
Halloween Trick or Treat Bags with Rad Megan

Chapter 1 - Introduction

Overview

(soft rock music) - Halloween is coming, you guys. And whether you decide to rock an entire handmade Halloween costume or go the store bought route, I don't think there's any better way to show how much you love Halloween than by making your very own trick-or-treat bag. This is such an easy and awesome craft. I love it. I'm going to show you how to cut felt pieces to make faces and bandages and customize our different trick-or-treat bags. We're going to sew them on the machine, add a little ribbon handle, and then we're all done. It takes about an hour maximum. Who's ready to go trick-or-treating? (growling)

Chapter 2 - Materials

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- To make the mummy trick-or-treat bag, we are going to need two pieces of silver grey felt, two pieces of white felt, a little scrap of red felt and a little scrap of brown. I'm just using a polyester felt that I had bought at my local craft store. It's like 30 cents a sheet, super affordable. We're also going to need a sewing machine loaded with matching thread. I like to have a couple of extra bobbins around. For this workshop, I'm gong to be using white thread, black thread and then some neon orange for some hand stitching. I also have my case with my sewing needle in it for some hand stitching. It's a good idea to have a seam ripper handy just in case. And I have a couple of scissors, one for cutting the fabric and one for just snipping my little loose ends. And then I also have my pin cushion filled with my glass-head pins. And I also have a spool of ribbon for the handle.

Chapter 3 - Making Faces

Cutting and pinning the mummy face

- The foundation of this mummy bag is the gray felt. Moving my white out of the way, if I look at these gray pieces side by side, what I wanna do is put all of the elements to make the mummy face right down on one piece of my felt, and then if I want anything on the back of that, I'm gonna put those pieces, cut them out, pin them down, so that I have a completed front and a completed back, and then I can stitch them together. So, first of all, I want to start cutting all of my bandage strips. This is really awesome because kids can do this, adults can do this. It doesn't need to be precise. I am not measuring anything super technical. All I'm doing is just cutting strips of felt that are relatively similar in size. By cutting up one piece of felt, we're going to create enough bandages for one side of the mummy's face. And cut up this entire sheet with similar sized bandage strips. It's okay if they're a little bit wonky because it just adds the charm. Okay. So now we have the bandages for the face and I'm gonna start by just laying them out along the face, sort of uneven but pretty much parallel to each other for the most part, and if they kind of overlap on the gray with a little bit of overhang, that's totally fine. The only thing we wanna do is leave a little bit of room for the eyes. All mummies have to have some creepy eyes. Once I get down to the last few bandages, I like to have a couple that are a little crooked just so that it looks sort of battered and bruised, and this is the point when you really can give yourself a little bit of time to play with it and decide exactly how you want it to look. As far as bandages go, I'm happy with this, so now I'm just gonna cut out a couple of eyes and place those and then I'm gonna pin everything down. And for the eyes,

I wanna use this brown felt, and I like to use my spool of thread as a guide just so that I can cut out a quick circle and I know that it's going to be relatively round. Since I cut by hand and kind of just bully through projects, it's good to have a little bit of consistency by using something as a guide. Okay, one spooky eyeball. Let's see if there's enough room over here. Looks like there is. I like to use every little scrap of felt that I have. Okay. Once you place the mummy eyes, you might find that you want to replace the bandages so that his eyes are partially covered and they look super spooky like he does right now, and just fuss around with your strips, lay them out however you like. I think it looks pretty good already, so the last thing I want to do is just add a little red iris just with little scraps. That's why I save my scraps. They're super useful for everything. And I'm not gonna use a guide for this. I'm just kind of eyeballing it. I love Halloween humor, you guys. And this little red is just a nice accent. It makes it look so spooky. Thanks for putting up with my Halloween humor, you guys. I totally appreciate you. All right, we're gonna slip that guy underneath the bandage. I'm really happy with the way my mummy face looks, so I'm going to pin all of these bandages, all the elements, the eyeballs and everything, and then I'm going to take my second sheet of white felt and I'm going to cut that into strips just like I did for the face and cut them out and pin them to my other gray piece of felt and pin those down so that we have a face and a back, and they're both bandaged and they're both pinned, and then they'll both be ready to sew. The face is all pinned up. Now I'm ready to cut my white bandages for the back of the mummy head and I'm going to pin those down in the same way that I did the face.

