

Home Sweet Haunted Home Mini Wall Hanging



This simple wall-hanging will look great around the house. It is easy to make and uses just a few sewing machine stitches. This complete set of instructions can be used in conjunction with the accompanying video. For the steps using a hot iron, these are in red/bold and it is recommended that an adult supervise these steps.

What You Need to Get Started

0.5m Main (Orange) Fabric
0.5m Black Fabric
Fragment of green or white fabric for eyes
Fragment of grey or pink fabric for the nose
0.6m Ribbon
0.3m Bondaweb (or a glue stick and patience)
Threads
Sewing machine

Cutting Instructions

1. From the black fabric cut 20 squares using the template provided. Keep these as close together to save fabric for a later step.

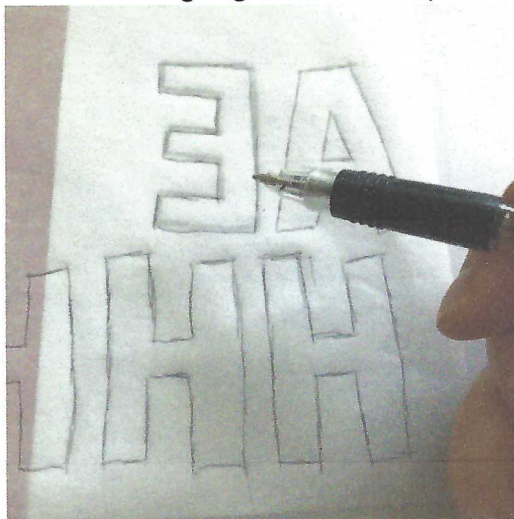
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2. From the Main (Orange) Fabric cut two pieces that are 31cm x 43cm.

Creating the Words and Cat

1. Trace the letters and the outline of the cat, the two sets of eyes and nose onto the Bondaweb. Note: When using Bondaweb the mirror image of the desired pattern is traced. If using a glue-stick, skip to step 8.



2. Once everything is traced, roughly cut around the outer eyes and nose and place somewhere safe. Place the glue (rough) side of the Bondaweb onto the wrong side of the black fabric and with a hot iron (and adult help if needed) press to activate the glue. Allow to cool.



3. Repeat for the outer cat's eye and nose with the fragments of fabric.
4. Carefully cut precisely around all the letters, cat, eyes and nose.

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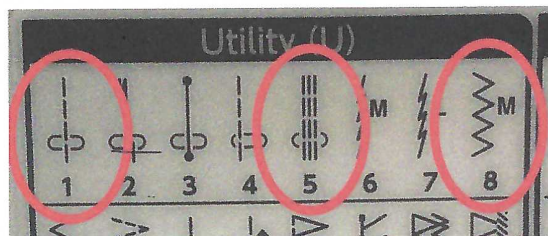
5. Draw four removable lines on one of the main fabric pieces 10cm, 17cm 26cm and 32cm down from one of the short sides. I use a chalk pencil for this.
6. **Peel the paper backs off the letters, the glue will be left behind. Take the letters to the ironing board and, a line at a time, arrange the letters (right side up). When you are happy with their placement, cover them with baking paper, greaseproof paper or an ironing cloth and press a hot iron over them to activate the glue. Continue for the 2nd and 4th lines.**
7. **For the 3rd line of letters (HAUNTED) these should be placed between the 2nd and 3rd lines – with each letter twisted a little and not in a straight line. Repeat the process above for the cat, and eyes. Don't add the nose yet!**



