

Bella's Brooms

Week #10

Pumpkin Village Sew A Long from Woolie Friends



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Pumpkin Village

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Here are some additional tips for making Bella's Brooms

- Remember to place all applique pieces inside a 12" x 12" area before stitching!!
- Sometimes when tracing and cutting your pieces tend to grow in size so make sure you are cutting on the line or just inside the line. If you cut outside the line your applique pieces tend to grow in size!! It is always ok to trim your pieces or overlap them if needed when placing in position before stitching!!

I have included a silver broom charm to add to your project wherever you would like!!

I added mine to the black cat at his neck.

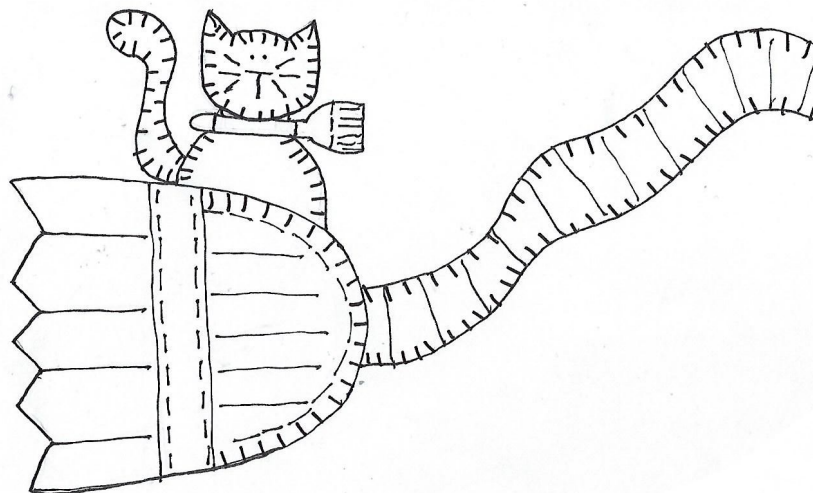
I also gave my black cat whiskers and a nose with a single strand of sewing thread using a straight stitches.

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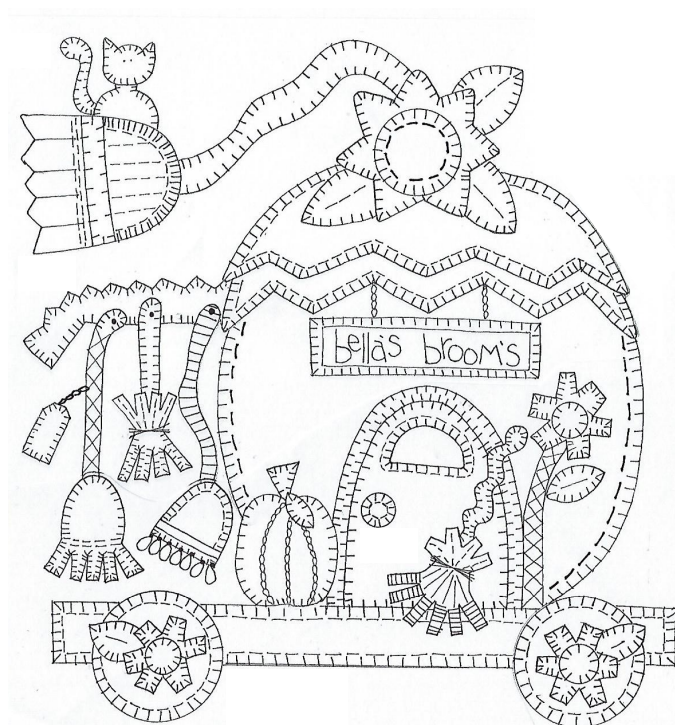


Bella's Brooms
is one of 12 blocks in the
Pumpkin Village Stitch A Long
offered from
Woolie Friends!!

Bella loves to travel and how can you travel
without a broom!!!

Bella hand makes all the brooms herself and sells
them around the Pumpkin Village....

