



Halloween Tips & Treats



No Sew Treat Bag

Materials:

Paper Gift Bag or recycle your used paper grocery bags with handles

Fabric Patches cut from Halloween fabrics

Steam-a-Seam paper backed fusible web

Cut out your fabric patch to a size approximately 2" narrower than your bag. If you are using a large bag – cut several patches to arrange in a design.

Fuse the Steam-a-Seam to the wrong side of the fabric following the manufacturers directions.

Peel off the paper backing and fuse the fabric patch to the paper bag using a dry iron on cotton setting.



Easy Trick or Treat Bag

Finished Size 16" x 17"

Materials:

1/2 yard of 45" wide Halloween print fabric

1-1/2 yards of nylon webbing for handles

Coordinating thread

Fold the piece of fabric in half with the right sides together so that you have an 18" x 22" rectangle. Stitch a seam along the longest edge using a 1/2" seam allowance, starting at the cut edges and stitching down to the fold.

Press the seams open and fold the ends of your bag to form triangles at each of the lower corners. Make sure the side seam is centered in the middle of the triangle and stitch across the ends 2" from the point.

Turn the bag right side out.

Press the top edge of the bag under 1" all the way around, then turn it under again 1" and press it again. Stitch through all layers of the hem all the way around the top of the bag.

Cut the nylon webbing into two 27" pieces. Fold the ends under and stitch across them to prevent raveling. Stitch the handles to the top of the bag 4" from the sides of the bag and repeat for the opposite side.

Trick or Treat Safety Tips - from Simplicity Pattern Company

If you're trick or treating in the dark, make costumes in bright colors and trims that are easily visible in the dark. Add reflective tape or trims for maximum visibility from the Pacific Fabrics & Crafts trim department.

Make sure that costumes are ready for a long evening of walking – hems and trims should clear the ground to prevent tripping. Make sure that your child can walk, climb steps and move with ease.

Masks look great but often limit vision - a coordinating hat or hypo-allergenic face makeup are best.

Prepare pets for the big event – if they're part of the gang trick-or-treating, be sure that they have proper identification tags and that their costumes are also safety-first.

Sew Easy Cloak

To determine the amount of fabric you will need: Measure the intended cape wearer from the shoulder to the ankle, multiply this length by two. If you would like a hood, add 24" to this measurement.

Fold the cloak fabric in half length-wise with selvages (finished fabric edges) together on each side. This top fold will be the shoulders of your cloak.

Fold in half again, width-wise so all four selvages are together.

Cut through the top layer of fabric along the length-wise center fold creating your cloak front opening.

At the top corner, cut a slight wedge neck opening measuring six inches long.

Unfold the fabric so there are, again selvage edges on either side of the front opening.

With right sides together, measure down the selvage edge 12" from the top fold and mark with a pin. Starting at the pin, stitch the two layers of fabric together all the way to the hem. This creates the arm hold and side seam of your cloak. Repeat on the opposite side.

Fold up the hem of your cloak $\frac{1}{2}$ " all the way around. Pin and press and stitch the hem.

Hood:

Cut the hood fabrics 16" x 24".

Pin the 24" edge to the neck opening and stitch it in place gathering in the excess as you sew.

Fold the hood right sides together and stitch the top seam. Fold the raw edges of the front opening (including the hood) in $\frac{1}{2}$ ", pin, press and stitch.



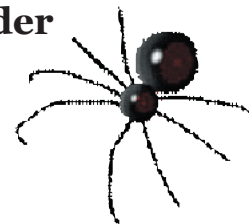
Perky Pom-Pom Spider

Materials:

Black chenille stems

1" black pom-poms

7mm wiggly eyes



Cut four 4" pieces of black chenille stem

Twist pairs of the stems together in the center creating an X shape. You will have 2 X's.

Twist both X's together in the center.

Bend the legs down to create leg joints.

Bend up $\frac{1}{4}$ " on the end of each leg to form feet.

Glue one 1" pom-pom in the center of the legs to form the head/body.

Attach 7mm wiggly eyes to the head with quick drying tacky glue.

Find someone to scare!!!



Cute Cheesecloth Ghost

Materials:

1-1/4" Styrofoam ball

Cheesecloth

5mm black or wiggly eyes

Cut two 9" x 9" squares of cheese cloth.

Drape the cheese cloth over a 1-1/4" styrofoam ball and tie an 8 - 10" piece of yarn or ribbon around the ghosts neck and secure it by tying a bow.

Glue 5mm black or wiggly eyes to the head with quick drying tacky glue.

Enjoy your new spooky friend!!!



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