Trick or Treat Applique Bag
Skill Level: Beginner



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Your little ghost or goblin will love this personalized trick or treat bag! This bag is durable enough to hold a night's worth of yummy Halloween loot.

Fabrics Needed

Black pleather	1/2 yard
Silver pleather	1/3 yard
Halloween fabric	1 yard

Materials Needed

Pellon® 420 Fashion Fuse™	1 yard
Black thread	
Chalk marker	
One 10" x 20" piece of cardboard	
Masking tape	
Two sizes of a single letter printed from a computer	

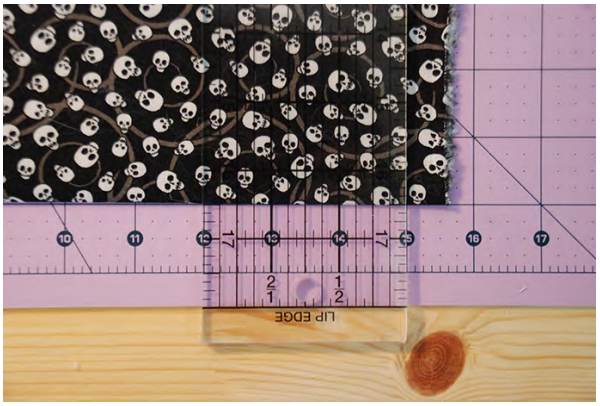
Tools Needed

Sewing machine and related supplies
Rotary cutter and related supplies

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Instructions

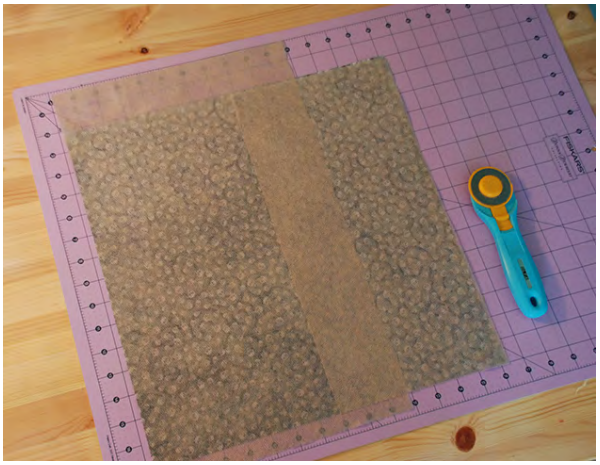
Step 1. Cut two 15" squares from the Halloween fabric for the exterior of the bag. Cut two 15" x 20" rectangles for the lining.



Step 2. Cut two 5" x 15" rectangles from the black pleather for the bottom of the bag, two 4" x 12" rectangles for the handles and one 10" square for the applique.

Step 3. Cut one 8" square from the silver pleather for the applique.

Step 4. Cut two 4" x 12" rectangles, one 10" square, one 8" square and two 5" x 15" rectangles of Fashion Fuse™. Fuse one Fashion Fuse™ 5" x 15" rectangle each to the wrong sides of the two 5" x 15" rectangles of black pleather following manufacturer's instructions.



Repeat this step with the 10" and 8" squares of Fashion Fuse™ and the corresponding squares of pleather, and the 4" x 12" rectangles of Fashion Fuse™ and the handle rectangles.

Step 5. With right sides together, pin one 5" x 15" rectangle of black pleather to one 15" square of Halloween fabric, aligning one 15" side of the black pleather to one 15" side of the Halloween square. Stitch using a 1/4" seam allowance.

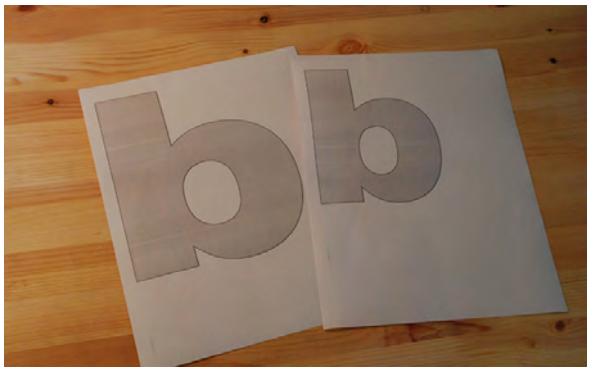
Step 6. Place the two 15" x 20" rectangles of lining fabric right sides together and pin around the edges.

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Step 7. Stitch the two 20" sides and one 15" side using a 1/4" seam allowance, leaving a 7" opening on the 15" side. The other 15" side is left open.



Step 8. For the applique, use the first letter of the recipient's name. Either purchase a stencil or create a letter in a word processing or publishing program. Make one letter 7" or less and the second letter 5" or less. Print letters.



Step 9. Tape the letters to a piece of cardboard to create a stencil.



Step 10. Cut out the stencil letters.



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Step 11. Place the 10" square of black pleather right side down. Reverse and tape the large letter stencil on the black pleather as shown.



Step 12. Repeat Step 11 with the 8" square of silver pleather and the smaller letter. Cut out the letters.



Step 13. Pin the large letter on the right side of one of the fused 15" squares of Halloween fabric. Place the letter anywhere, but keep any edge 2" from a side. Applique the edge of the letter to the fabric using a zigzag stitch.



Step 14. Place the smaller letter onto the first letter and pin in place. Applique the edge using a zigzag stitch.

