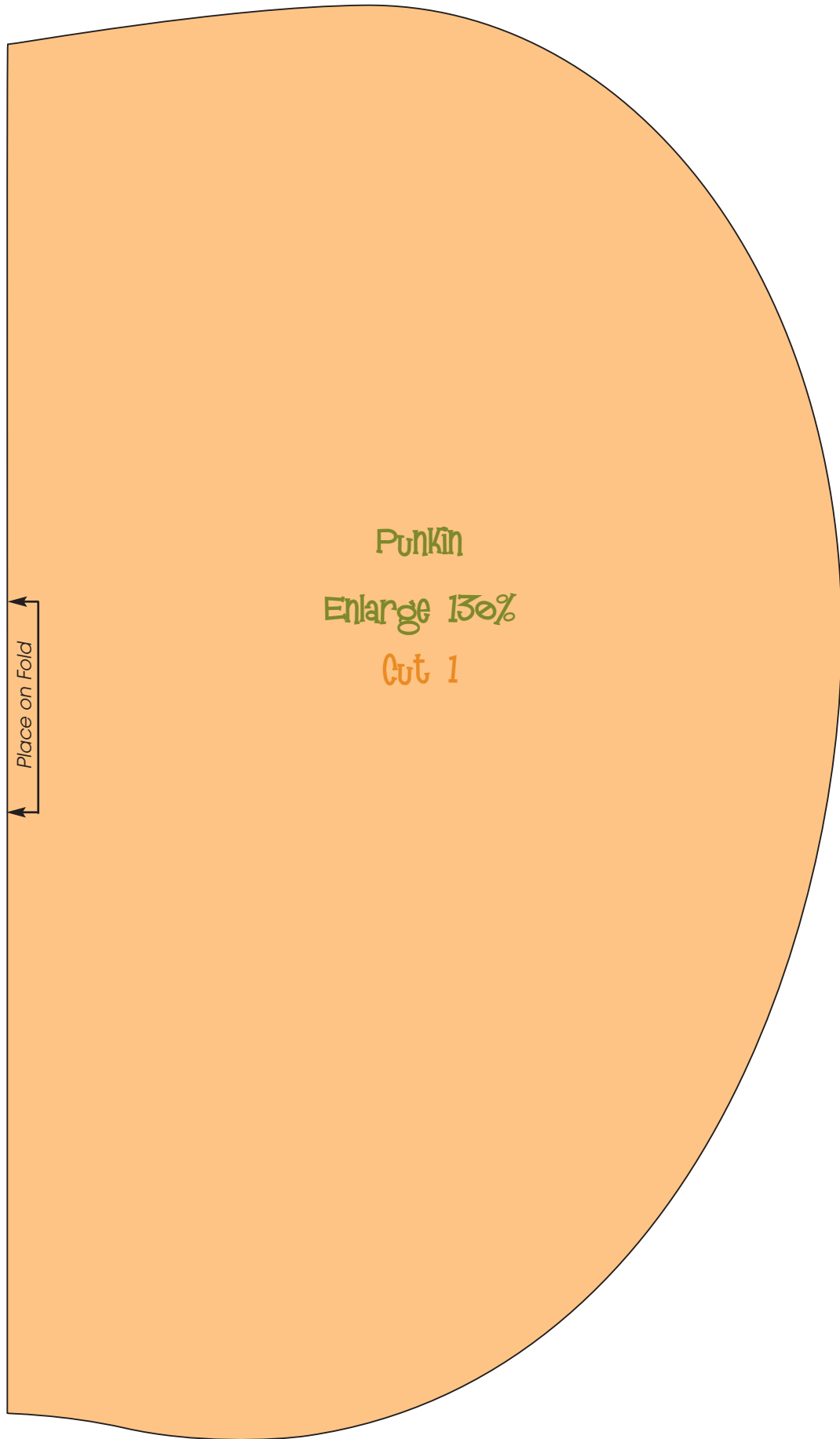


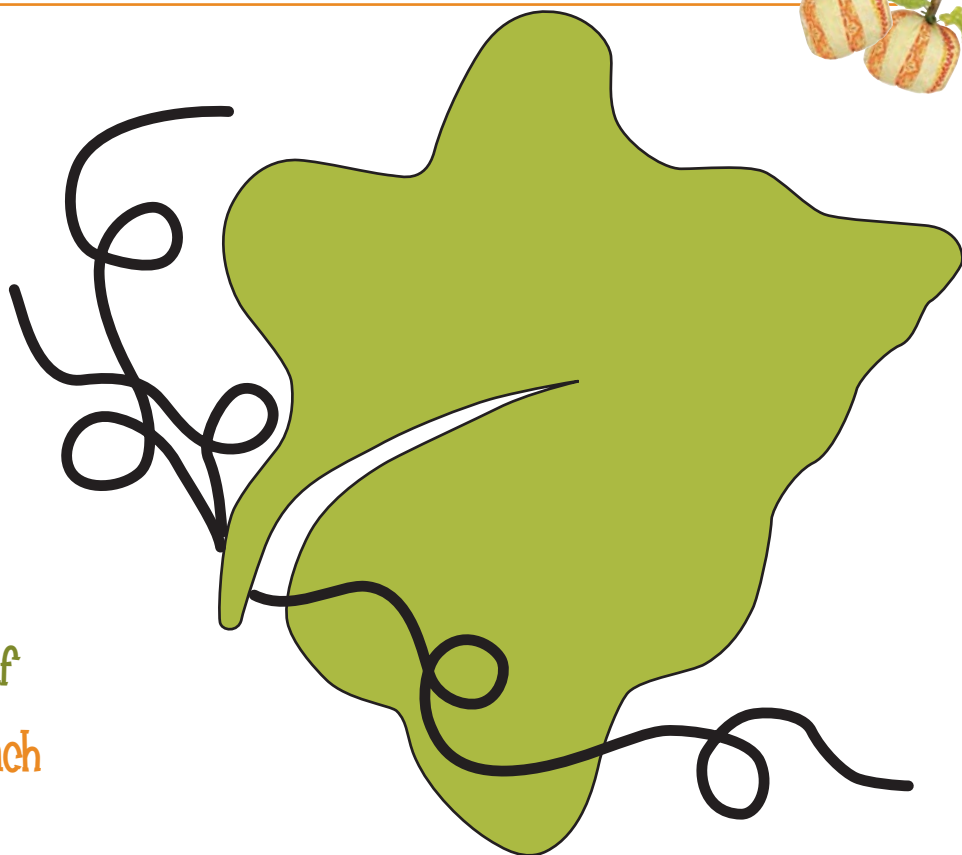
9. Sew Fabric C 3" x 3" corner squares to each end of the remaining Fabric A 3" x 37" outer border strips. Press seams toward border strips. Sew these to the remaining edges of the quilt. Press seams toward outer border.