If you can't find her, just look up into the sky and
you might just see her fly by on one of her
boo....tiful brooms!!



Materials Needed:

- 14" x 14" cotton background fabric (**finished size 12" x 12"**)
- 8" x 9" orange wool for pumpkin and pumpkin top
- 2" x 8" orange plaid wool for pumpkin top
- 5" x 12" brown wool for stem, cart base, and broom handles, small pumpkin stem
- 5" x 7" dark gray wool door frame, wheels, roof, door knob
- 3 1/2" x 4 1/2" purple wool for door
- 3" x 5" beige wool for sign and broom #4
- 3" x 5" gold wool for sunflowers and window
- 2" x 3" dark brown wool for sunflower centers
- 2" x 2 1/2" light orange for small pumpkin
- 2 1/2" x 5" dark green wool for leaves and stem
- 2" x 2" light green wool for leaves
- 3" x 3" tan wool for broom #3, tag, and broom rim
- 3" x 3" black wool for cat
- 3" x 8" plaid wool for large broom and broom #1
- 2" x 2" plaid wool for broom #2
- Fusible web for large broom
- #12 perle cotton in coordinating colors

PLEASE READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE STARTING.

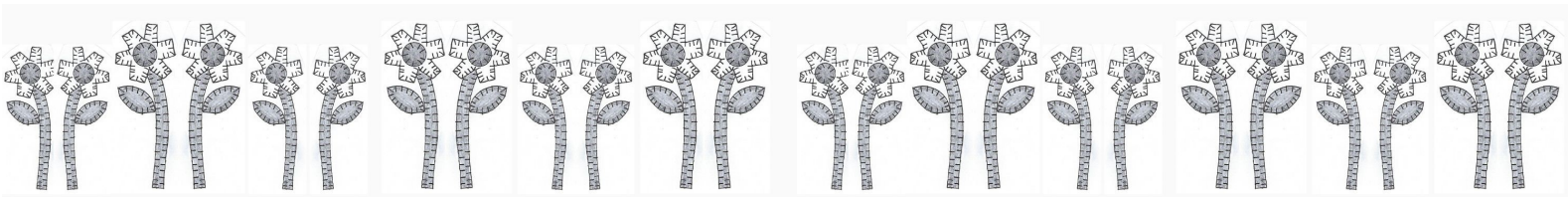
(If using fusible web you need to reverse the pattern)

Follow these basic instructions for wool applique.

- All wool should be felted. (either hand dyed or washed in hot water and dried)
- Use sharp scissors.

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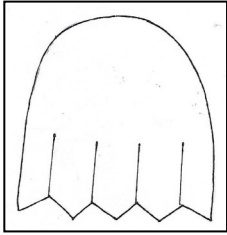
- Lay the freezer paper over the designs on the pattern with the shiny side down and trace the design.
- Cut AROUND the design you just traced but NOT on the line.....you will cut on the line later.
- Put your freezer paper shiny side down on top of your wool and press with a dry iron. The paper will stick to the wool just enough to now allow you to cut out your designs on your tracing lines.....this gives you a nice clean cut of your designs.
- Use small applique pins to secure wool applique shapes to background
- I like to pin all my shapes in place before I begin any stitching on the block. This allows the proper placement of all applique pieces. Stitch from the back forward. Remove top layers of applique pieces and replace as you stitch.
- Give yourself the freedom to use different types and sizes of threads to create different effects.
- Besides coordinating floss you could applique all your pieces in black.
- I like to use #12 perle cotton for this.
- A blanket stitch or whipstitch is recommended for stitching your applique pieces in place.
- Press all blocks when finished with a steam iron.