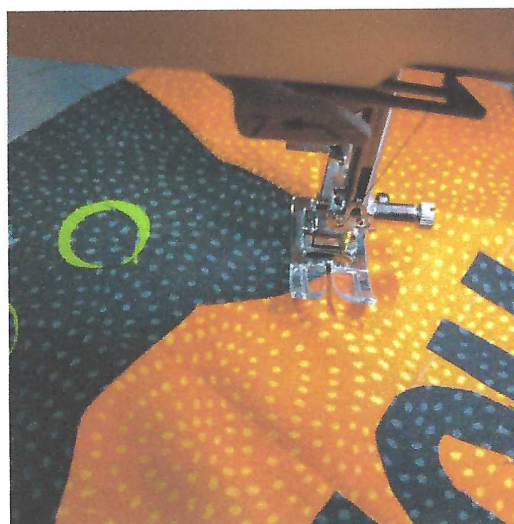
8. If you are using a glue-stick instead of Bondaweb then cut the letters, cat, eyes and nose out of the pattern and trace around them onto the back of the appropriate fabric – the letters should be placed face down onto the fabric. Follow step 5 above to create the removable guidelines on the fabric. Using a small amount of glue on the wrong side of each letter, glue the letters in place along the lines. Follow guidance in step 7 above for the placement of the letters for HAUNTED. Once the letters, cat, and eyes are glued down, using a pressing cloth or baking or greaseproof paper and a hot, press each letter. *****Allow it to cool and dry for 24 hours and then proceed.*****

Now We Can Sew

The first part of the sewing is called applique which is securing the pieces you have glued down with a sewing machine stitch. This takes a little while but is good sewing machine practise. There are three stitches we will be using. If your machine doesn't have these, then use a straight stitch throughout the project.



9. With a dark thread, set your sewing machine to a Zig Zag stitch and stitch around the body of the cat. Half of the stitch (the Zig) should be on the cat and the other half (the Zag) should be on the background fabric.



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10. For the eyes, using a straight stitch, I sewed a leaf-shape in the centre of the eyes, it is much easier than sewing around the circle.
11. Using a straight stitch, stitch just inside the outline of each of the letters.
12. Trace out the whiskers using a removable pen/pencil onto the piece. The whiskers on both sides should meet where the nose will be. Sew the whiskers over your traced lines using a triple stitch. **Then, if using Bondaweb, iron on the nose and sew around it or sew a cross if that is easier. If using glue, apply the nose later.**
13. Next, using the squares cut earlier, take two squares and place them right sides together and sew around them with a 0.5cm seam allowance. Repeat for all 10 pairs of squares.
14. Cut each square in half across the diagonal, **turn right side out and press with a hot iron.** There will now be 20 triangles formed.



15. Arrange 4 triangles along the top (short side) of your piece. The triangle points should be pointing inwards and the raw edges lined up. The triangles should be overlapped by around 1cm. Pin in place and sew along the edge. Sew close to the edge just to catch them.



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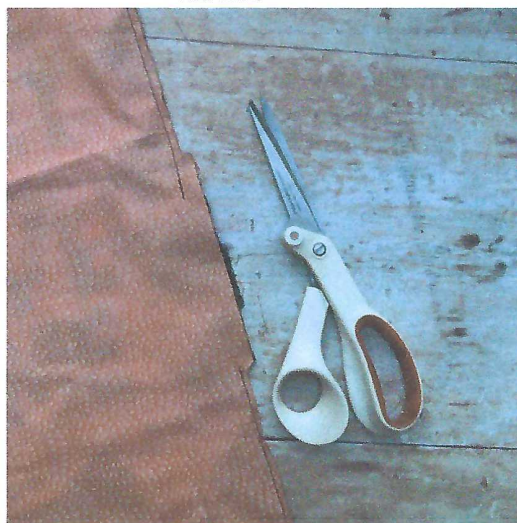
16. Repeat step 15 for the other short side.
17. For the left and right sides, the same is required to add the triangles, but in this case, you will need 6 triangles for each long side.
18. From the ribbon, cut 4 sections of 15cm and pin in place, folded in half, along the top edge of your piece. Sew them in place with another stitch very close to the edge.



19. Place the other main piece, right sides together on top of the front piece. Pin in place and sew using a 1cm seam allowance, all the way around, leaving a gap on one side to turn your piece through.



20. Trim the seam allowance back by 0.5cm – except in the area of the turning gap.



21. Turn the piece through the gap and press, **Press the seam allowance under at the gap.**
22. Sew around the edge of your piece around 0.25cm in from the edge. The thread could be in the same colour as the background. This will look great and secure the gap. This is called Top Stitching. If using a glue stick, now glue on the nose.