Finishing

1. Refer to General Instructions – Backing and Assembling the Layers on page 13.
2. Quilt as desired.
3. Refer to General Instructions – Binding on page 13 to bind the quilt using the Fabric E 2-1/4" x WOF strips.





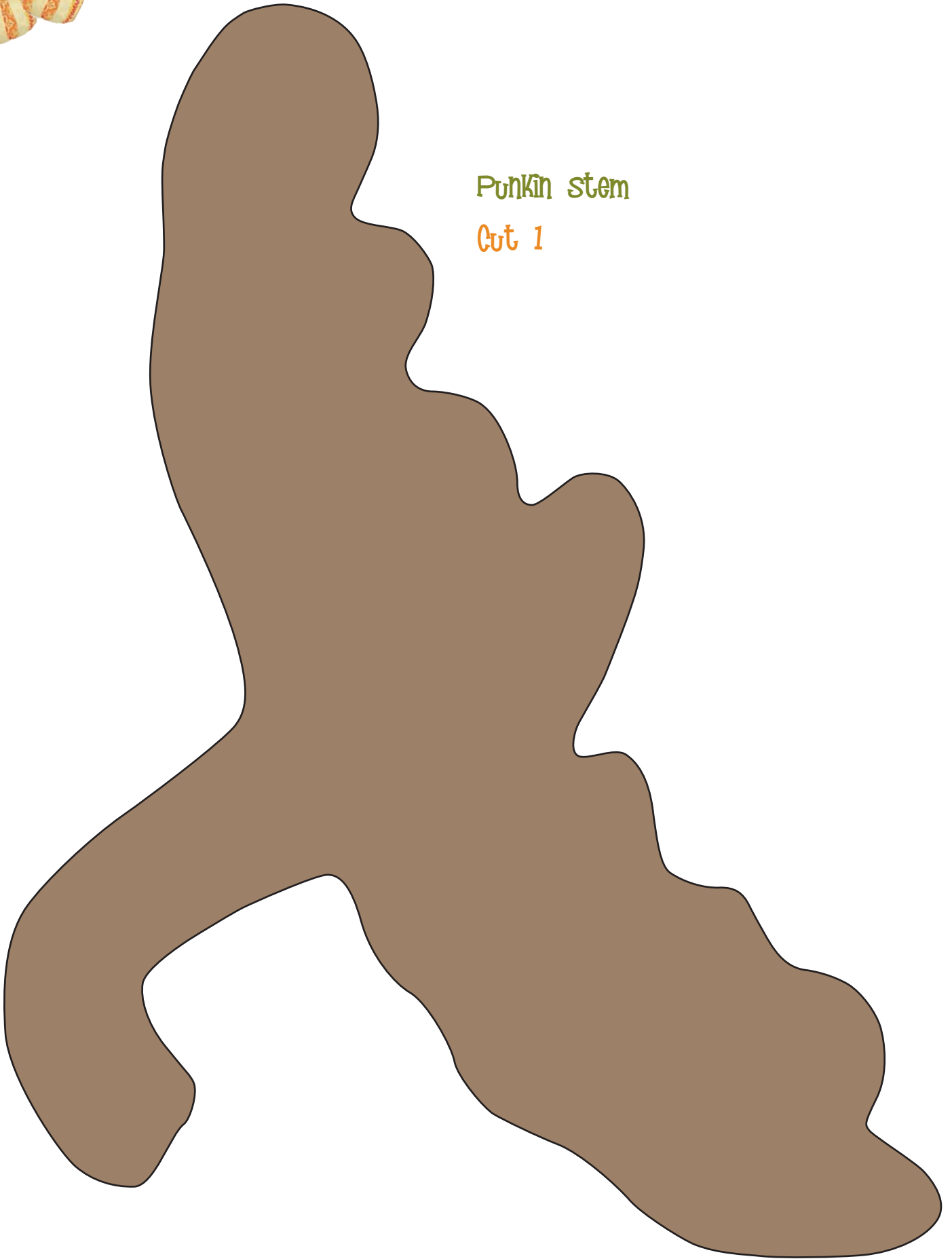
Pumkin Leaf
Cut 1 of each





Punkin stem

Cut 1





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