**Wool Appliqué Stitching:**

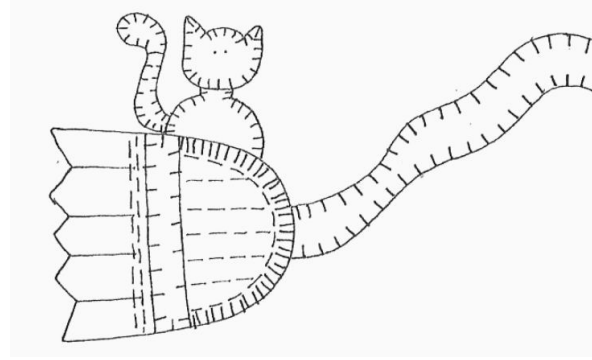
- When placing your wool applique pieces onto the background block remember to center your design and leave space around the edges for a seam allowance. It is helpful to find the center of your background and measure out and mark your block size so you don't accidentally place the applique pieces too close to the edge for when you need to trim and stitch.
- I like to pin all my pieces in place to make sure they are all positioned correctly before I begin any stitching.
- Once you have the pieces in the placement you like whipstitch or blanket stitch them to the background block.
- At this point you can remove the most forward wool applique pieces if you like and begin stitching the back pieces and placing the pieces back on working forward.

Instructions:

- Cut out all wool applique pieces as indicated on pattern pages. (see special cutting instructions for large broom)
(if you plan to use fusible applique please reverse pattern pieces)

Large broom:

- Fuse two pieces of plaid wool together.
- Cut out broom piece.
- Cut on straight lines to form bristles.
- Leave bristles of broom free and unstitched.



- Center applique pieces and pin or fuse your design onto the cotton background. Use the diagram given for placement.

**You will be trimming your block after your stitching is finished so make sure your design is placed appropriately.*

The finished size is 12" x 12" so place your design inside that space.

- Blanket stitch or whipstitch applique pieces in place with coordinating #12 perle cotton and follow Special instructions in the extra stitching guide provided below for embellishment stitches.

Once I have my pieces stitched in place I like to add additional decorative stitching. There is no limit to what you can add!! I have given you suggestions below but you can add as much or as little as you like!

(Refer to diagram for detail.)

Extra Stitching Guide:

