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Fabric Pumpkins

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Note: These directions are designed to be used in conjunction with the videos

General Supply List:

Rotary Cutter, Mat, Ruler

Scissors

Iron and ironing surface

Fabric Marker of your choice (pen, pencil, chalk...)

Microtex size 80 or 90 needle or your favorite needle.

Recommended Machine Feet: regular sewing foot

Construction Thread for the needle and the bobbin

General Sewing Supplies





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Supply List for Fabric Pumpkin

4 Coordinating Fabrics for the pumpkin

Medium pumpkin: 4" x 14" (2 pieces of each of the 4 fabrics)

Large Pumpkin: 5" x 15" (2 pieces of each of the 4 fabrics)

Using the templates, cut 2 wedge pieces from each fabric

Stem fabric: 1 piece 8" w x 6" h

Fusible batting: 7" w x 3" h

(You will need fabric and batting for each pumpkin you are creating)

Cording or heavy thread to wrap the pumpkin wedge seams (about 8 yards)

This cording needs to fit through the eye of your upholstery needle

Upholstery needle

Large eye needle (optional)

Leaves from craft store for embellishing

Glue gun or your favorite craft glue

Template for Small and Large Pumpkins: by Margaret Moorehead





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Medium and Large Pumpkins

Putting the wedges together:

Arrange the wedges in the order you want them to be stitched together

You will create 2 halves and then stitch the halves together.

In photograph 1 the wedges are arranged the same way in two separate piles (one pile for each half)

Pin and sew right sides together, one edge of the first two wedges, using a regular sewing foot and center needle position.

Use the edge of the foot as a guide and stitch the two wedges together.

Next, attach the 3rd wedge to the already stitched first 2 wedges.

Attach the 4th wedge making sure the wedges are in the desired order.

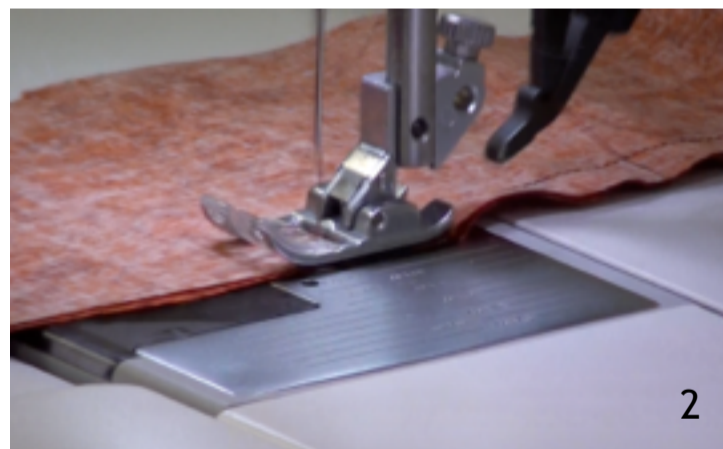
You now have one of the halves completed.

Repeat for second half of the pumpkin.

Make sure to have the wedges in the same order.

After each pumpkin half is complete, take one of the halves and turn it inside out.

Put the two halves together in such a way that none of the same fabrics will be touching each other when



Putting the wedges together and stuffing the pumpkin:

Pin the 2 halves together leaving an opening large enough for your hand.

Stitch, using center needle position and the edge of your foot as a guide.

Turn right side out.

Pull fiber fill into small pieces and insert through the opening in your pumpkin

Stuff the pumpkin as full as you would like it with the fiber fill.

Once it is stuffed, manipulate the pumpkin to make sure the stuffing is distributed evenly.

Pin the opening closed and hand stitch making sure your edge is nicely finished.

Reshape the pumpkin again if necessary





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Making the “ball” into a pumpkin shape

Thread the large eye needle (not the upholstery needle) with 2 yards of cord.

Insert the needle through the fabric at the center (bottom) of the pumpkin and tie a knot to secure the cord

Thread the cord through the upholstery needle.

We want the cord to line up along a seam where two wedges meet.

Starting at the end of the pumpkin where your thread is knotted (bottom) place the cord over the seam following it to the top center of the pumpkin.

Insert the upholstery needle through the top center of the pumpkin.

Pull the upholstery needle and the cord completely through the pumpkin so it exits at the bottom center of the pumpkin (where your original knot was tied).

Pull the cord “taught” so the ball begins to take on a “Pumpkin” shape.

Next place the cord over the seam that is exactly opposite of the seam you just did.

Have the cord follow the seam from the bottom of the pumpkin, up to the top.

Insert the upholstery needle through the top center of the pumpkin and have it exit at the bottom center of the pumpkin.

Pull the cord tight and tie the cord off securely, cut off excess cording, being sure to leave about an inch of extra.

Thread with another 2 yard piece of cording and repeat this process for the next two sections of the pumpkin.

One 2 yard piece of cording will do two sections.

Be sure to pull the thread “taught” to create the “pumpkin shape”

Repeat until all sections are completed.



Making the stem:

Fuse the batting to the fabric so that the batting is centered from right to left on the fabric and even with one raw edge (the bottom edge).

Fold the top of the fabric over the batting so the batting is enclosed at the top.

Run glue along the right and left edges and fold the excess side fabric edges over to totally encase your batting.

Roll the fabric covered batting into a cylinder and glue to hold in place.

Cut to the desired length for your pumpkin



Attaching the leaves and the stem

Cut the leaves apart and decide on a pleasing arrangement.

Glue the stem in place.

Glue the leaves in place

Make sure all the leaves and stems are glued securely and enjoy your pumpkins!

