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ITH Pumpkin Stuffed Instructions



Instructions to make **Pumpkin Stuffed**

In-the-Hoop of your embroidery machine.

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VIDEO TUTORIAL

A short video collage showing the pumpkin making process is available at:

<https://ballyhoocreations.com/product/ith-pumpkin-stuffies/>

Near the bottom of the page, there's a tab for Instructions and Video.

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: stretchy fabrics like T-shirt fabric or jersey knits will stretch and become "rounder" when stuffed. But other fabrics work well too.
- Small piece of green or brown fabric to roll up for a stem.
- Thin quilt batting, felt or fleece to give the face a quilted look
- 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 pumpkin

Needle Thread consumption

1	95st.	6.5% (0.6 m)
2	79st.	4.7% (0.5 m)
3	553st.	18.9% (1.8 m)
4	1390st.	59.4% (5.8 m)
5	284st.	10.5% (1.0 m)

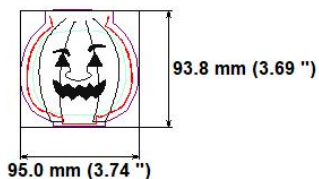
Upper thread 9.7 m
Bobbin 3.2 m

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Stitches: 2401
Size: 95.0 x 93.8 mm (3.74 x 3.69 ")
Begin: 47.5, 46.9 mm
End: 47.5, 46.9 mm
Start needle: 1
Colors: 5/5, Stops: 4



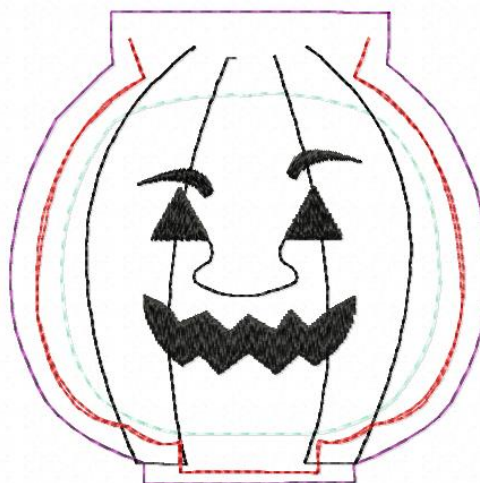
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Histogram

(96) Stop 1
(175) Stop 2
(728) Stop 3
(2118) Stop 4
(2401) End

Stitches ratio diagram:



Scale 1:1

Needle Thread consumption

1	140st.	5.2% (1.0 m)
2	117st.	3.7% (0.7 m)
3	835st.	14.9% (2.8 m)
4	2725st.	67.9% (12.7 m)
5	423st.	8.3% (1.5 m)

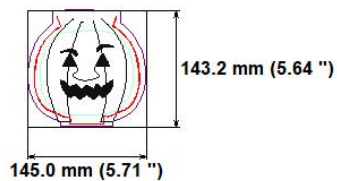
Upper thread 18.8 m
Bobbin 6.3 m

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Stitches: 4240
Size: 145.0 x 143.2 mm (5.71 x 5.64 ")
Begin: 72.5, 71.6 mm
End: 72.5, 71.6 mm
Start needle: 1
Colors: 5/5, Stops: 4



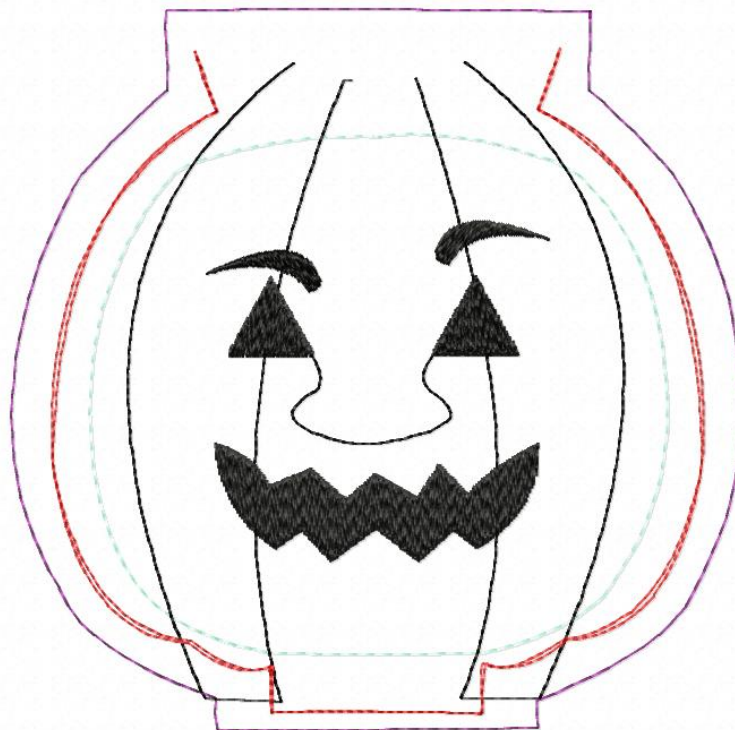
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Histogram

(141) Stop 1
(258) Stop 2
(1093) Stop 3
(3818) Stop 4
(4240) End

Stitches ratio diagram:



Scale 1:1

Needle Thread consumption

1	187st.	4.3% (1.3 m)
2	155st.	3.1% (0.9 m)
3	1114st.	12.6% (3.8 m)
4	4383st.	73.0% (21.9 m)
5	564st.	6.9% (2.1 m)