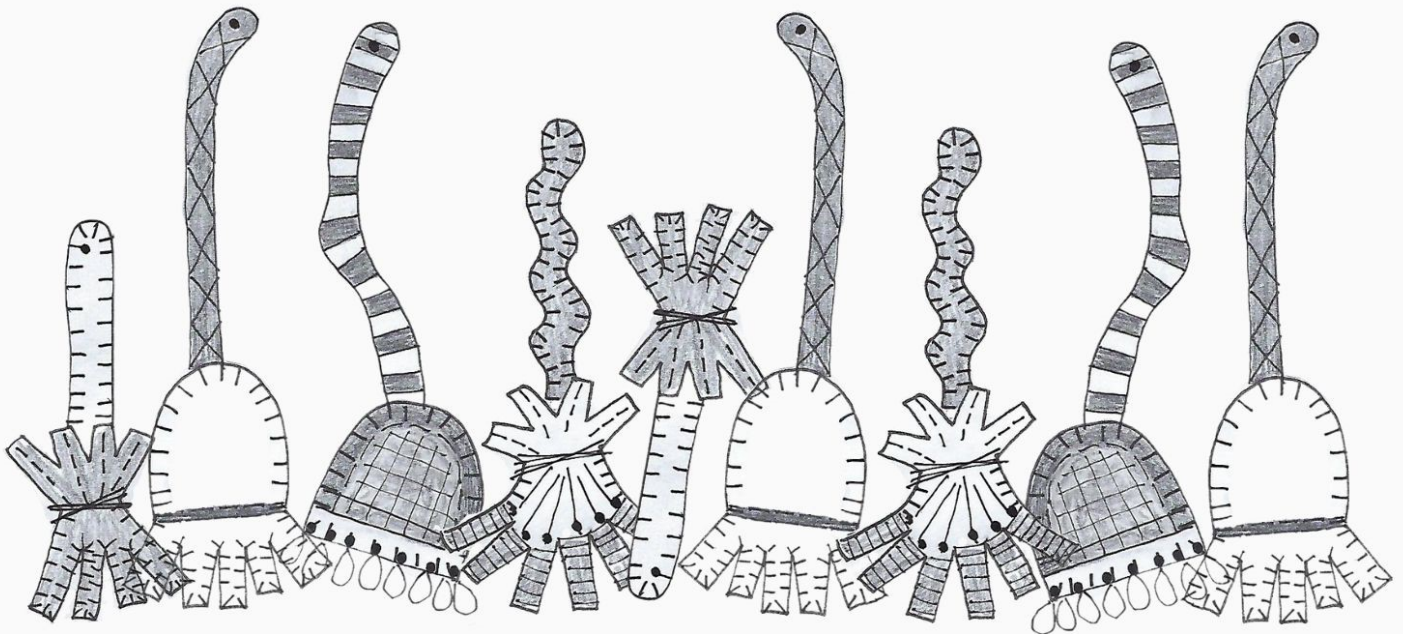
- **Pumpkin:** Using #12 coordinating perle cotton sew a back stitch around the inside edge of the blanket-stitch which gives an added outline.
- **Door:** Using #12 coordinating perle cotton sew a back stitch around the inside edge around the window.
- **Sunflower:** Using #12 coordinating perle cotton sew a back stitch around the inside edge of the sunflower center. Sew straight stitches down the center of each leaf and tack the straight stitch using a couch stitch in several places.
- **Tall Sunflower Stem:** Using #12 coordinating perle cotton sew cross stitches from top to bottom of stem.
- **Sign:** Using #12 coordinating perle cotton sew a back stitch around the inside edge of the blanket stitch to outline the sign. Using #12 brown perle cotton sew a chain stitch from the top of the sign to the bottom edge of the pumpkin top for sign hanger.
- **Wheels:** Using #12 coordinating perle cotton sew a back stitch around the inside edge of the blanket stitch to outline.
- **Small Pumpkin:** Using #12 dark orange sew chain stitches down the pumpkin in three places for pumpkin seams.
- **Cat Eyes:** Using #12 green perle cotton sew french knots for cat eyes.
- **Tag:** Using a single strand of sewing thread sew the tag in place using a whip stitch. Using #12 tan perle cotton sew a chain stitch from tag to broom.



