

ITH Ghost Stuffies Instructions



Instructions to make **Ghost Stuffies**

In-the-Hoop of your embroidery machine with design files from:



VIDEO TUTORIAL

Videos showing the pumpkin making process are available at:

<https://ballyhoocreations.com/product/trio-of-ghosts-in-the-hoop-embroidery-project/>

Near the bottom of the page, there's a tab for Instructions and Video. (NOTE that the video does not include the tackdown stitches (color 2) or the turning flap on that older version. Your files are the new and improved version of the ghosts!)

TOOLS & SUPPLIES NEEDED:

- Embroidery machine
- Embroidery Thread and bobbin (40wt polyester thread is suggested, bobbin can be the same or use 60wt or 90wt bobbin thread if you like)
- Sharp fabric scissors
- 2 pieces of fabric, one for front and another for the back. The size should match the size of hoop you're using to stitch your chosen pumpkin size.
 - NOTE on fabric choices: Stretch fabrics such as T-shirt knits or fleece are ideal for this project. You may also use woven fabrics, but it will be more difficult to turn the arms and heads right-side-out with woven fabrics on the smaller sizes.
- No-show mesh or other light weight, cut-away embroidery stabilizer
- (Optional) Water or heat soluble topper for the face
- Fiberfill or other stuffing of choice.
- (Optional) Poly pellets or other weighted stuffing material for the base so the ghosts will sit on their own.
- (Optional) pipe cleaner to wire the arms for posing.
- Hand sewing needle and strong thread for closing the ghosts

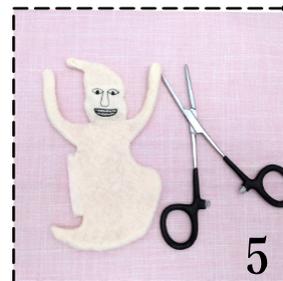
INSTRUCTIONS - PAGE 1

1. Hoop your stabilizer in the proper sized hoop. Cut-away, no-show mesh stabilizer or other light weight cut-away is recommended for this project.
2. **STITCH COLOR 1** on to the stabilizer for a placement outline. (see photo 1)
3. Place front fabric (right side up) to cover the placement guide you stitched in previous step.
4. **STITCH COLOR 2** for a tack-down stitch to hold the fabric in place.
5. **STITCH COLOR 3**. This will stitch the facial features. (see photo 2)
6. Optional - you may stuff tiny bits of fiberfill in the nose or other facial areas to give it extra dimension. Use tweezers or small hemostats to get into those tight areas.
7. Place back fabric in your hoop, on top of the project with right side facing down (right sides together). Be sure the previous placement stitches are covered by both front and back pieces of fabric.
8. Be sure thread and bobbin coordinate with your fabric color
9. **STITCH COLOR 4**. This stitches the seams twice for a strong seam. (photo 3)
10. Remove project from hoop.



INSTRUCTIONS PAGE 2

11. Use sharp scissors to trim away excess fabric using the placement stitches from step 1 as a guide. Clip just inside that placement line to get the correct seam allowance. (photo 4)
12. Clip the inner curves at arms, neck, turning flap, and head points. Be careful not to snip the seams! TIP - the stabilizer attached to the front fabric has the cutting lines, but the back only shows the seams so you can know how close to clip.
13. Turn the ghost inside-out. It's best to start with the arms and get them inside the body first, then the head, and finally the rest of the body. Small hemostats (5-6" long) make this much easier! (photo 5) When reaching into the opening - Be sure you get between the 2 fabrics and not between fabric and stabilizer so it turns correctly. If you're having trouble turning the small arms - check the video tutorial. <https://ballyhoocreations.com/product/trio-of-ghosts-in-the-hoop-embroidery-project/>
14. Stuff the ghost with your choice of stuffing materials. Pipe cleaner or floral wire can be used to wire the arms if you want to pose them. Poly Pellets can be used in the base to help the ghost sit upright on a shelf. (photo 6)
15. To close the side seam opening - tuck the turning flap inside the ghost to make the opening flat, then use a ladder stitch (next page) to close the opening. You can also use fabric glue instead of hand-stitching. (photo 7)
16. Your ghost is finished!



LADDER STITCH TUTORIAL

1. Thread a long needle with a double layer of strong thread that is about 12" long and tie a knot at the end.
2. Starting at the inside of the doll - push the needle and thread from the inside to the outside at one end of the seam opening.
3. Take a horizontal stitch across the seam opening and insert the needle again, it should come out about $\frac{1}{4}$ " down that same side. If you have stabilizer under your fabric, be sure to catch the stabilizer in your stitch.
4. Then do another horizontal stitch going the opposite direction across the seam opening.
5. Repeat this stitch pattern. It resembles railroad tracks. The horizontal arrows in the diagram are stitches on top of the fabric, while the vertical dashed arrows are underneath and not seen.
6. When you pull on the thread, it should pull the opposite sides together to close the gap.
7. When you have stitched the entire seam, make a knot in the thread and then push the needle back into the doll to come out a few inches away and cut the thread so it disappears back inside the doll stuffing areas. Now your thread is secure and buried where nobody can see it.

