

# Pumpkin Patch Candle Mat

Kick off the fall season with this simple to make candle mat. These rich and vibrant pumpkins with a dash of whimsy will make the perfect table centerpiece for your autumn gathering.

**Skill Level:** Intermediate

**Required Software:**

- *Amazing Designs Pumpkin Patch Embroidery CD, with FREE Edit Express™ software for resizing, color editing, and printing templates (ADC-206)*
- *Designs used PATCH102, PATCH103, PATCH104, PATCH105 and PATCH108.*

**Supplies:**

- *½ yard boiled wool fabric or felt fabric*
- *Iron-on cut-away mesh stabilizer*
- *Self-adhesive tear-away stabilizer or Water activated adhesive tear-away stabilizer*
- *Assortment of Madeira Rayon embroidery threads*
- *Black hand embroidery floss*
- *Rotary cutter, mat, and ruler*
- *Water erasable fabric marking pen*
- *Yardstick compass and yardstick/ruler*
- *Translucent Foundation Paper*
- *Temporary adhesive fabric spray, such as Sulky® KK2000*



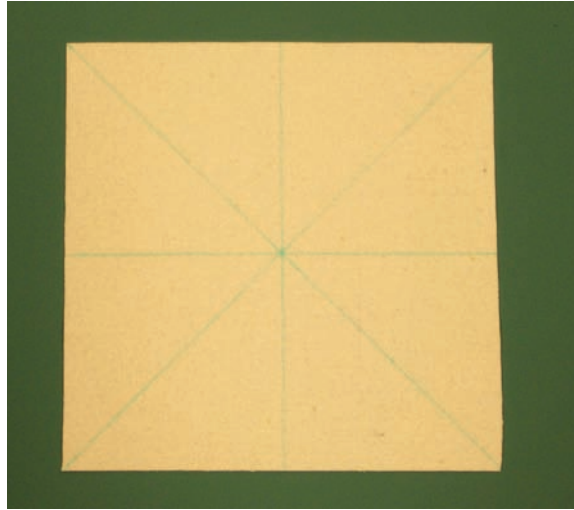
Approximate finished size: 11½" diameter

Read all instructions before beginning.

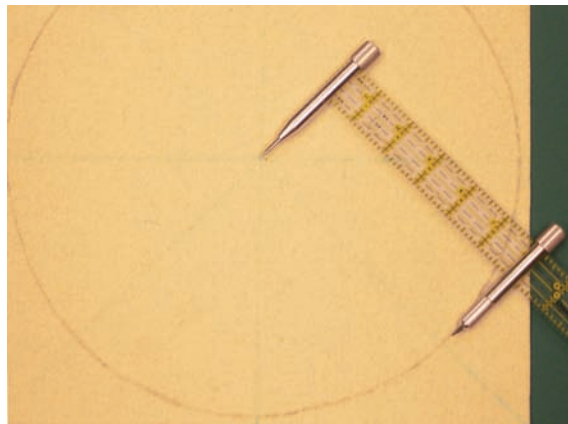
**INSTRUCTIONS:**

1. Preshrink the fabric.
2. Print out templates on Translucent Foundation Paper. The semi-transparent paper is ideal for templates because you can "see-through" the template for more accurate positioning. Print four templates of design PATCH105. Print one template each of designs PATCH102, PATCH103, PATCH104, and PATCH108.
3. Cut one 12" x 12" square of the wool or felt fabric. Also cut the same size square from the iron-on cut-away mesh stabilizer.
4. Fuse the square of stabilizer to the wrong side of the wool/felt fabric square, following manufacturer's instructions.

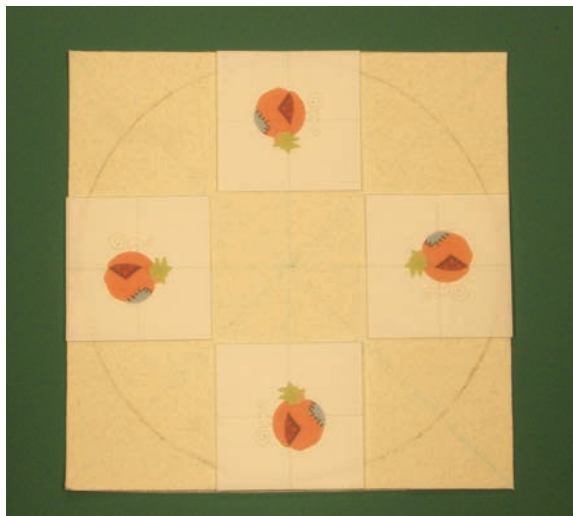
5. Draw center cross marks. Then draw diagonal cross marks.



