# Capital Quilter's Guild Block Party September 2014 

This month we will make Halloween Houses.
You can either follow my pattern for a house, or use one that you happen to have.
The block will finish at 12 inches (unfinished at $121 / 2$ inches).

1. Cut one $71 / 2$ inch square from the Halloween fabric provided by block party for the house base
2. Cut one $31 / 2$ inch square from the black fabric provided by block party for center of the roof.
3. Cut one 4 inch square from the black fabric provided by block party for the 2 halfsquare triangles for the sloped part of the roof.
4. Cut one 4 inch square from your background for the 2 half-square triangles for the sloped part of the roof.
5. Cut one $21 / 2 \times 121 / 2$ inch piece of background for the sky.
6. Cut two $3 \times 7 \frac{1}{2}$ inch pieces of background for the side yards.
7. Cut two $2 \times 311 / 2$ inch pieces of background for the sky sides.

## Make the half-square triangles first

Place the background 4 inch square right sides together with the 4 inch black square.
Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of the background fabric (solid line in diagram 1).
Sew $1 / 4$ inch from each side of the drawn line (dotted lines in diagram 1 ).
Cut the squares apart on the drawn line to get 2 half-square triangles.
Press the seams towards the black fabric.
Trim resulting squares to $31 / 2$ inches.
Place the blocks like diagram 2 below.


Diagram 1


Diagram 2
Sew the blocks together with a $1 / 4$ inch seam for a block measuring $121 / 2$ inches. Lay

Please do not square up your block. Turn in your block and your name on a small piece of paper in at the October meeting for the drawing. Good Luck!!

