

# Halloween Countdown

Quilt Designed by eQuilter



56" x 64"

*Please read all instructions before beginning. Pre-washing NOT recommended.*

## Yardages and Cutting

*WOF is width of fabric from selvage edge to selvage edge. LOF is length of fabric, parallel to the selvage edges. Remove as little fabric as possible when removing selvages and squaring strip ends.*

### Halloween Countdown panel

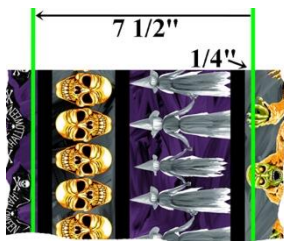
- Trim to 34 1/2" x 43", keeping border even.

### 1/3 yard orange/white pumpkins

- 1 strip 7 1/2" x WOF; cut into (4) 7 1/2" squares.

### 2 1/4 yards border stripe

- Fussy-cut (3) 7 1/2" x LOF strips, beginning 1/4" below the black stripe at the bottom of the witch stripe and then cutting 7 1/2" over from there. Cut into 2 strips each 46 1/2" and 38 1/2".



### 5/8 yard orange pumpkins

- 7 strips 2 1/4" x WOF for binding.

### 1 1/4 yards black solid

- 2 strips 4" x WOF; cut into (16) 4" squares.
- 8 strips 2 1/2" x WOF for border and panel framing.
- 2 strips 2 1/4" x WOF; trim to (2) 38 1/2" strips for panel framing.

### 4 1/8 yards 42" backing fabric OR

### 4 5/8 yards directional backing fabric

- 2 strips 72" x WOF OR
- 2 strips 80" x WOF for directional fabric.

### OR

### 2 yards wide backing fabric

- 1 piece 72" x 80"

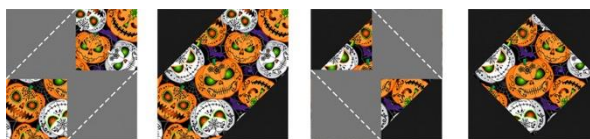
### Batting

- 1 piece 72" x 80"

## Completing the Quilt

*Use a 1/4" seam allowance for all stitching. Press seams as directed. Refer to the exploded quilt diagram on the next page throughout the following steps.*

1. Draw a diagonal line from corner to corner on the wrong side of the black squares.
2. Place a marked square right sides together on opposite corners of each pumpkin square. Sew on the lines. Trim seam allowance 1/4" out from the stitching. Press the black corners open. Repeat on the remaining corners of each square to make (4) 7 1/2" x 7 1/2" corner units.



**Corner Unit — Make 4**

3. Sew the 2 1/2" x WOF black strips short ends together to make a long strip. Press seams to one side. Cut into 2 strips each 60 1/2", 56 1/2" and 43". Stitch the 43" strips to the sides of the panel. Press seams toward the strips. Set aside the remaining strips for step 7.
4. Stitch the 2 1/4" x 38 1/2" black strips to the top and bottom of the panel to complete the 38 1/2" x 46 1/2" framed panel. Press seams toward the strips.
5. Sew the 7 1/2" x 46 1/2" border stripe strips to the sides of the framed panel. Press seams toward the strips.

6. Stitch a corner unit to each end of the 7 1/2" x 38 1/2" border stripe strips to make (2) 7 1/2" x 52 1/2" top/bottom borders, paying close attention to the positioning of the border stripe strips. Press seams toward the border stripe strips. Sew the borders to the top and bottom of the panel section. Press seams toward the borders.

7. Sew the 60 1/2" black strips from step 3 to the sides of the quilt center and the 56 1/2" strips to the top and bottom to complete the top. Press seams toward the strips.

8. If using 42" backing fabric, remove the selvage edges from the backing pieces. Join the pieces on the long edges with a 1/2" seam allowance. Press seam open. Trim to make the 72" x 80" backing piece.

9. Layer the quilt top with the backing and batting pieces. Quilt as desired. Trim batting and backing even with the top.

10. Join the orange pumpkins binding strips on the short ends with diagonal seams to make a long strip. Press seams in one direction. Press the strip in half along the length with wrong sides together. Bind the quilt edges using your favorite method to complete the quilt.

