

Boo Blocks

a beginner quilt-block pattern



Three 6.5" Blocks (Unfinished) + Instructions for Use in Other Projects

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My house is sadly devoid of crafty Halloween projects, limited to one very basic table runner I bring out each year, and I decided to finally remedy that with these fun "BOO!" blocks. My original intention was to turn them into coasters, but their size actually makes them great for all kinds of projects, from coasters and table runners to sampler-style Halloween quilts.

This pattern walks you through making the individual blocks and then provides basic instructions for turning them into coasters or a table runner, but don't let your imagination or creativity stop there! I can't wait to see how you use them in your own crafts.

Tips and Information Before You Start

- WOF = Width of fabric (pattern assumes standard WOF is 42")
- HST = Half-square triangle
- Seam allowance is 1/4"
- My favorite Havel's Sewing tools for this project are my [60 mm rotary cutter](#), [extra large cutting mat](#), and [8" serrated quilting scissors](#).

Fabric Requirements

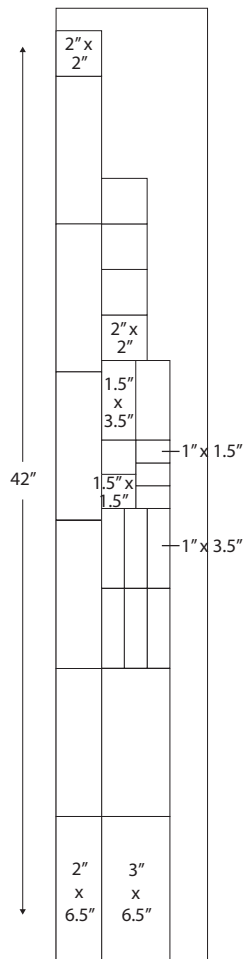
Fabric	Blocks (4) 6.5" x 6.5" (unfinished)	Coasters/Trivets (4) 6" x 6"	Table Runner 12" x 30"
Orange/yellow fabrics	Assorted scraps		
Background	1/4 yd. (I cut my background from assorted low-volume scraps; the cutting chart on p. 3 shows the most efficient way to cut the background from yardage.)		3/8 yd.
Backing	n/a	1/4 yd.	1/2 yd.
Binding	n/a	n/a	1/4 yd.



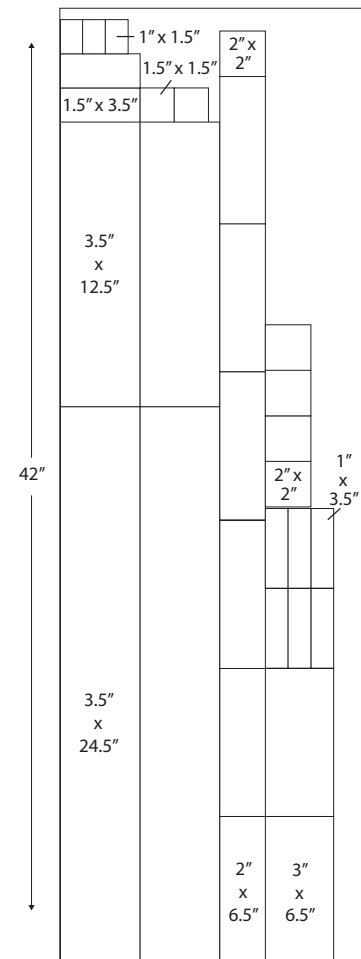
Cutting Instructions

Fabric	Blocks (4) 6.5" x 6.5" (unfinished)	Coasters/Trivets (4) 6" x 6"	Table Runner 12" x 30"
Orange/yellow fabrics	(31) 1.5" squares (5) 2" squares (1) 1" x 1.5"		
Background	(2) 1.5" squares (5) 2" squares (3) 1" x 1.5" (6) 1" x 3.5" (2) 1.5" x 3.5" (6) 2" x 6.5" (2) 3" x 6.5"		(2) 1.5" squares (5) 2" squares (3) 1" x 1.5" (6) 1" x 3.5" (2) 1.5" x 3.5" (6) 2" x 6.5" (2) 3" x 6.5" (2) 3.5" x 12.5" (2) 3.5" x 24.5"
Backing	n/a	(4) 6.5" squares	(1) 16" x 34"
Binding	n/a	n/a	(3) 2.5" x WOF

