

Halloween Pin

Skills: Pinning, Cutting, Stitching, Stuffing

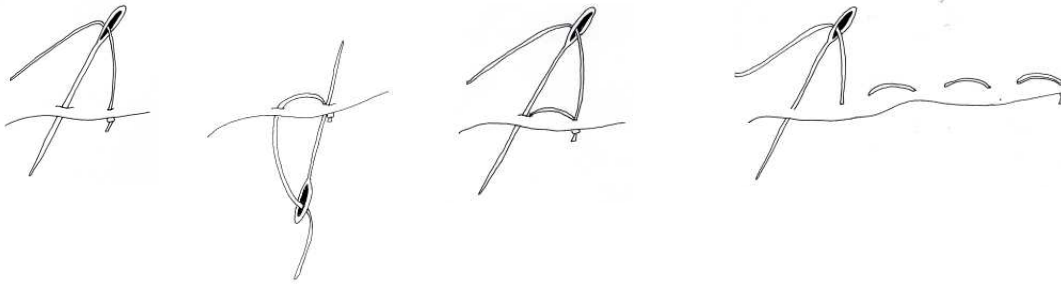
Stitch: Straight Stitch

Materials: Felt, (black sticky-backed felt would be useful, but not essential), thread, stuffing, safety pins, ribbon



Straight (or Running) Stitch

This is the most basic sewing stitch - it can be used for decoration, to hold fabric together and for gathering. To make it take the needle in and out of the fabric to make short (about 3-6mm) long.



Remember Always start and end your sewing with a double stitch to ensure that it does not come undone!

Making a Halloween Pin

Step 1: Pin your pattern to 2 layers of felt and cut out the shape. Cut out any other shapes, like ears, noses or stems from contrasting pieces of felt.

Step 2: Draw the face you wish to stitch on one layer of the felt using tailor's chalk. Pin on any noses, mouths or eyes you will also be adding (or stick them if you have sticky-back felt).

Step 3: Stitch your embellishments in place using running stitch. To make shapes like the cat's eyes, make straight stitches close to each other.

Step 5: Pin the top and bottom layers together.

Step 6: Start sewing at the **X** with a double stitch and sew around to the second **X**. End with a double stitch.

Step 7: Stuff the shape. Use a chop stitch or knitting needle to get the stuffing

Step 8: Sew the hole closed.

Step 9: Stitch the edge of the safety pin with the catch onto the back of the shape leaving the pointy edge away from your Halloween shape.



Alternatives:

Make a necklace by stitching the Halloween Shape onto ribbon which is long enough to fit over your head.

Make a series of shapes and stitch them onto a long ribbon or cord to make a Halloween garland.