

Witch Head Instructions



Instructions to make the Witch Head for Cloth Characters

In-the-Hoop of your embroidery machine.

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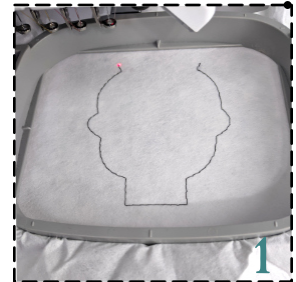
TOOLS & SUPPLIES NEEDED:

- Embroidery machine
- Embroidery Thread and bobbin
- Sharp fabric scissors
- Hemostats may be helpful for turning and stuffing smaller sizes
- 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. See the fabric note on next page.
- 4x8" piece of faux fur if you're making the included wig file.
- Cut-away embroidery stabilizer
- Water or heat soluble topper for the face
- Poly stuffing or other stuffing of choice.
- Hand sewing needle and strong thread for closing the head, or you can use fabric glue and clips to hold until the glue sets.

INSTRUCTIONS

1. NOTE on fabric choices: This design was digitized for stretch fabrics but can be used on other fabrics too. Water or heat soluble topper is recommended when stitching on stretchy or fluffy fabrics.

1. Hoop some cut-away stabilizer.
2. STITCH COLOR 1 to create a placement outline on your stabilizer (photo 1)
3. Place your front piece of fabric, RIGHT SIDE UP, to cover the placement stitches on the stabilizer. Place a scrap of soluble topper over the face area. (photo 2)
4. STITCH COLOR 2 for a tack-down stitch around the head.
5. STITCH COLOR 3 (red) for the lips
6. STITCH COLOR 4 (white) for the whites of the eyes
7. STITCH COLOR 5 (black) for the eyes, nose and brows
8. STITCH COLOR 7 to color the iris of the eyes (photo 3)
9. (optional) use a tiny amount of stuffing to stuff the nose and chin using tweezers or small hemostats. These tiny amounts can be placed between the stabilizer and the stretch fabric.
10. Place your back fabric, RIGHT SIDE DOWN, over the face to cover all the tackdown & placement stitches. You may add stabilizer on top if you want to - it will give a flatter head..
11. STITCH COLOR 7 using thread to match your fabric color for a double-stitched seam around the head and ears. (photo 4 shows contrasting thread so you can see it)
12. Remove project from hoop.



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13. Cut away excess fabric and stabilizer from the seam. If using stretch fabrics, you can use the placement stitches on the stabilizer as a cutting guide, but be sure to leave enough fabric at the top of the head as a turning tab for closing later on.
14. Clip the inner curve areas around neck, ears and top tab. Be careful that you don't clip all the way into the seams. (photo 5)
15. Turn right-side-out using the opening at the top of the head.
16. Tuck the neck inside of the head. This creates a pocket for inserting the neck stem on the doll's body.
17. (optional) put a tiny amount of fabric glue in the ears to seal them shut and keep them flat.
18. Stuff the head from the top, being sure to get stuffing on front and back of that neck pocket inside the head. (if the pocket is up against the front or back of head, the dolls head won't sit properly) (photo 6)
19. When you're happy with the stuffing, tuck the excess fabric into the top of the head and hand-sew or use fabric glue to close it up. (photo 7 shows clips holding the glued portion closed while it dries)
20. Add the ITH wig made with faux fur, or other doll wiggling (yarn, mohair, glued fur, etc)
21. Attach to a cloth body by inserting the neck stem into the neck pocket and hand-stitch or glue the head to secure it.
22. Your witch head is done. (photo 8)

