

SINGER® PROJECT

Halloween Bag

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Embark on a delightful crafting journey with our beginner-friendly Halloween bag project. This charming tote is perfect for carrying treats or festive items, showcasing a playful bat and moon appliqué. Through this project, you will master essential sewing techniques, including the "hot dog" assembly method and French seams, ensuring a professional and durable finish. Whether you're a novice or an experienced sewist, this project offers a fun and rewarding experience, allowing you to create a personalized and functional Halloween accessory that is sure to impress.

Join SINGER® Educator Claire Hailot in a live Zoom class on Thursday, October 10th at Noon CST, where you'll learn to make this delightful project. Claire will be showcasing the SINGER® SE9180 Sewing & Embroidery machine during the class.

PROJECT SKILL LEVEL: ■ □ □ □

Shopping List

Everything you need to complete this project in one place. Use this convenient checklist to ensure you have all required materials in your sewing room or take it with you while you shop for supplies.



Project Supplies:

- 4 fat quarters:
 - Orange (body of bag)
 - Purple (top edge of bag & handles)
 - White (moon)
 - Black (bat)
- Double Sided Fusible web: 9" x 6" rectangle
- Tear-away stabilizer: 14" x 14" square
- Thread:
 - White decorative thread for appliqué of moon
 - Black decorative thread for appliqué of bat
 - 60wt bobbin thread for appliqué
 - 50wt cotton thread in a color that will blend with top edge of bag
- Appliqué or Open Toe foot for your sewing machine
- Cutting mat, ruler and rotary cutter
- Iron and pressing surface
- 6-inch scissors
- Pins or wonder clips

Cutting Instructions:

- Fabric:
From orange, cut a 13" x 21" rectangle for the body of bag.
From purple, cut two 8" x 13" rectangles for the top edges of bag and two 3" x 20" rectangles for the handles.
From white, cut a 6" square for the moon
From black, cut a 3" x 5" rectangle for the bat
- Fusible web, cut:
6" square for the moon
3" x 5" rectangle for the bat
- Tear-away stabilizer, cut:
10" square
Two 1" x 14" rectangles
Four 2" x 5" rectangles

Project Instructions:

Preparing the appliqué

Follow directions indicated on the fusible web you have purchased for temperature settings and time.



Note that the bat and moon shapes are on the last page of this document. However, you could prepare your pieces with the SINGER® MOMENTO™ cutting machine. The [Halloween bat](#) is part of the mySewnet™ designs and the moon was created by inserting a 5½" circle in the mySewnet™ crafting software.

Bat

1. Find the non-peelable paper side of your 3" x 5" fusible web rectangle.

2. Draw the shape of the bat on that paper.
3. Remove the peelable paper from the fusible web.
4. Apply the sticky side of the fusible web to the wrong side of your 3" x 5" rectangle of bat fabric.
5. Fuse in place according to the instructions on the fusible web.
6. Cut out the shape of the bat.

Moon

1. Find the non-peelable paper side of your 6" square of fusible web.
2. Draw the shape of the moon on that paper.
3. Remove the peelable paper from the fusible web.
4. Apply the sticky side of the fusible web to the wrong side of your 6" square of moon fabric.
5. Fuse in place according to the instructions on the fusible web.
6. Cut out the shape of the moon.

Positioning and stitching the appliqués



1. Peel off the paper behind the moon and position on one edge of your 13" x 21" rectangle of bag fabric, about one inch below the edge and centered.
2. Fuse in place according to the instructions on the fusible web.
3. Place your white decorative thread and 60wt bobbin thread on the machine and secure your stabilizer underneath your bag fabric to cover all the appliqué.
4. Using the Appliqué or Open Toe foot, satin stitch the moon into place. We used the stitch #1.049 stitch on the SINGER® SE9180 with the stitch width at 4mm and stitch length at 0.8mm with the needle position as far Left as possible and centering the edge of the moon fabric.



5. Peel off the paper behind the bat and position over the moon, ensuring that it is well inside the circle. Keep in mind that the head of the bat should be towards the top edge of the fabric.
6. Fuse in place according to the instructions on the fusible web.
7. Change your decorative thread to black.
8. Using the Appliqué or Open Toe foot, satin stitch the bat into place. We used the stitch #1.050 stitch on the SINGER® SE9180 with the stitch width at 2mm and stitch length at 1.0mm with the needle position at -0.50mm.

The trick to remember when stitching the bat into place is to reposition only when your needle is in the moon fabric (right side needle position) as the gaps in your stitching will not show on the black fabric.