Sewing strips & adding eyes

- Before you hop on your sewing machine, you have a couple of design options that you can choose. I have made this bag before both with a straight stitch and a zigzag stitch. You could use as fancy or as plain a stitch as you like. I am just going to stitch each bandage right down the middle so that they kind of fluff up and look a little bit rugged and rough. I'm gonna be sewing with a straight stitch today. You can choose whatever stitch you prefer. It's not gonna be super visible and for me a straight stitch is just gonna get the job done just fine, and it's also going to allow the bandages to kind of rough up on the edges, so that works perfectly for our mummy. The only thing I want to tell you about stitching on the machine is that when I'm sewing these bandages down, I'm gonna be sewing my stitches on the machine about an inch from the edge, so that I can keep my very end bandages loose, and then I'm going to stop about an inch from the other edge, just so that I can fold these together a little later on. So I'll take my pin out, and looks like I'm going to be sewing two bandages at the same time, but I actually don't want to do that, so I'm gonna pull this back and pin it down, so that I can sew a clean line across the second bandage. And I'm just putting that seam right down the middle of each bandage, and that is exactly what I'm gonna continue to do. When there's a diagonal I will fold it away so that I can stitch the bandage underneath and then I'll pull out the top bandage and stitch that one. Just back tack a little bit. And snip the threads. Now I have one more bandage to sew before I can do this top diagonal, so I'm gonna leave that guy pinned, but I unpin it just to take a look and see if I was in the clear. Just snip away my little threads. Keep a tidy house. We'll do this last one on the mummy's forehead. Make sure all of our pins are out of the way. I'm just gonna sew my last parallel line, my last parallel bandage before I run my sewing machine over the diagonal, and then I'm gonna continue doing that for the rest of the mummy face and for the back. All my bandages are attached and they look super spooky. Now the last thing to do is sew anything else you want on the face, before you attach the sides. I've changed out the thread in my sewing machine to a darker color so that I can quickly stitch around both of the

mummy eyes, and then I'm going to hand stitch that little last accent. I'll just take that little pupil out for now, since that pin is gonna get in the way under the machine. I'm just gonna go as slow as I can so that I can try to keep a nice even curve here. Okay. We'll use these massive scissors to cut the thread. Okay. Now we'll take this other pupil out and sew around the second eye, and then we'll hand stitch those last pieces. Okay. Just do a little snip. Snip, snip. If your stitches overlap and make a little spiral don't worry about it. You're using dark thread and dark felt, no one's gonna see it. Now I'm going to replace my red pupils and just to prevent them from going all over the place we'll just stick a little pin in those again, while we thread our needle. We're always snipping our little tails of our threads so that when kids reach into the bag to get their candy, there aren't a lot of little threads to snag their hands. So I'm just gonna start sewing from the back to the front so that my knot is in the back. I'm gonna try to keep my stitches relatively in the center of my red pupil, and I'm just gonna make a couple of crisscross stitches to make sort of a star shape, and I'm just using an all-purpose thread, so it's not super thick. I have doubled it up on my needle. So I might need to go over my stitches a couple of times. Okay. Turn that over and knot that thread. I like to just pull my thread through a little bit of the felt so that that tail can just tuck right in there. Make sure it didn't creep up. Nope, so now I'm going to do the same thing with this other eye. So I'll turn that over, put a knot in it. Mummy face is done.

