

# Crazy Quilted Pumpkin

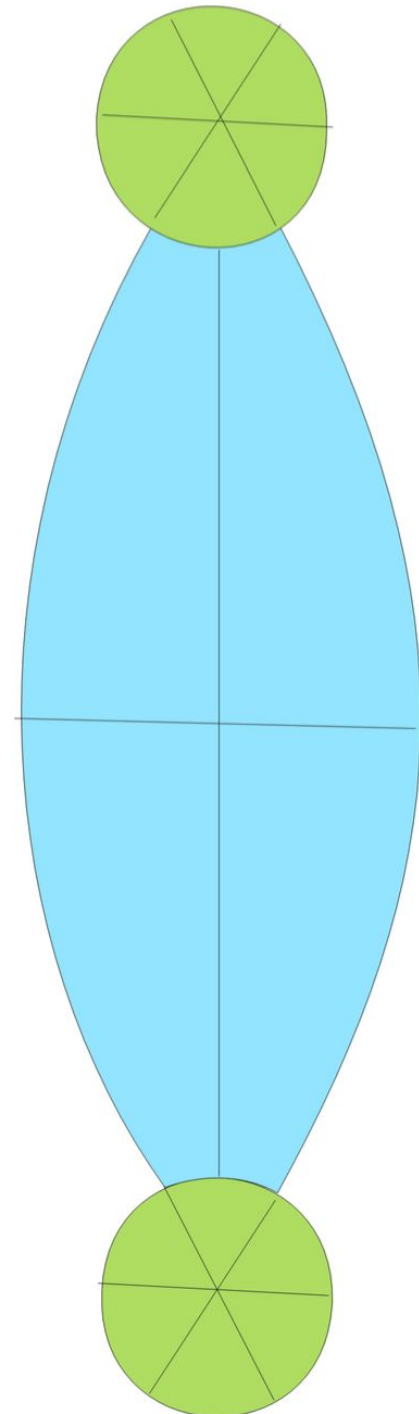
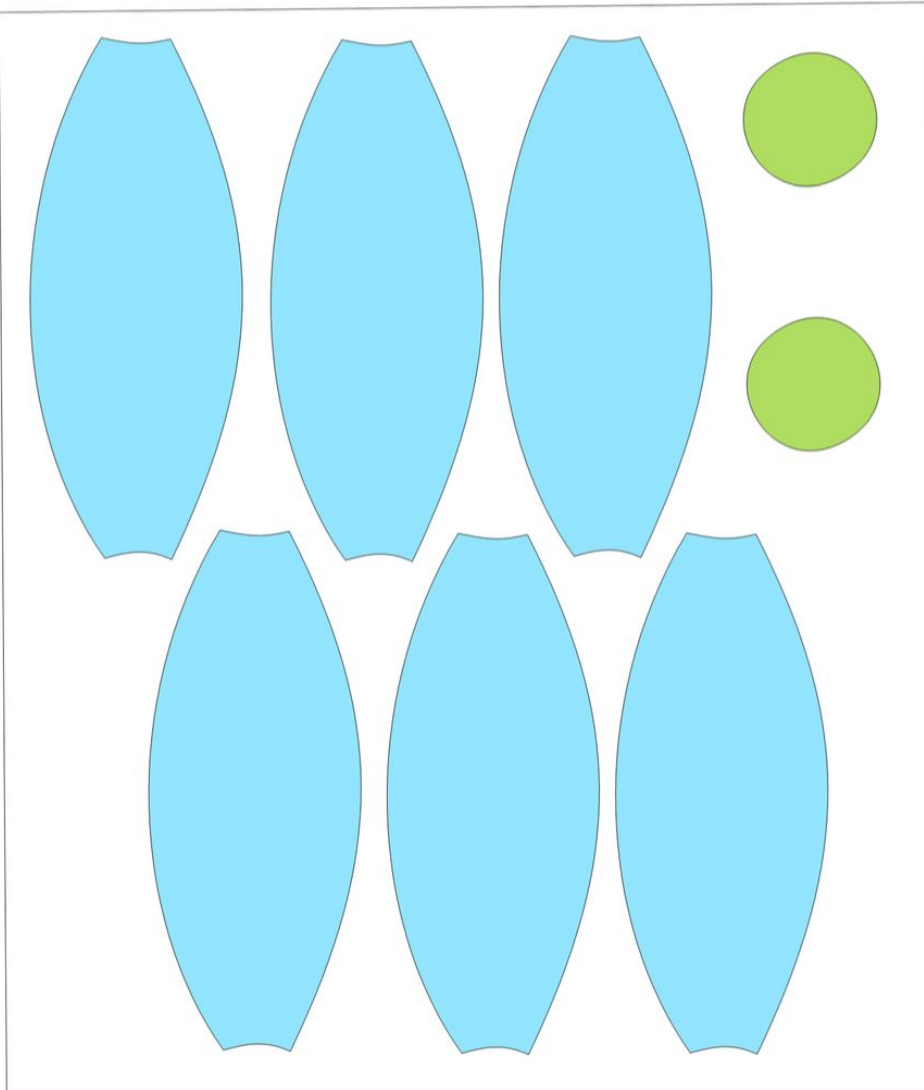
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Break out your embroidery stitches, embellishments and beads to sculpt a pretty pumpkin in fiber.