**Background
Cutting Chart for
Individual Blocks
and Coasters**



**Background
Cutting Chart for
Table Runner**



Block Assembly Instructions

HST Assembly

1. Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of each 2" background square. **Fig. 1**
2. Pair each 2" orange square with a 2" background square, placing right sides together. Sew a seam on each side of the diagonal line 1/4" away from the line. **Fig. 2**
3. Cut along the guideline and press each HST open or away from the background. Trim to 1.5" square. Each pair of squares will produce two HSTs. **Fig. 3**

Fig. 1

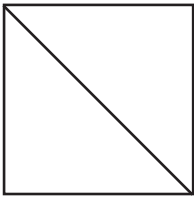


Fig. 2

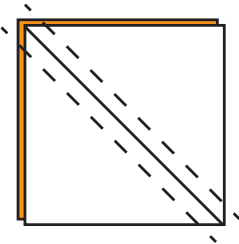
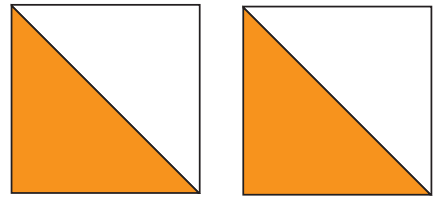


Fig. 3



"B" Block

1. Piece the necessary 1.5" orange and white (background) squares and HSTs into Sections A, B, and C, as shown in **Fig. 4**. Press seams open.
2. Sew Sections A-C together. Press seams open. **Fig. 4**
3. Sew one 1" x 3.5" background rectangle to the top of the assembled "B" unit. Press toward the background. Repeat on the bottom. **Fig. 5**
4. Sew one 2" x 6.5" background rectangle to the left side of the unit. Press toward the background. Repeat on the right side. **Fig. 5**

Fig. 4

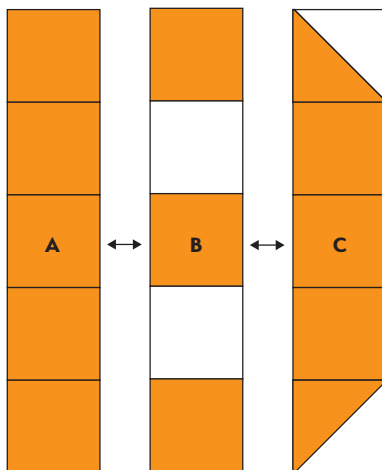
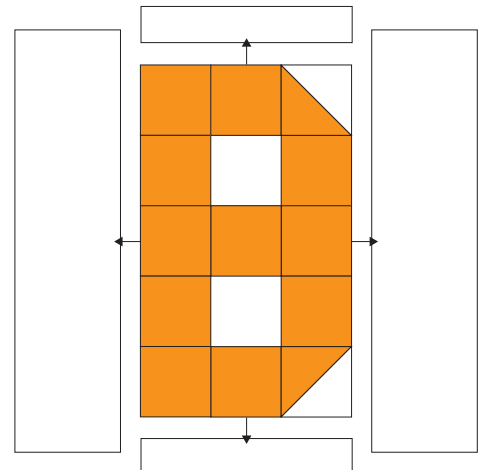


Fig. 5



Block Assembly Instructions

“O” Block

1. Piece the necessary HSTs and 1.5” orange squares into Sections A and C, as shown in **Fig. 6**. Press the seam between the HSTs and the adjoining orange square toward the orange square. Press other seams open.
2. Sew one 1.5” orange square to the top of a 1.5” x 3.5” background rectangle. Press toward the orange square. Repeat with a second 1.5” orange square on the bottom of the background rectangle. Press toward the orange square to create Section B. **Fig. 6**
3. Sew Sections A-C together, as shown in **Fig. 7**. Press toward Section B.
4. Sew one 1” x 3.5” background rectangle to the top of the assembled “O” unit. Press toward the background. Repeat on the bottom. **Fig. 8**
5. Sew one 2” x 6.5” background rectangle to the left side of the unit. Press toward the background. Repeat on the right side. **Fig. 8**
6. Repeat Steps 1-5 to make a second “O” block.