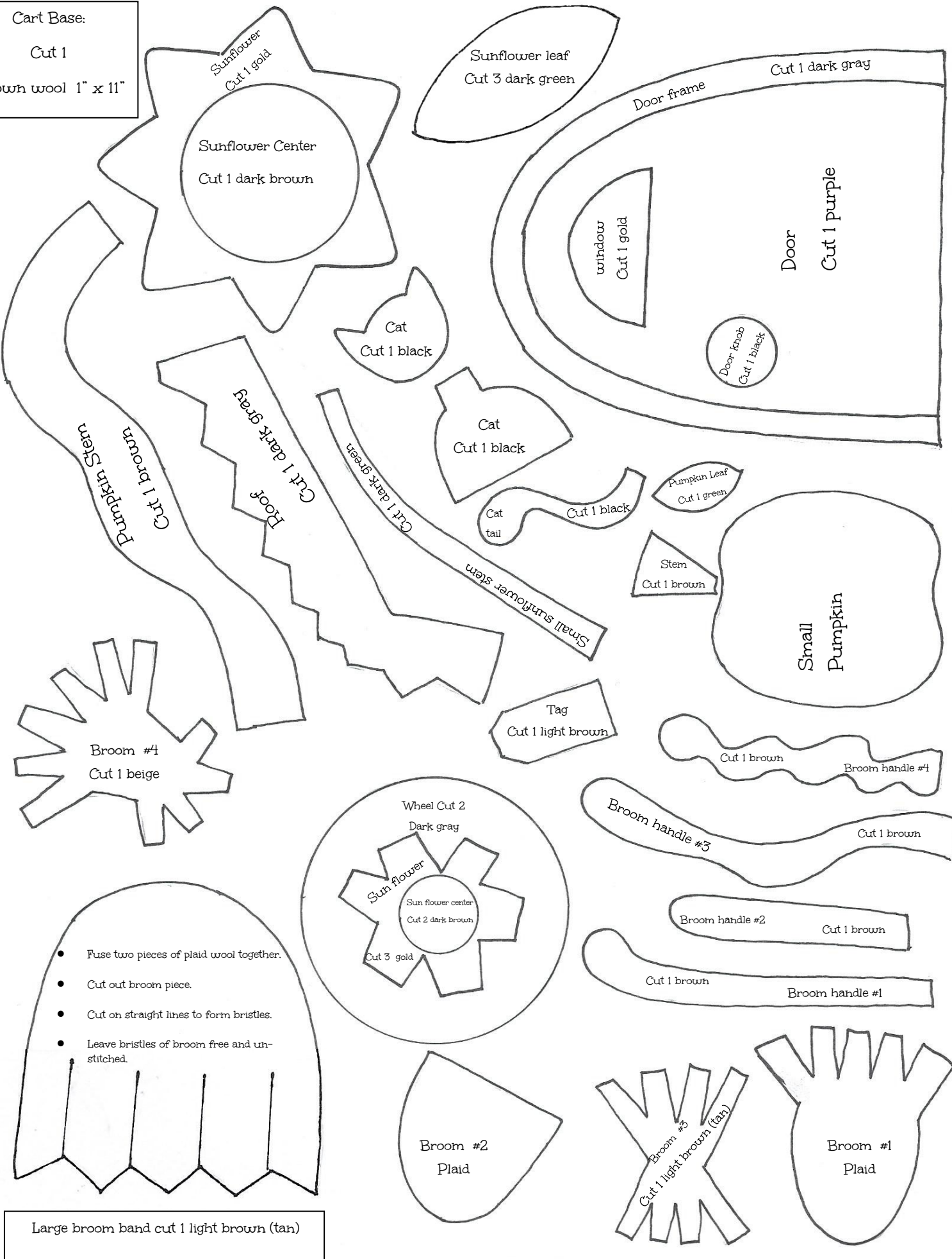
BROOMS:

- **Large Broom:** Place the broom piece in place and blanket stitch around curved edges as shown using #12 coordinating perle cotton. Sew two rows of back stitches across the top of the bristles. Whipstitch the broom band in place and sew french knots across it. Sew running stitches from top of broom to the top of the broom band.
- **Broom #1:** Using #12 dark brown perle cotton sew two rows of back stitches across the broom at top of the bristles. Sew cross stitches from top to bottom of the broom handle.
- **Broom #2:** Using #12 dark brown perle cotton (double thread) sew lazy daisy stitches to the bottom edge of the broom to form bristles. Sew two rows of back stitches across the broom. Sew straight stitches across the broom handle from top to bottom.
- **Broom #3:** I used a single strand of sewing thread to sew this broom in place with a whipstitch. Sew a single straight stitch on each top bristle. Using dark brown #12 perle cotton sew several straight stitches across the middle of the broom. Stitch the broom handle with a whipstitch.
- **Broom #4:** Using #12 coordinating perle cotton sew the broom in place using straight stitches across each bristle. Sew straight stitches lengthwise down each top bristle and down the center of the broom. Sew french knots across the broom. Stitch the broom handle using a whip stitch.