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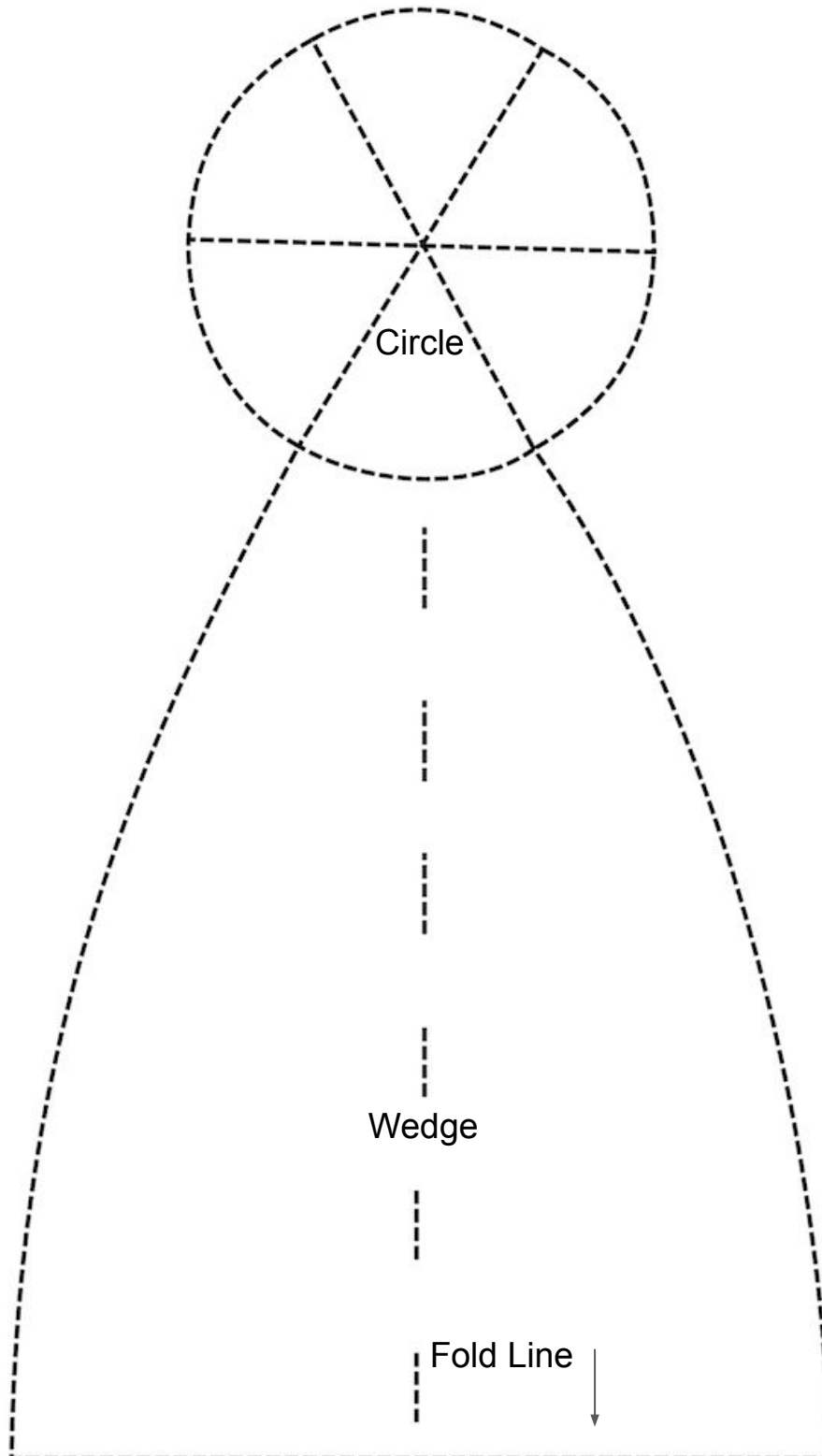
Who says crazy quilts have to be flat? Break out your favorite embroidery stitches (and maybe be inspired to discover some new ones, then add embellishments and beads) to create your own work of art on each segment, Then stitch together and stuff. Finished awesome pumpkin is approximately 9 ½ inches wide by 12 inches tall, including stem.



