

Moody Pumpkin Family

Sewing fun for kindergarten age children and up with adult supervision



Supplies:

- Orange Felt
- Brown Felt (a small scrap is fine)
- Orange or Yellow Embroidery or Crochet Thread
- Crewel Needle
- Two Buttons for Eyes
- Stuffing

For information about felt, thread, and needles for children, see our free Supply Ideas at www.ForestFairyCrafts.com/help

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Moody Pumpkin

Directions:

Adult:

Trace and cut pumpkin shape (round and fat, thin and tall, however you like) front and back out of orange felt. If you want, Child can draw an oval on a piece of paper that you cut and use as a pattern.

Thread needle and tie the ends together into a knot. Usually from one's heart to tips of one's fingers twice is a good amount of thread.

Making the Face - Eyes

Adult:

This seems simple but young children can be confused by this step. Help as needed.

Child:

To sew the button eyes onto the front of the pumpkin, start the needle on the underside of the felt where you want the first eye to be. This way, the knot won't be on the front of the felt. Put the button on the needle and let it slide down to the felt. Put the needle back down through one of the other button holes and the felt and pull until the button is secure against the felt.



Adult:

Tie knot to secure button so it will not get loose, snip thread and tie a new knot at end of thread.

Child:

Sew on the other eye.

Making the Face - Eyebrows

Adult:

Each eyebrow is one stitch. Tie knots as needed. Eyebrows are very expressive and will add personality to the pumpkin.



Child:

Start the needle on the underside of the felt where you want one of the eyebrows to be. Put the needle back down through the felt where you want the eyebrow to end. Sew on the other eyebrow.

Making the Face ~ Mouth

Adult:

The mouth is one stitch. Keeping the stitch loose allows the mouth to be shaped into frowns or smiles or smirks!

Child:

Start the needle on the underside of the felt where you want the side of the mouth to start. Put the needle back down through the felt where you want the other side of the mouth to be. Leave the thread be a little loose so you can move the mouth into different positions.

Adult:

Tie knot on back.



Sewing around the Pumpkin

Adult:

Line up front and back of pumpkin. Pin if needed (safety pins work well for young children). Cut brown felt into a stem shape. Tuck end of stem into top of pumpkin between felt pieces. Start the thread on the inside of the felt next to the stem. Secure the stem and then let the child sew around the edge. The whip stitch is the easiest to do. You can use a marker to draw dots around the edge of the pumpkin as a guide for the child if needed. Remember to leave a gap to put the stuffing in.



Child:

Sew around edge of pumpkin. Stop sewing when you are almost all the way around and put in some stuffing. Put in small amounts at a time. Too much stuffing will make it a challenge to sew shut. When you are done putting stuffing in, sew the pumpkin the rest of the way shut.

Adult:

Tie knot and tuck inside pumpkin.

Enjoy your new pumpkin friend!

How is your pumpkin feeling right now? Happy? Mad?

Move the mouth to show how it's feeling.



Have a fun day with your Moody Pumpkin!

Happy Sewing!

We hope you enjoyed our pattern.

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