Fig. 6

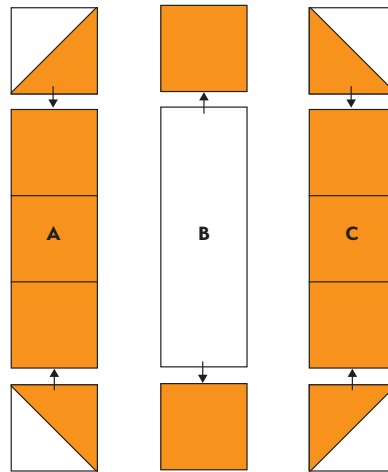


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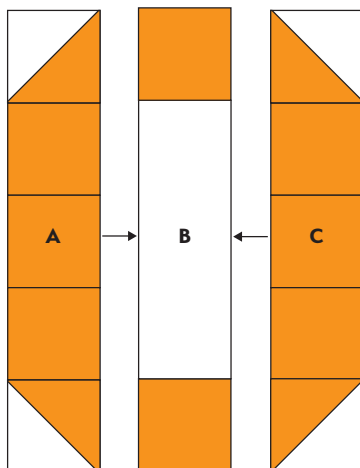
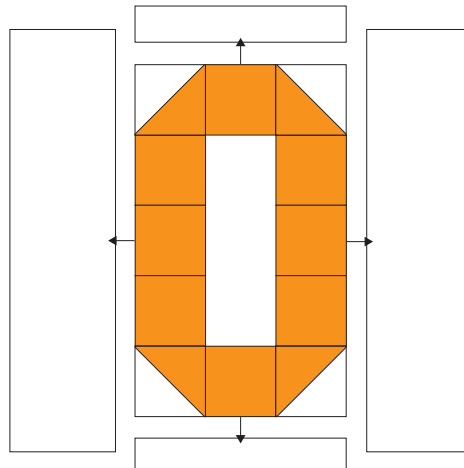


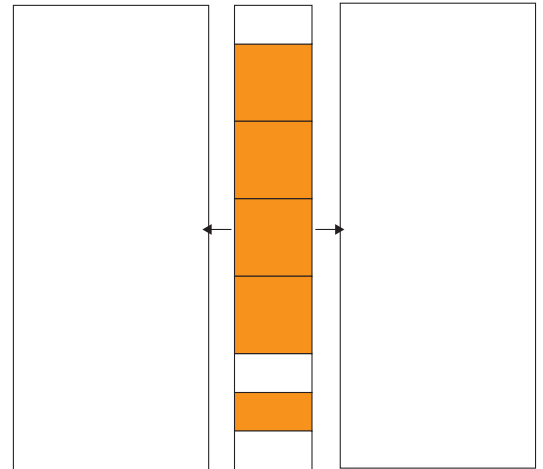
Fig. 8



“!” Block

1. Piece the necessary 1.5" orange squares and 1" x 1.5" orange and white (background) rectangles into the exclamation point column, as shown in **Fig. 9**. Press seams open.
2. Sew one 3" x 6.5" background rectangle to the left side of the unit. Press toward the background. Repeat on the right side. **Fig. 9**

Fig. 9



Coaster Finishing Instructions

1. For each coaster, layer one piece of backing right side up, followed by one block right side down and then one piece of batting cut to 6.5" square. Pin or clip the layers in place.
2. Using a 1/4" seam allowance, stitch around all four sides, leaving a 2" opening on one side. **Fig. 10** Be sure to backstitch at the beginning and end.
3. Using a pair of sharp scissors, clip the points off the four corners to reduce the bulk. **Fig. 11**
4. Turn the entire coaster right side out through the opening. Use a point turner or similar tool to push out the corners of the coaster and then press the entire coaster flat, tucking in the fabric at the opening.
5. Topstitch around the entire coaster 1/8" from the edge, closing up the opening.
6. Share your finished coasters via social media using #BooBlocks!