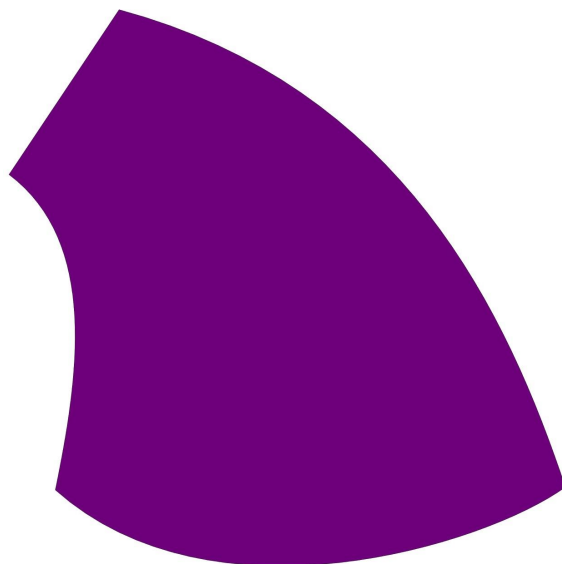
Place on fold and trace stitch lines for 6 wedges on muslin.

Cut out with about 1/2" seam allowance.

Cut out 2 circles + 1/4" seam allowance from a complimentary fabric



Cut two stems, adding ¼-inch seam allowance.



**Basic directions:**

1. Draw the wedges on muslin and cut out about ¼” from markings.
2. Baste muslin to your wool and cut with seam allowance of about ½”
3. Embroider and bead each wedge to your liking. The muslin helps stabilize the wool and you won't need to hoop the piece.
4. When all six wedges are embellished, remove basting stitches and stitch right sides together on long curve, using the drawn lines on your muslin as the stitching lines and sew the wedges together to form a pumpkin, leaving a 2-3” opening in the last wedge for turning.
5. Turn your pumpkin right side out and blind stitch the opening closed.
6. Using one of your circles, turn under the edges and applique to the bottom, covering any uneven edges.
7. While the top is still unfinished and open, fill your pumpkin with polyfill. Fill it as tight as you can for a nice shape.
8. When filled, applique the complementary fabric to the top.
9. To make your pumpkin more pumpkin-shaped, take a long milliner's or doll needle and a sturdy piece of thread, like strong beading thread. Stitch from the center top to the center bottom several times, drawing it tight to make indentations on the top and bottom. Or leave it round, if you wish.
10. Now sew the two stem pieces together. You can embroider or bead them before you sew them together. You can either blanket stitch them together with wrong sides together, or stitch right sides together and turn.
11. Stuff the stem with polyfill, turn under the edges and hand sew it to the top of your pumpkin.

**Materials needed to make Crazy Quilted Pumpkin**

- Variety of wool pieces
- Muslin
- Variety of embroidery thread or floss
- Variety of beads and beading thread.
- Embroidery needles, beading needles and millinery needle
- Embroidery scissors

**Ideas**

- This is a perfect project to try out some new embroidery stitches or bead designs.
- You can try to have the stitches match from wedge to wedge, or make each one different!