

# **Butternut Squash**

Plump butternut squashes make great decorations, especially for autumnal celebrations and the Creating Memories fabrics in the Autumn, Thanksgiving, Halloween colours are perfect for these vegetables.

### Materials (for one butternut squash)

- Six fabrics for the butternut squash, each 4in x 11in (10.2cm x 28cm)
- One fabric for the stalk 6in x 3in (15.2cm x 7.6cm)
- Toy stuffing (fibrefill)
- Wooden stick for stuffing

#### Finished size of one butternut

4<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>in x 8<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>in (12cm x 22cm) approx.

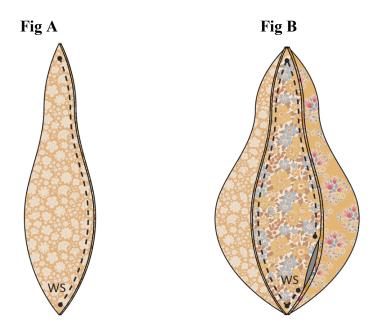
## **General Notes**

- Read all the project instructions through before you start.
- Use thick paper for copying patterns, ensuring the patterns are full size.
- On the patterns, the solid line is the sewing line. This allows you to add your own seam allowance.
- When sewing the seams, reduce your stitch length to 1.5mm–1.6mm.
- To get a good shape, cut snips in the seam allowance where a seam curves tightly inwards.
- After turning, pull the wooden stick along the inside of the seam to make sure you press out all the creases and folds before ironing.
- Stuff well, using a stick to fill small areas.
- Sew up gaps with matching thread and small slipstitches.

## Making a Butternut Squash

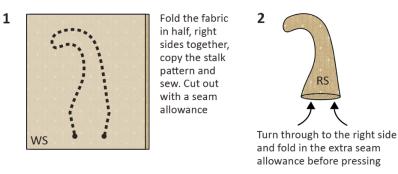
1 Copy the full size pattern pieces onto thick paper and cut out the shapes. Take the six fabrics for the butternut squash and trace one whole butternut shape on each fabric. Cut out the shapes adding a <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>in (6mm) seam allowance before you cut.

2 Place two shapes right sides together (Fig A). Sew a seam down the long, curved side, starting and stopping on the points of the marked shape (about  $\frac{1}{2}$ in/1.3cm away from the points of the fabric). Add the rest of the pieces in the same way, leaving a gap in the last seam for turning (Fig B). Turn through the right side, press and then stuff. Sew the opening shut.



**3** To make the stalk, fold and press the stalk fabric in half right sides together. Mark the stalk pattern and sew on the solid line (Fig C 1). Cut out with a small seam allowance. Fold the extra seam allowance to the inside of the stalk and then press (Fig C 2).





4 Fill the stalk with help of the wooden stick. Place the open opening of the stalk against the top of the butternut squash and attach it with pins before stitching it on (Fig F).