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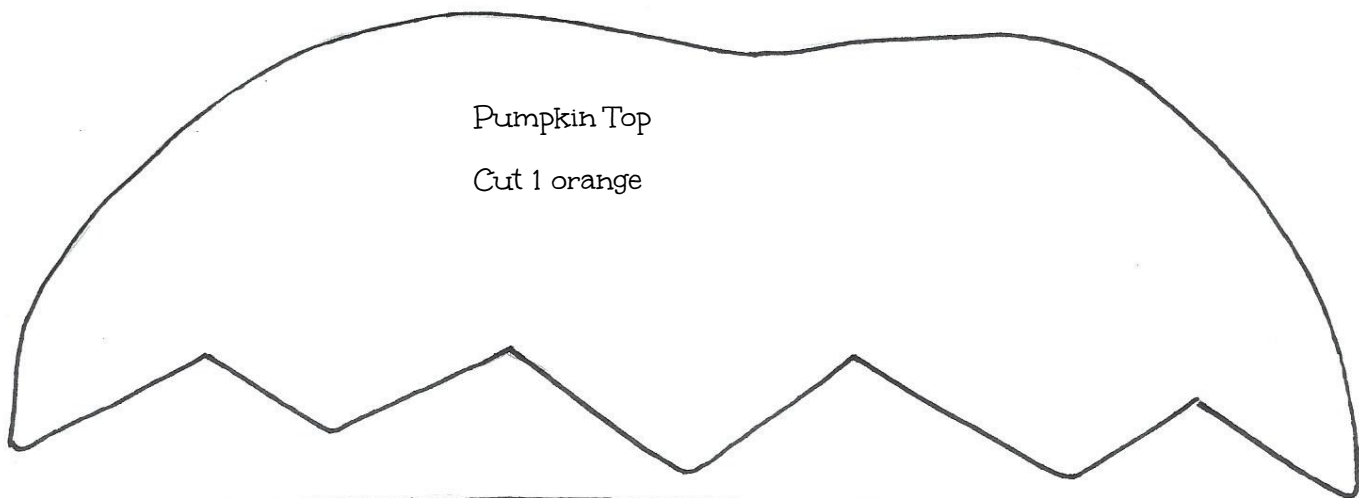


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 brown wool 1" x 11"



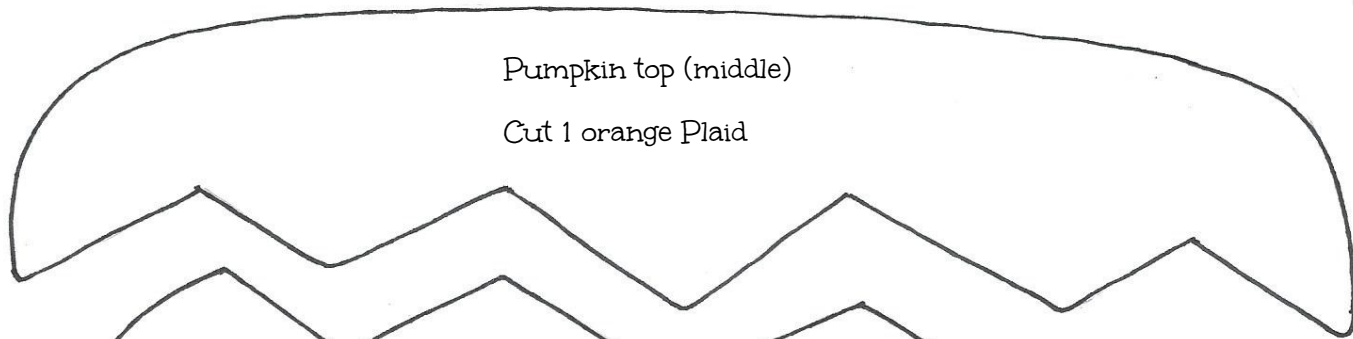
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Large broom band cut 1 light brown (tan)