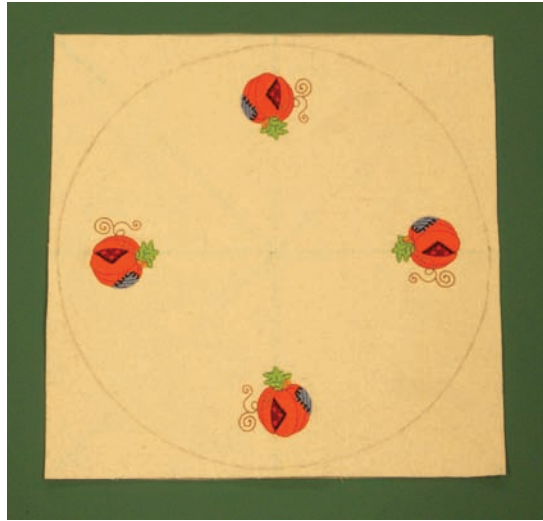
6. Draw an 11½" diameter circle using a yardstick compass.



7. Position the templates for design #105 aligned with center cross marks ½" – ¾" in from the drawn circle.



8. Hoop self-adhesive tear-away stabilizer or the water activated adhesive tear-away stabilizer in a 4" x 4" or larger hoop. Position the wool/felt fabric over the stabilizer aligning one of the templates markings with the center markings of the hoop, remove template and embroider. Repeat for three remaining designs.
- For water activated tear-away stabilizer, hoop adhesive side up. Use a damp sponge to moisten the surface of the stabilizer so that it becomes tacky.
  - For the self-adhesive tear-away stabilizer, hoop release liner side up. Score and remove the release liner to expose the adhesive.



9. Position the remaining templates on the diagonal cross marks  $\frac{1}{2}$ " –  $\frac{3}{4}$ " in from the drawn circle.



10. Embroider the last four designs, using the alignment and stabilizer techniques from step 8.



11. Remove excess stabilizer.

12. Completely remove all center and diagonal cross marks following manufacturer's instructions. Allow to dry before proceeding to next step.

13. Steam press the embroidered square lightly with the right side down on a padded ironing surface.
14. Cut out the candle mat along the drawn circle.



15. Cut out a 12" x 12" square from the wool/felt fabric for the backing.
16. Lightly spray both wrong sides of the candle mat and backing with temporary adhesive spray.

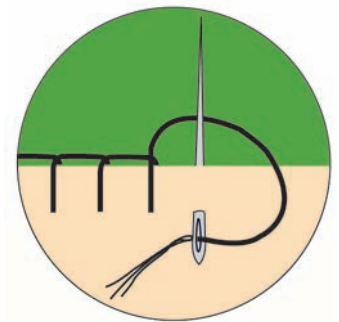


17. Layer, placing wrong sides together, and pin or thread baste the layers together.
18. Cut the backing just slightly smaller than the candle mat.



19. Hand blanket stitch around the outer edge of the candle mat, making certain the backing is secured by the stitching.

- Thread the needle with several strands of floss
- From the back side of the fabric, insert the needle approximately  $\frac{1}{2}$ " in from the edge and pull the needle and length of floss to the front side.
- Insert the needle once again from the back side of the fabric approximately  $\frac{1}{2}$ " in from the edge and approximately  $\frac{1}{2}$ " over from the original stitch. Pull the needle and length of the floss to the front side, leaving slack in the floss. Insert the needle through the back of the loose floss and pull taught forming the stitch.
- Repeat going all the way around candle mat. Tie off the floss after the last stitch to the beginning length of floss.



Note: It is important that the point of the needle goes **over** the thread loop that forms.



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