9. Remove stabilizer.

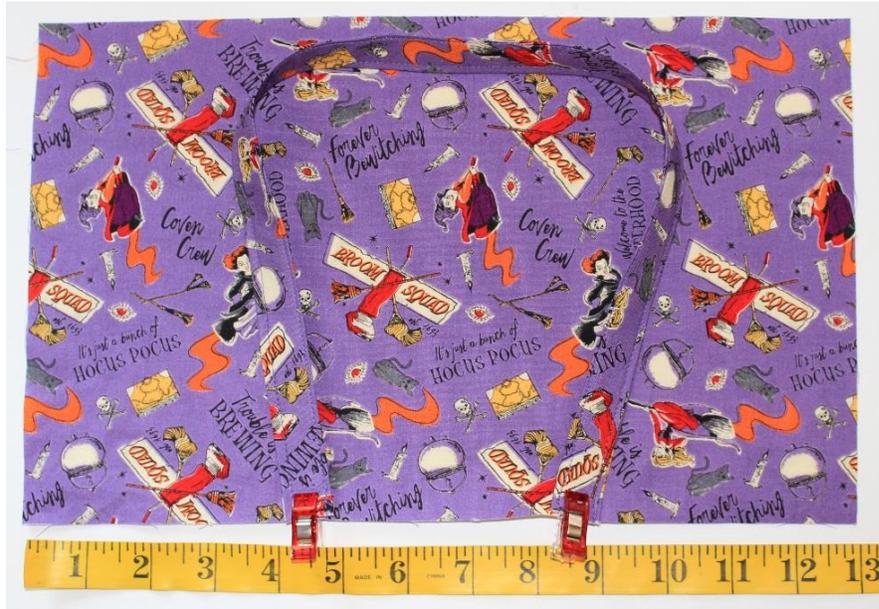
Preparing the handles

1. Fold one of your 3" x 21" purple strips in half lengthwise.
2. Fold the edges of the strip towards the middle and press.
3. Stitch the folded edge of the fabric together. We used a straight stitch at 1/8" from the edge.
4. You can stitch the other side of the binding for a symmetrical look.
5. Repeat with the second strip.
6. Makes two handles approximately 21" long.



Assembling the Bag Using the "Hot Dog" Technique

1. Place your top edge purple rectangle fabric on your table, right side facing up.
2. Position one of your handles, ensuring that there is a 4" gap between the ends of the handle and that it is centered. Pin the ends in place.



3. Lay the orange rectangle of fabric for the body of the bag, wrong side facing up, over the 13" edge where you positioned the handle. Align the edges and pin together using three pins: one at each end and one in the middle.



4. Fold or roll the body of the bag fabric so that it fits inside the top edge rectangle. Ensure the handle is safely tucked under and not twisted. It will look like a hot

dog inside a bun, with the body of the bag being the hot dog and the top edge fabric the bun.



5. Wrap the top edge fabric over the body of the bag and handle, and align the edge to the pinned section. Pin the layers together.
6. Stitch along the pinned edge, backstitch at the beginning and end. We used #1.001 stitch on the SINGER® SE9180 along with the A foot and aligning the edge of the fabric with the edge of the foot.



7. Carefully pull the body of the bag and handle out from one side of your roll.
8. Press seams for a nice smooth finish.
9. Repeat the process on the other edge of the body of the bag with the second top edge rectangle and handle.
10. Using tear-away stabilizer under your project, stitch the section of the handles on the top edge fabric. We recommend using a triple stitch for added strength. Remove the stabilizer once done.



11. For a decorative touch, add a stitch along the top edge of the fabric near the body of the bag. We also recommend using a stabilizer and removing it once done.

Finishing the Bag Using the French Seam Technique



1. With the inside sides of the bag facing each other, align the edges of the bag. Pin the sides together, ensuring that the edges are aligned.
2. Stitch along both sides of the bag. We used #1.003 stitch on the SINGER® SE9180 (straight stitch with needle positioned at the far right) along with the A foot and aligning the edge of the fabric with the edge of the foot.



3. Press the seams open.
4. Turn the bag inside out so that the right sides are facing each other. Press the edges to create a crisp fold.



5. Stitch along the sides of the bag, encasing the raw edges within the seam. We used #1.001 stitch on the SINGER® SE9180 (straight stitch with needle positioned at the center) along with the A foot and aligning the edge of the fabric with the edge of the foot.
6. Turn the bag right side out and press the final seams.

Your bag now has a clean, professional finish on the inside. This French seam technique will ensure that the inside of your bag looks neat and tidy, with no raw edges exposed.



Well done on finishing your beginner Halloween bag!

You've skillfully blended fabric, appliqué, and various sewing techniques to craft a practical and festive accessory. This project not only provided a chance to hone essential sewing skills but also allowed you to infuse your creativity with the bat and moon appliqué. The "hot dog" method and French seam finish ensure that your bag is both sturdy and professionally made. Whether you're using it for trick-or-treating, toting festive treats, or as a Halloween-themed bag, your new creation is sure to be a hit.

Wishing you a spooktacular Halloween and joyful sewing!