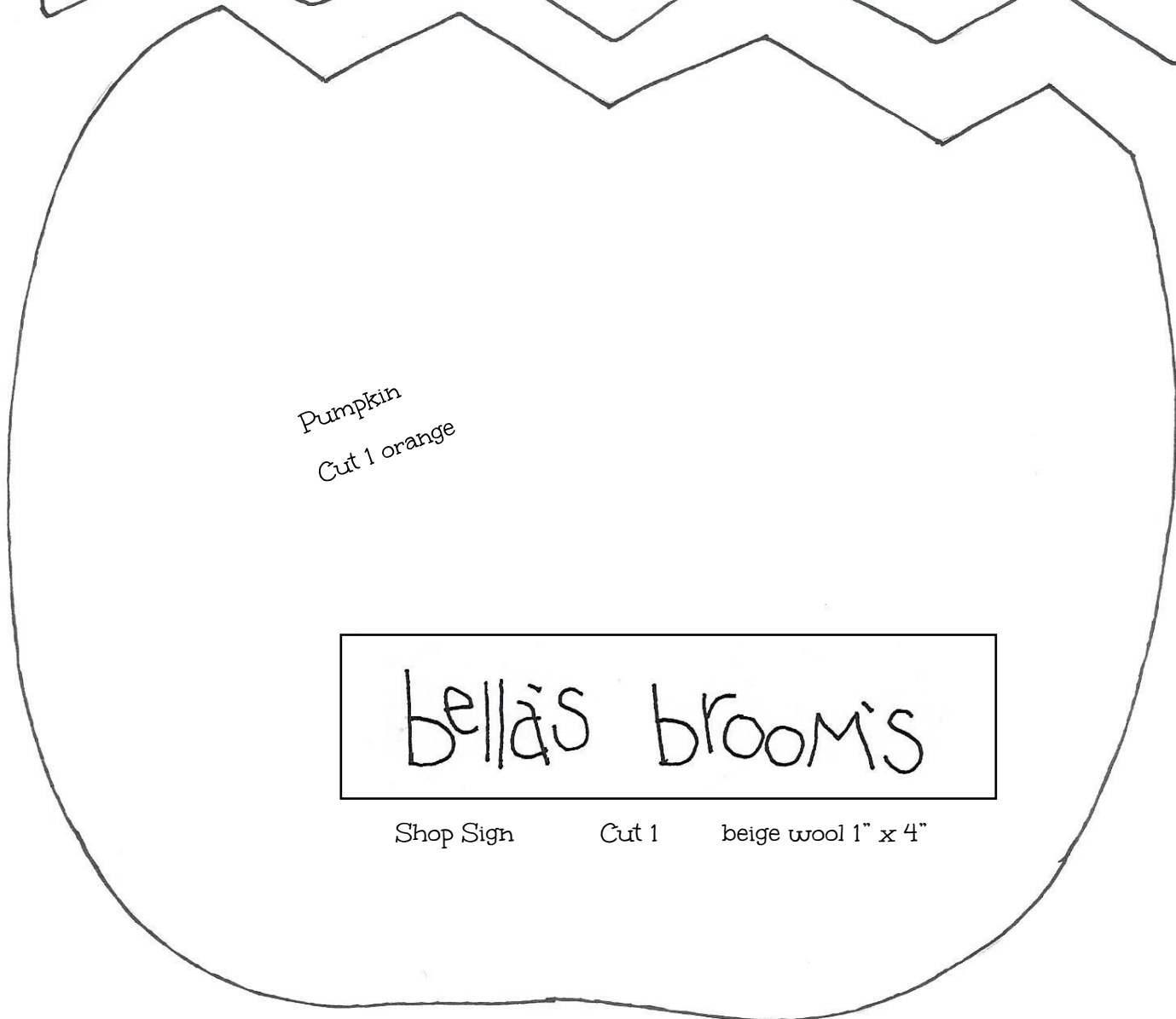
Pumpkin Top

Cut 1 orange

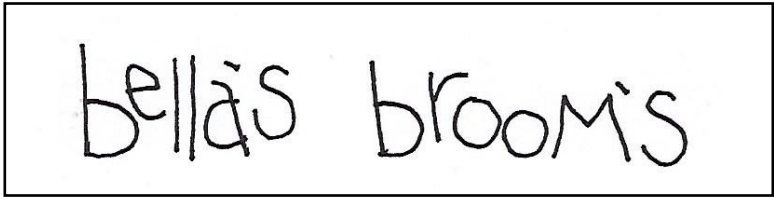


Pumpkin top (middle)

Cut 1 orange Plaid



Pumpkin
Cut 1 orange



Shop Sign

Cut 1

beige wool 1" x 4"