Chapter 4 - Bag Assembly

Sewing the bag sides & Adding the bottom

- I'm going to sew the two pieces together so that we can create a tube that's going to become our bag. And at this point, if you were making another design, like this Dracula, this is where you would put the right sides together, and before you stitch up these seams, you would place your ears between the two pieces. That way, when you stitch right sides together, and turn it inside out, you're gonna have this really nice seam and your ears sticking out. Super duper! But for our mummy, it's so easy. We don't even need to put our right sides together. We're gonna put the wrong sides, the back sides together. And we're going to just sew a seam, sew a seam and that way, the mummy bag has more texture. And this is just so fun and easy that even your kids can sew their own Halloween bags which is a treat for you, I'm sure. Just want to align our two pieces and when you press your foot down. I really don't want to leave too much extra fabric here, so I'm gonna start stitching. Back tack a little. And then I just want to make sure that all of these bandages get sewed down. Just gonna help this guy. Get in there you! When we get to the bottom, back tack again. And do the same to the other side. Little snippitty snip, clean up those little loose edges. And totally tubular! We almost have a bag! Now we just need to put the bottom on. So we're gonna need one more piece of felt and some pins. I'm gonna use white again that way I don't have to deal with cutting out anymore bandages and nobody's really going to see it anyway. And what I'm going to do is just open up my mummy tube a little bit onto my piece of felt and I just start pinning down this bottom piece of felt. Kind of reaching underneath I'm pinning it right onto this base while its standing up. This works for all of my Halloween bag designs quite nicely. We pinned up with sort of a football shaped base for your bag. Which is nice because then it still shows off the face. The design. We add some pins to the back. I'm going to trim off this extra so we don't have to deal with it in the machine. When I was sewing my seams, I had changed my thread on the sewing machine back to a light color so it's already ready for me to sew on this base. I'm just gonna stick this whole thing and then press my foot. Lower it down and just sew it right along this edge. Turn the corner, I've lifted my foot up so I can start sewing on the front. And you just keep moving the bulk of the

bag away as I'm stitching around this bottom. Just so that I can keep a nice, even line as I sew. Last pin out. And you really want to be sure that you have sewn the entire base. Could you imagine we're not making pinatas you guys. We're making a bag. And if candy is falling out of this thing, forget it. Halloween is ruined. So it looks like I have a nice, solid base. And that looks horrible. So we're gonna trim away all the excess felts. One more little snip. Try not to cut my fingers off. It's not that kind of Halloween movie. The base is trimmed and our bag looks spooktacular. All it needs now is a ribbon handle.

Ribbon Handle

- To make the ribbon handle, I measure out roughly two feet of ribbon. You're gonna fold a little bit over and sew it down, but kids aren't that long so you really don't need too much ribbon for the handle, unless you're gonna wear this yourself as maybe a purse. I'm not judging, I think that sounds fabulous. So I've got my piece of ribbon here, and I'm gonna open up my mummy bag. Take the patterned side of the ribbon so that it's facing out and I'm just gonna fold it over a couple of times and just pin it down so that I can run it through the sewing machine. And then that way, the pattern carries through on the inside of the bag as well. And we'll do the same thing over here. And we'll pin this side down. I have some bags where I left the ribbon on the outside when I sewed it, and that was just an aesthetic choice. Since we've got this rough texture on the outside of the mummy, I'm choosing to put the handle on the inside to sew it up. So I've got it pinned. Let's throw it on the machine. Okay, taking the pin out. Gently putting it under the presser foot. I really want to reinforce my five eighths inch ribbon and make sure that it stays on because, you know, dropping your bag of candy is also a bummer, just like making a bag that has no bottom. So I'm going to sew kind of a square and then an X down the middle just so it has a really strong closure. (sewing machine whirring) Oops, let's pick that needle up, that'll help. I wanna make sure I'm not sewing over my ribbon. That would not be good, the other slack part of the handle. Okay, we'll finish off that square. And then do a couple of zig zags across the shape of the square just so that it's extra super sturdy. (sewing machine whirring) Back up a little and we'll lift it out, take a looksy. Now I have a nice strong attaching side to my band and it looks pretty good on the outside, too. I see part of my bandage got stitched in there, so I'm just gonna clean that up a little bit. One side fully secure. We'll do the same thing to the other side. Oh, and it does help to hold up your bag like this just to make sure you don't have any twists in your ribbon. Lower the presser foot and we're going to sew a square around the perimeter of the ribbon and then again another X inside. (sewing machine whirring) Okay, we'll just trim up all those little loose threads. Our handle is attached and we now have the spookiest, the cutest, the easiest trick or treat bag known to man. You guys wanna go trick or treating? I do. Let's go.