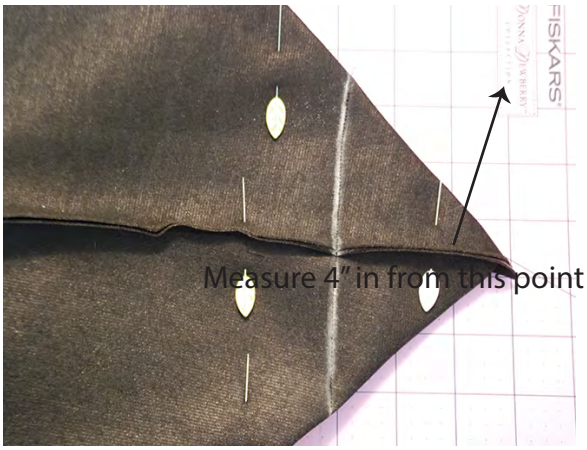


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Step 15. Place the two sides of the bag right sides together. Stitch around the sides and bottom using a 1/4" seam allowance. Leave the top of the bag open.

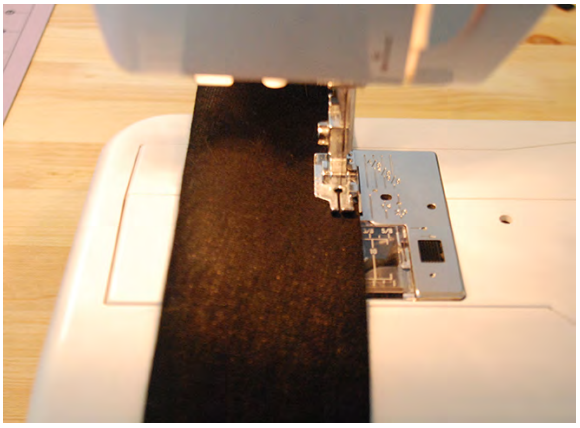
Step 16. To make the gussets on the exterior of the bag, pull one of the bottom corners until it forms a triangle (right sides of the bag together). The side seam of the bag should be aligned with the seam on the bottom.

Step 17. Measure a line 4" in from the point of the triangle. Draw the line using a chalk marker. Pin next to the chalk line so the pleather does not shift.



Step 18. Sew along the chalk line. Measure 1/4" from the chalk line, towards the point of the triangle. Cut off the excess fabric. Repeat Steps 16-18 for the other pleather corner and both corners of the lining.

Step 19. For the strap, fold one 4" x 12" black pleather rectangle in half lengthwise, right sides together. Sew the long edge using a 1/4" seam allowance.



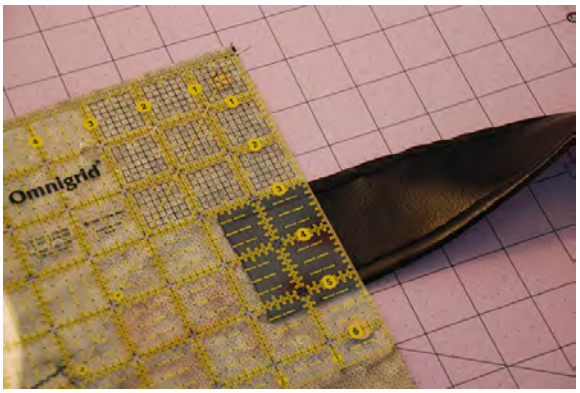
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Step 20. Turn the strap right side out. Topstitch both long sides using a 1/4" seam allowance.



Step 21. Repeat Steps 19 and 20 for the other strap.

Step 22. Using a square ruler, place one strap 3" in from the side of the lining fabric and 1-1/2" from the top. Pin in place.



Step 23. Measure 9" over and place the other end of the strap on the lining fabric, 1-1/2" down as in Step 22. Pin in place.

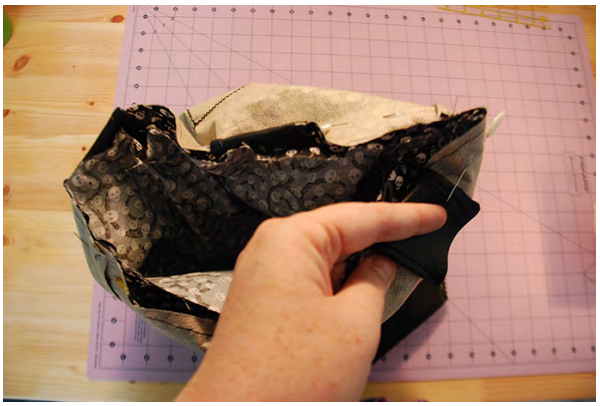
Step 24. Repeat Steps 22 and 23 with the remaining handle on the other side of the lining.

Step 25. Sew around the opening of the lining, using a 1/4" seam allowance to attach the straps.

Step 26. Place the lining inside the exterior of the bag with right sides together. The handles should be between the right sides of the lining and the exterior.

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Step 27. Attach the lining to the exterior by pinning around the top of the bag.



Step 28. Sew around the top of the bag using a 1/4" seam allowance.

Step 29. Pull the exterior of the bag through the opening in the lining.

Step 30. Stitch the opening of the lining closed.

Step 31. Place the lining inside the bag, wrong sides together.

Step 32. Topstitch the top of the bag using a 1/4" seam allowance.



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