



## Fabric Pumpkins

### Supplies

- Assorted woven fabrics ( $\frac{1}{4}$  -  $\frac{1}{2}$  yard per pumpkin)
  - Samples were made with quilting cotton & flannel
- Felt 12" x 18" piece – stems
- Embroidery floss – pumpkin ribs
- All-purpose thread
- Poly-fill
- Hand sewing needle
- 7" doll making needle
- Beacon Fabri-Tac

### Cutting

- Woven fabric (pumpkin)
  - Cut a rectangle twice as wide as it is tall
    - 5" x 10" (Make & Take size)
    - 8" x 16"
    - 11" x 22"
    - 18" x 36"
- Felt (stem)
  - Cut strips that are 18" long and between 1-2  $\frac{1}{2}$ " wide
    - Examples have 1", 1  $\frac{1}{2}$ " & 2  $\frac{1}{2}$ " stems
      - Smaller pumpkins look better with shorter & thinner stems
      - 1" x 6" (Make & Take size)

*Seam allowance is  $\frac{1}{2}$ " unless otherwise stated.*

## Sewing

### • Pumpkin

- Right sides together, sew your fabric into a tube along the short sides, back stitching at both ends. Keep tube inside out.
- Hand sew a running stitch along both raw edges, keeping long tails on both sides.
  - Stitches can be between  $\frac{1}{4}$  -  $\frac{1}{2}$ " long
- Pull both thread tails along the bottom of the still inside out tube to tightly gather the fabric as much as possible. Secure with a couple knots and snip the long thread tails.
- Turn the pumpkin right side out. The raw edges will stay inside the pumpkin. and give you a clean edge on the bottom.
- Start gathering the top of the pumpkin the same as the bottom, however before you pull the opening completely shut, stuff poly-fill into the pumpkin to give it shape.
  - Use enough poly-fill to give it shape, however it should still have plenty of give and not feel too firm.
- Finish gathering the top of the pumpkin and secure with a couple knots like you did for the bottom.
  - Try to push the raw edges into the pumpkin so they don't show on the outside. Don't worry too much as the stem will cover this area.

### • Ribs

- Thread the doll needle with a long length of embroidery floss and tie a knot at the end.
  - You will be using the embroidery floss at full strength with all six plies.
  - Insert the needle from the top center of the pumpkin (where the fabric is gathered) all the way through to the bottom. Bring the needle around the outside of the pumpkin and insert it again from the top to the bottom. Pull the thread to create tension and create the ribs of the pumpkin.
  - Continue stitching until you have made as many ribs as you want, once again ending at the top of the pumpkin. Take a small stitch through a fold at the top and tie a couple knots.
  - Cut any long floss thread tails.

### • Stem

- Roll your felt until you reach the diameter of stem you would like. Smaller pumpkins may require you to trim the length down. Larger pumpkins look best with the whole 9 inches.
- Glue the end of the felt roll down and hold until it dries.
- Glue the stem to the top of the pumpkin. The stem will cover up any raw edges and thread knots that are showing.