

Little Monsters Trick or Treat Bag



You can whip this bag up in about an hour and your kids will love it!

You will need:



I used "real" wool felt from National Non-Wovens, it is my favorite wool felt and the stiffness is just perfect for this bag. I have listed the colors I used, but be creative and use whatever you think your kids would like.

3/4 of a yard of wool felt for the bag (I used a teal blue)

6" X 8" piece for the pupil of the eye, the mouth and antennae (I used black)

4" X 4" piece for the eye (I used Olive Green)

3" X 3" piece for the teeth (I used lime green)

1/2 yard of Heat N Bond Lite

A large rotary cutter and a small one(the small one is optional but really helpful)

serrated scissors that will cut wool felt (I like olfas)

seam ripper (lets face it , we all make mistakes!)

There is a compass circle cutter from olfa that I used for all of the circles, it is

totally optional but fantastic!

2 black pipe cleaners

thread to match the bag and thread for your machine applique (I used clear, but

you can use black or anything that matches)

Your favorite temporary marking pencil

And Your Off...

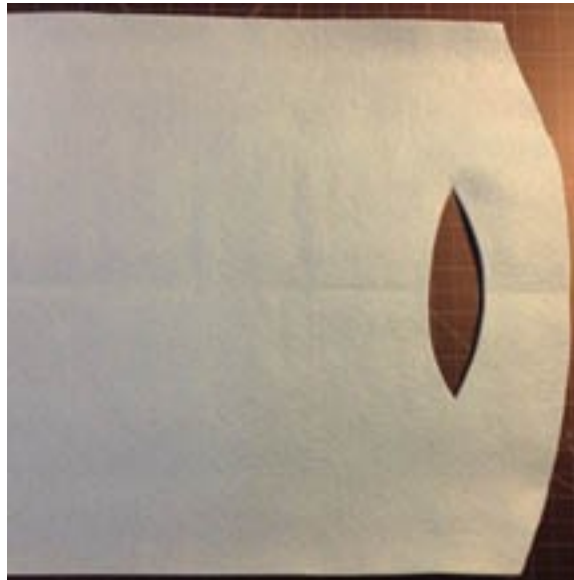
Cut (2) rectangles from your bag color of wool felt that are 12" X 15"

now, fold both in half lengthwise and trace the top bag curve from your pattern to the top of the rectangles and cut the curve.



You will now have two rectangles that have a arched top.

Now using the pattern for the handle opening, trace it to one piece of felt below the arc, using the picture for placement. Stack both rectangles on top of each other, pin them together so there is no movement and cut out the opening. I used the smaller rotary cutter for this.



Cut a piece of Heat N Bond the size of your 6" X 8" piece of felt and adhere it to one side. Do the same with the felt pieces for the teeth, and eye as well.



Now trace all of your face pattern pieces to the appropriate color of wool directly onto the paper looking heat n bond that is adhered to the back. So, onto your 6" X 8" piece (mine is black) trace the pupil of the eye, plus 4 circles for the antennae and the mouth. Cut all of these pieces out using the serrated scissor

and the olfa circle cutter if you have one. Peel the paper part of the heat n bond off all of the pieces and iron them down to the front of your bag, using the picture for placement. Both sides of your bag are exactly the same at this point, so just pick one to be the front.

Take the 4 circles that are for the antennae and iron 2 right sides together onto the end of each pipe cleaner. You also will probably need to cut some of the pipe cleaner off, depending on the length you desire for the antennae.



You will now add an additional layer of wool felt to each side just around the handle to re-enforce it, to make it a little stronger. You will cut 2 half circles using the bag as a reference for the size, they don't need to be exact, they just need to cover at least 1" outside the handle. Iron the Heat N Bond Lite to one side of both of the half circles. Now pin them together to cut the handle opening into both of them at the same time. Once the handle is cut out, peel off the paper from the heat n bond and using a hot iron adhere each one to one side of the bag, lining up the handle openings perfectly. Insert the antennae between these 2 layers before you iron together.



Stitching...

Now you have a couple of options, you do not need to stitch the applique of the face down if you do not want to. The Heat N Bond will hold it into place permanently. I did stitch mine down because I think it looks a little nicer, but is not necessary. If you do want to stitch it down, use either a small zig-zag or a stitch that looks like a blanket stitch, or any other applique stitch you like. You can use matching threads or a clear mono-filament. I used a the clear mono-poly thread by superior, it is my favorite! The picture below shows the back of my stitching, so that you can see the size zig-zag I used. You use regular thread in the bobbin, never clear thread in the bobbin!



Now change to a thread that matches your main bag color. Top stitch along the arch of the top of the bag on both the back and the front. Also top stitch all around the opening of the handle on both the back and the front.

Now place both the back and the front of your bag right sides together, be careful that everything is perfectly lined up. Pin together. Start at the side opening and stitch closed both sides and the bottom using a hefty 1/4" seam.



Now turn it inside out. You will need to fuss a little with the corners to get them to look right , as well as maybe give the bag a little press to remove any wrinkles that you created while working. Than you are done!



Wasn't that easy? Your little one will love this bag and you will love the fact that it is handmade by you!

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