



Finished block size: 6" square (unfinished is 6 ½" square)

Spooky or funny? Fussy cut or an all over print? You get to choose what your coffin will look like! This is a very basic paper pieced block that uses only two fabrics – one for the coffin and one for the background. Make one or a dozen – they are quick and easy. Really!

Fabric

- small piece of Halloween print fabric for the coffin
- about one fat eighth of background fabric (black, orange, purple, or gray)

Cut

- Cut (1) 4" wide by 6 ½" tall piece of coffin fabric. This is fabric piece #1.
- Cut (2) 2 ½" wide by 2" tall pieces of background fabric. These are fabric pieces #2 and #3.
- Cut (2) 4 ½" wide by 6" tall pieces of background fabric. These are fabric pieces #4 and #5.
- Cut (2) 3 ½" wide by 7 ½" tall pieces of background fabric. These are fabric pieces #6 and #7.

Sew

1. This is a paper pieced block. You may use your favorite paper piecing method or follow the instructions below.
2. Shorten your stitch length on your sewing machine to about 1.8 to 2.0. Do not use steam when pressing – it makes the paper curl. Press from the fabric side. When stitching lines that reach to the outside perimeter of the pattern, stitch all the way out to the ¼" seam allowance. I backstitch at the beginning and the end of each seam, but that is optional. Prepare the pattern: Cut out around the perimeter of the paper pattern, leaving about ½" extra paper beyond the outside seam lines. Fold all the seams along the seam lines, then flatten out the pattern again.
3. On the unprinted side of the pattern, put a dab of glue (using a glue stick) in the middle of area #1. Put coffin fabric piece, wrong side toward the unprinted side of the paper pattern, on top of the glue, covering pattern area #1 with at least ¼" overage on all sides. Fold the pattern on the line between 1 and 2 – folding right sides together. Trim off the excess of fabric #1, leaving ¼" seam allowance. Place fabric #2 on the unprinted side of the pattern, right sides together with fabric #1. Line up the edge of fabric #2 with the edge of fabric #1 and with at least ¼" overage on the other three sides. Flatten out the pattern again and pin fabric #2 in place, pinning through fabric #1, fabric #2, and the pattern. From the printed side of the pattern, stitch the line between area #1 and area #2. Turn over the pattern, move fabric #2 into position over area #2 and press the stitching line.
4. Fold the pattern on the line between 1 and 3 – folding right sides together. Trim off the excess of fabric #1 leaving ¼" seam allowance. Place fabric #3 to the unprinted side of the pattern, right sides together with fabric #1. Line up the edge of fabric #3 with the edge of fabric #1 and with at least ¼" overage on the other three sides. Flatten out the pattern again and pin fabric #3 in place, pinning through fabric #1, fabric #3, and the pattern. From the printed side of the pattern, stitch the line between area #1 and area #3. Turn over the pattern, move fabric #3 into position over area #3 and press the stitching line.
5. Repeat steps in paragraph 4 for remaining numbered areas.
6. After you have all of the numbered pieces in place, trim the block ¼" beyond the outside seam line. If you are not going to use the block soon, you may stitch around the perimeter of the block, about 1/8" from the raw edge. (optional) Remove the paper, section by section. Be careful not to pop your seams. You can use your tweezers to carefully remove pieces of paper that remain behind.

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