# **DIY Halloween Project**

# JANOME

# Trick or Treat Bag

#### REQUIREMENTS

Sewing Machine *(we used CM7P)* Embroidery Machine Zig Zag Foot **A** or AcuFlex Foot (HP) & HP Needle plate *(for CM7P)* 2 x Janome Plastic Bobbins Scissors Pins / Wonder clips Cutting Mat / Ruler / Rotary Cutter Marking Pen Ironing board and iron

# **FABRICS & NOTIONS**

Orange cotton fabric 30cm x width of fabric Iron-on heavy interfacing 30cm x roll width *or alternatively* Fusible foam 30cm x roll width Sticky tear-away *(enough to hoop)* 1 x Sewing Thread - white or orange to match fabric 1 x Embroidery Thread - black 1 x Bobbin with bobbinfil (white or black)

# **CUTTING INSTRUCTIONS**

4 x Orange fabric 10" x 8½" (25½cm x 21½cm) 2 x Iron-on interfacing 10" x 8½" (25½cm x 21½cm)

#### PREPARATION

Wind the 2 bobbins

- one with sewing thread
- one with bobbinfil

Press the iron-on interfacing to the wrong side of 2 orange fabric pieces.



# INSTRUCTIONS

#### Step 1

Thread the embroidery machine with the black embroidery thread and bobbinfil.

Hoop your embroidery hoop with the sticky tearaway, using a pin score the top of the tear-away to the size of the embroidery design, and peel away the top paper. Take one of the orange fabric pieces with the iron-on interfacing, centrally position in the hoop on top of the sticky tear-away.

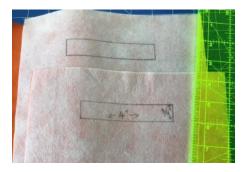
Import the Halloween embroidery design, in the edit screen on your embroidery machine and centre the embroidery design.

Now, embroider the design.

Alternatively, you could applique a pumpkin, if you do not have an embroidery machine or use Halloween themed fabric.

#### Step 2

Take both orange fabric pieces with the interfacing. On the interfacing side, draw a rectangle 1.5'' (4cm) down from top of bag, 4"wide x  $\frac{3}{4}$ " high (10cm x 2cm) Make sure the rectangle is centred on the fabric.



Take the other 2 orange fabric pieces and place one of each right-side together with an interfaced piece. Pin together.

Thread the sewing machine with the sewing thread and bobbin of the same thread. Select a straight stitch, length 1.8

Stitch along the drawn rectangle, being careful to pivot exactly on each corner. Make sure you completely stitch the rectangle, as it is going to be the bag handle. Do the same with the other pieces.



### Step 3

Snip back the insides of this rectangle, when snipping into corners; be careful not to snip your stitching, cut away the excess fabric. These holes form the handles.



#### Step 4

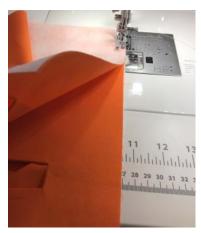
Turn through both and press. It will need a really good steam and a very hot iron.

Press until the handles sits flat.

Top stitch around the handle border, using a regular straight stitch or a triple straight stitch.

# Step 5

Lay front and back bag pieces together and pin. Seam both sides & the bottom of bag with a  $\frac{1}{2}$ /6mm seam, making sure you do not catch the lining as you stitch the seams.



#### Step 6

To seam the lining, pull both lining pieces away from main bag, they are attached at the handle, pin them. Sew down both sides and the bottom, leaving at least a 3" (8cm) gap in the centre of the bottom seam, so you can turn through the bag.



# Step 7

Draw a 1.5" (4cm) square on each bottom corner including the lining. Now cut out.





#### Step 8

Flatten bag so the bottom seam sits flush with the side seam & stitch across. Do this to all 4 corners of bag, being 2 main and 2 lining, do a lockstitch at each end so stitching does not unravel.



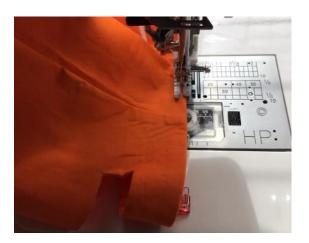
Now, turn through the bag via the opening in the lining. Press.

Stitch closed the opening in the lining.

#### Step 9

To finish the top of the bag, turn under 1cm the bag top and the lining and press. Both sides should be equal and meet nicely at the top. Pin and then, topstitch around the very top of the bag to seal it shut.





# Step 10

One more steam press all over and you are done.

This could be made into any size you want.

Use a different colour lining or use black for the back.

Enjoy trick or treating!!

#### FINISH



You can download the embroidery designs, if your computer is connected to the internet and you are viewing this project on your computer.

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