OPTIONAL Drips and Spiders Web

23. Using a dark thread, change your stitch to a triple stitch. On the letters of the word HAUNTED sew some lines that are all different lengths which look like drips coming from the letters.
24. Using the half hexagon template and a removeable pen, mark the corners of the template. Flip the template so you can mark the remaining corners

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of the Spider's Web. Draw lines with a slight inwards curve between each corner and the next. Also draw straight lines between opposite corners of your spiders web.



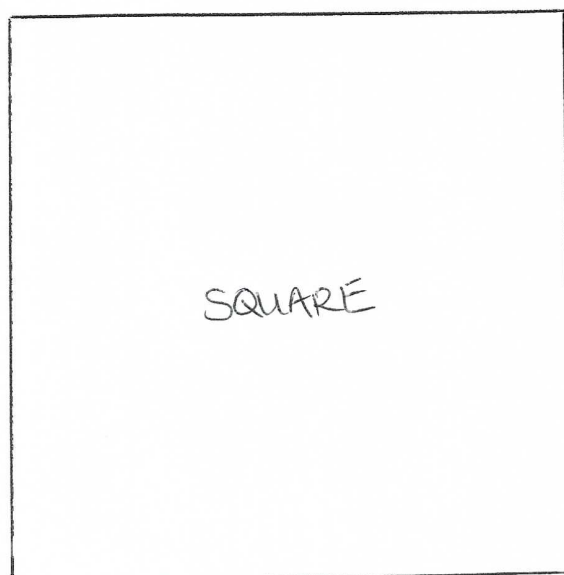
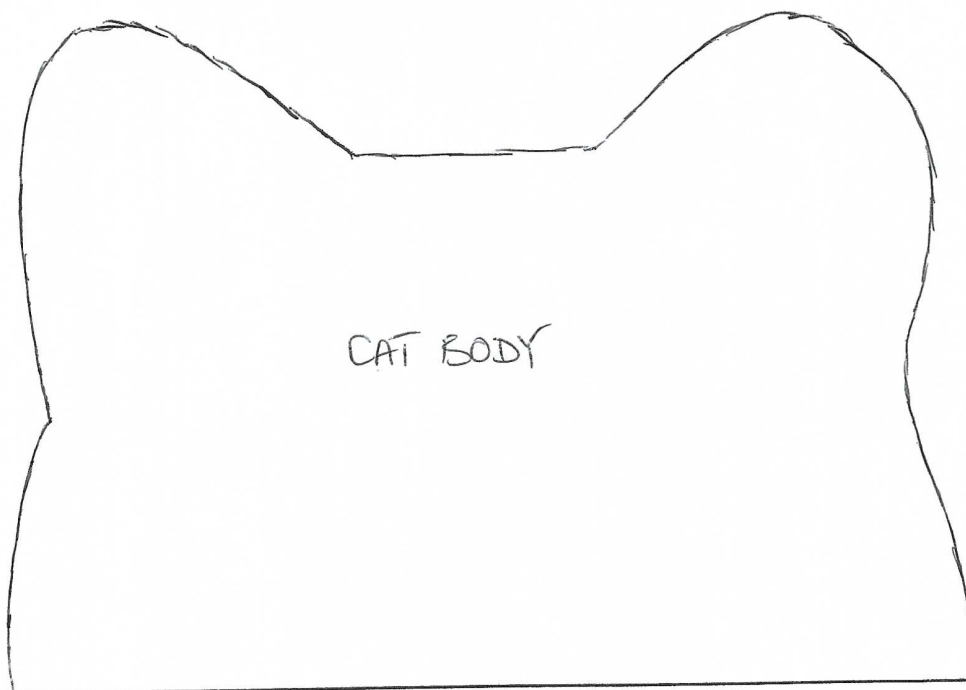
25. Using the triple stitch, sew over all the lines you have drawn in Step 24.
26. To complete the web, repeat outer web sewing by echoing it again smaller inside the web 2 or 3 more times
27. Trim away any loose ends and you are finished.

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