Upper thread 30.0 m
Bobbin 10.0 m

File: BC_8x8_pumpkin-stuffie-1.xxx

Stitches: 6403

Size: 195.6 x 193.2 mm (7.70 x 7.61 ")

Begin: 97.8, 96.6 mm

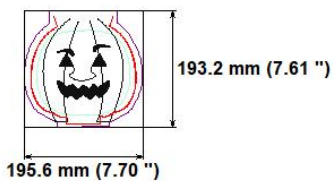
End: 97.8, 96.6 mm

Start needle: 1

Colors: 5/5, Stops: 4



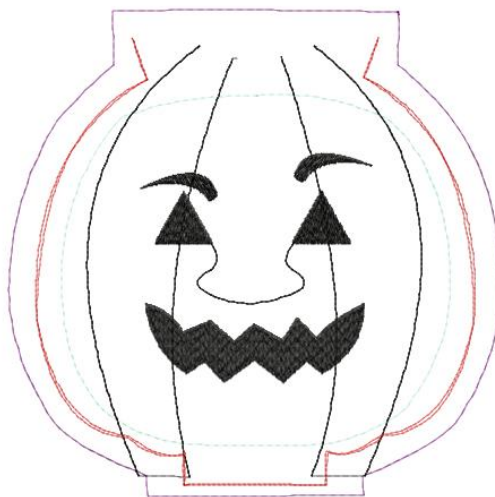
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Histogram

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(1457) Stop 3
(5840) Stop 4
(6403) End

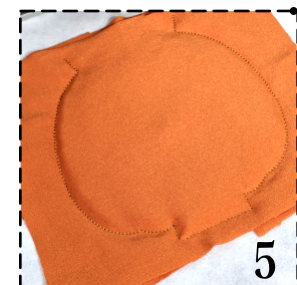
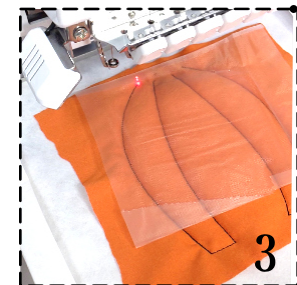
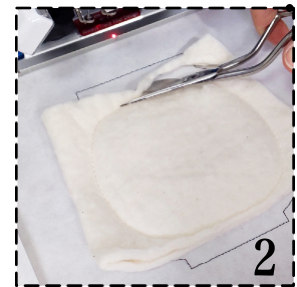
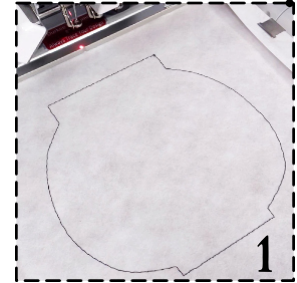
Stitches ratio diagram:



Scale 1:2

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Hoop cut-away stabilizer.
2. **STITCH COLOR 1** for a placement outline on the stabilizer (see photo 1)
3. Place 1 or 2 thin layers of quilt batting to cover the placement stitches
4. **STITCH COLOR 2** to tackdown the batting
5. Cut away excess batting outside the tackdown circle. Be sure to cut away the excess at this point to avoid batting in the seams (makes it hard to turn right-side-out later) (see photo 2)
6. Place your front fabric, **RIGHT SIDE UP**, over the batting so it covers the placement stitches on the stabilizer
7. **STITCH COLOR 3** to stitch the vertical lines on the pumpkin which create a quilting effect
8. Place water or heat soluble topper over the pumpkin. This will ensure your stitches look nice on stretchy or fluffy fabrics. (see photo 3)
9. **STITCH COLOR 4** to stitch the facial features of the pumpkin
10. Pull away the topper (see photo 4)
11. (Optional) Stuff a **TINY** amount of stuffing into the nose using tweezers or hemostats to give the nose more dimension. You can reach it between the stabilizer and stretch fabric from the top of the pumpkin.
12. Place the back fabric, **RIGHT SIDE DOWN**, to cover the front of the pumpkin
13. **STITCH COLOR 5** to stitch the side seams. These are double stitched for a strong seam. (see photo 5)
14. Remove project from hoop.



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15. Cut away excess fabric and stabilizer from the pumpkin. You can use the placement line on the stabilizer (1st "color" you stitched) as cutting lines if your fabric is non-fraying. Do not cut off the neck or the top tab. (see photo 6)
16. Clip the inner corners on both sides of neck and both sides of top turning tab.
17. Turn the pumpkin RIGHT SIDE OUT. This is easy with stretch fabrics, but might be more difficult with stiff fabrics like felt on the smaller sizes. Be patient with turning.
18. Tuck the neck tab up inside the pumpkin.

NOTE about neck tab: the tucked-in neck flap serves as a pleat to help the pumpkin sit level.

19. Stuff the pumpkin from the open area at the top of the head. (photo 7)
20. Hand sew a running stitch around the open area at the top of the pumpkin, all the way around using short stitches and strong thread like upholstery thread. Don't pull the thread taut just yet. (see photo 9 for what running stitch looks like, it's the basic in-out stitch for hand-sewing)
21. (Optional) Use a scrap of green or brown fabric rolled up, and tuck it into the pumpkin head for a stem. (see photo 8)
22. Tuck the excess fabric of the top tab inside the pumpkin. (photo 9)
23. Pull the thread tight so that it closes in around the "stem" and closes the top of the pumpkin. Take a few more stitches through the stem and pumpkin to secure it, then tie a knot.
24. That's it! You've created a pumpkin stuffie! Feel free to smash them a bit to get a rounder shape.

