

BOO-tiful Halloween Wall Hanging



Have fun creating a one-of-a-kind Bootiful Halloween wall hanging that would look great on your front door or on a wrought iron flag holder for your garden.

Skill Level: Beginner

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Required Designs/Software:

Amazing Designs® Personalize 'N Stitch™ lettering/monogramming software
Amazing Designs® Sweet Halloween design collection (ADP-10J)

Supplies:

Embroidery/Sewing Machine with 5"x7" hoop or larger

Iron

Rayon machine embroidery thread

Bobbin thread for embroidery machine

Amazing Designs® Stabilize It!™ 2.5oz Heavy Weight Cut-Away stabilizer

Hand needle and matching thread for wall hanging

One 100% cotton fat quarter (stripe or zigzag print)

1/3 yard white medium weight fabric for embroidery designs

Thin cotton batting

3/4 yard orange or purple 100% cotton batik

6" x 10" black 100% cotton fabric

Old Halloween jewelry, buttons, etc., for extra decoration (optional)

Instructions:

Cutting Fabric:

1. From the stripe fabric, cut 4 pieces 1-1/4" wide x 8-1/4" long. Cut the fabric so the stripe will be horizontal with the 1-1/4" width. Fold in half lengthwise with wrong sides together and press.
2. From the Orange fabric, cut 3 border pieces 2-1/2" wide x 45" long.
3. Cut white fabric larger than 8" x 8" to fit into embroidery hoop and to be trimmed to 8" x 8" after embroidering the designs.
4. Cut stabilizer the same size as the white fabric in step 3.

Embroidery:

Candy Corn Characters:

Embroider the designs on the white fabric. Trim to 8" x 8" leaving the stabilizer on the back of the fabric.

Lettering:

1. Open Personalize 'N Stitch software program.
2. Click on Multi Line Text icon on the right tool bar and then click on the design page to start the text process.
3. Open the Properties box by clicking on the icon on the top tool bar.
4. In the Properties box, select the "Slither" font and type Happy Halloween on two lines in the text box. Change Height to 30.0. Click Apply to create Happy Halloween. Finished size will be 97.0mm x 67.8mm. (For the "BOO" shown in the purple sample use the "Simon" font, a 35mm height.)
5. Save Happy Halloween in the appropriate format for your embroidery machine.
6. Embroider Happy Halloween on the black 6" x 10" piece of fabric. Trim to 3-1/2" x 8" leaving the stabilizer on the back.

Construction:

1. Place the folded fabric strips with raw edges along the four edges of the embroidered block. (The ends overlap at the corners)
2. Using a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam, machine baste the strips in place with straight stitch.
3. Sew the "Happy Halloween" block in between two embroidered blocks.
4. With right sides together, place the orange strip along the top and bottom edges of the wall hanging. Trim off excess fabric and sew in place with $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam. Press seams.
5. With right sides together, place the orange strip along the sides of the wall hanging. Trim off excess fabric and sew in place with $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam. Press seams.
6. Lay the wrong side of the wall hanging on the cotton batting. Trim batting to fit.
7. Cut backing the same size as the front.
8. Place front and back right sides together and place on batting.
9. Tabs: Using the extra striped fabric cut a strip 2- $\frac{1}{2}$ " wide x 22" long. Fold lengthwise right sides together and sew a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam. Turn inside-out and press the seam to the middle of the tab.
10. Cut four strips into 4- $\frac{1}{2}$ " lengths. Fold in half and evenly space the tabs along the top placing the raw edges along the edge of the wall hanging.
11. Machine baste the tabs in place before sewing the wall hanging.
12. Sew all around the wall hanging leaving an opening at the bottom big enough to turn hanging inside out.
13. Turn wall hanging inside out and press. Hand stitch the opening closed.
14. Hang on your garden flag holder or use a rod through the tabs and hang.

Tips:

- Have fun using Halloween buttons, pins, and old jewelry to decorate the wall hangings. The pumpkins in the corners of the purple example are old earrings with the clips removed that have been hand sewn in place.
- To create a spiral wire as on the purple sample, wrap thin wire around a pencil and then stretch it out. Hand stitch the wire to the back of the hanging.
- If sewing tabs onto the hanging (as in the orange version pictured), use a strip of heavy cardboard in the tabs to keep the wall hanging flat.

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