Fig. 10

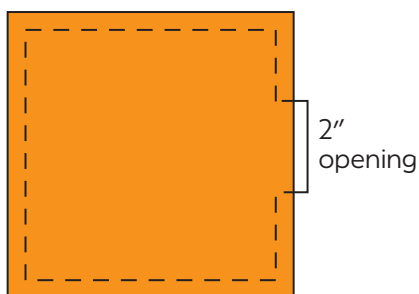


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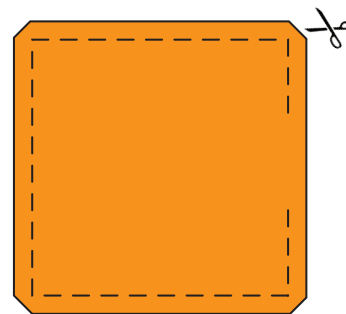


Table Runner Finishing Instructions

1. Piece the four blocks together into a row. Press seams open.
2. Pin one 3.5" x 24.5" background piece to the top of the assembled unit and sew. Press toward the background. Repeat with the other 3.5" x 24.5" background piece on the bottom of the unit. **Fig. 12**
3. Pin one 3.5" x 12.5" background piece to the left side of the unit and sew. Press toward the background. Repeat with the other 3.5" x 12.5" background piece on the right side of the unit. **Fig. 12**
4. Layer the backing right side down, followed by the batting and quilt top right side up. Baste and quilt as desired.
5. Piece the 2.5" x WOF binding strips together using diagonal seams. Trim the excess fabric 1/4" away from the seam and press open. **Fig. 13** Bind as desired.
6. Share your finished table runner via social media using #BooBlocks!

Fig. 12

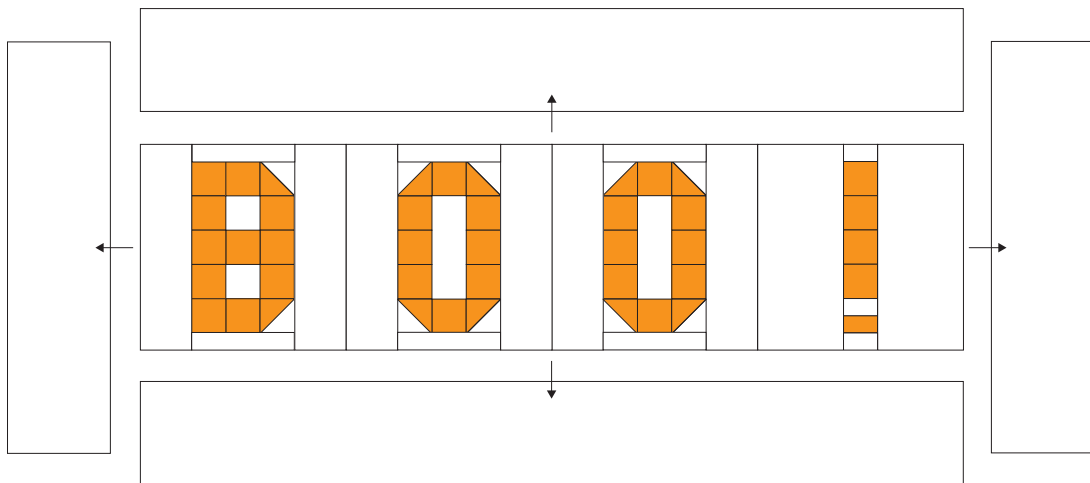


Fig. 13

