

Pumpkin Goodies

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It's a pumpkin patch of goodies and so much fun to make! With your Brother Embroidery machine, you can quickly stitch enough to fill a basket of these cuties. Delight visiting children or any young friends at church or community gatherings. Mail a few to your grandchildren or deliver some to nursing home friends or children at a homeless shelter. Because pumpkin season runs long, from fall to Thanksgiving, a wagon load would not be too many. You will have a good time making and giving these away. The possible variations are unlimited. You will have a hard time stopping with one. I could not! Individual pumpkins are mixed in with the directions. WARNING: These can be addictive.

Here are a few variations. Burlap, curly ribbon, burlap strand ribbon, printed felt, printed burlap

Image 2 orange sample ED



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Basic pumpkin

Requirements for one pumpkin

(2) 5" felt orange squares for 4x4 size or (2) 6" squares for 5x7 size

3-4" circle of clear vinyl

Tearaway stabilizer for 4x4 or 5x7 frame

Halloween candy

Notions: 10" ribbon, large tapestry needle, painters masking tape

Thread: embroidery thread green and orange, white and optional green bobbin

Downloads: pumpkin treat bag 4x4v4J2, pumpkin treat bag 5x7.pes

Image 2A polka dot burlap 5x7 ED



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Note: There are so many interesting printed burlaps that would make cute pumpkins. I like to cut a wider distance from the stitching to create fringe. Adding curly ribbon makes it more festive.

Tips:

- a. Pay **very close attention to the sequence**. There would have been enough pumpkins for a neighborhood full of trick-or-treaters if I had not ruined so many by not following the prescribed order.

- b. Craft felt pieces come in two styles, stiff and soft. Either will work, but the stiff is more expensive. If I have both kinds in one color, I like to use the stiff felt for the top. It does not distort so much once it is filled with candy.
- c. If using stiff felt, penetration of the eyelet is easier with the use of a sharp cutting tool such as an art knife.
- d. The stabilizer will likely be visible on the trimmed outer edges. If using black or dark felt, use black tearaway. Otherwise, trim close to the outer edges BEFORE cutting out the pumpkin shape. It is much easier to trim between two larger pieces of felt than two narrow ones.

Image 2 B ivory ED



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Note: This would have looked nice with gold metallic thread. I always get these ideas too late. Maybe I'll make another one!

Directions:

There are 8 color stops—NOTE that the pumpkin may be stitched entirely in one color. However, do not select the single color icon on your machine as it will eliminate the necessary color stops.

1. Color stop #1--Outline pumpkin and window on stabilizer. A dried up red marker was used to add some shading. I think it was too dry to show up much. But you could get some interesting effects with this technique.

Image 3 outline on stabilizer ED

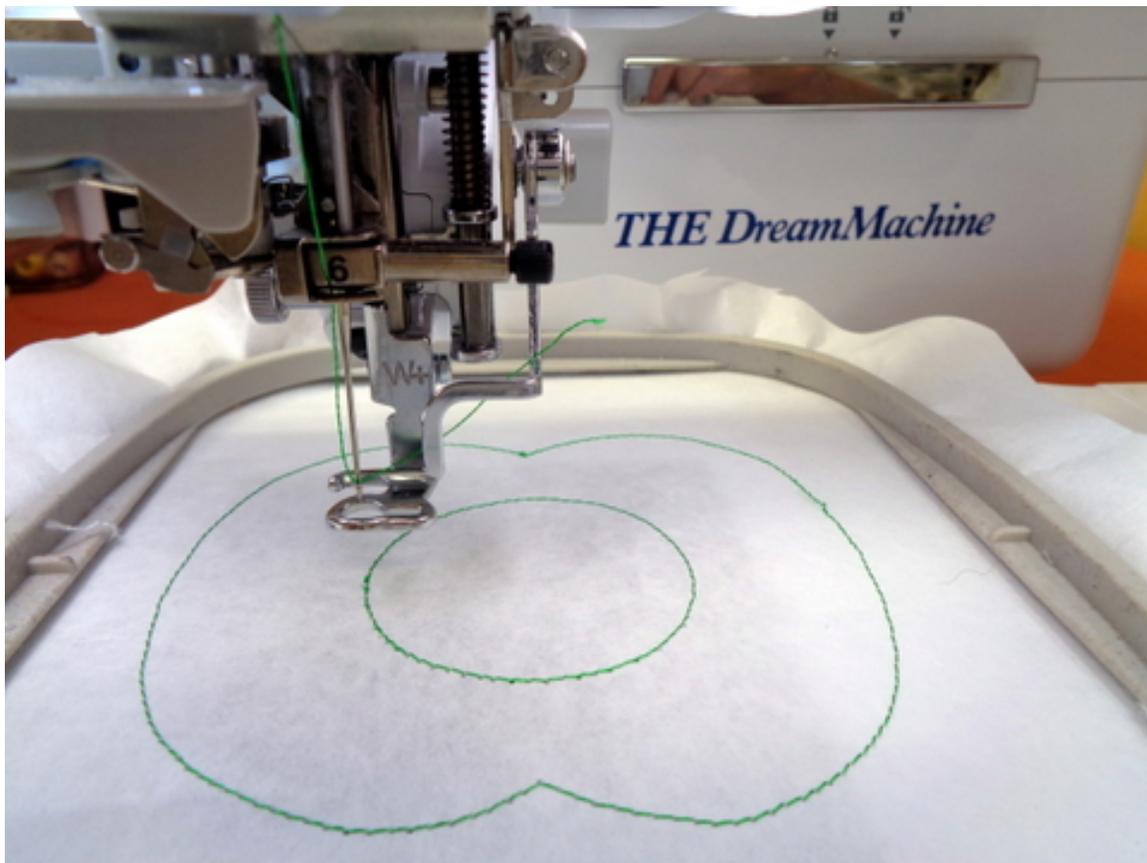


Image 3 outline on stabilizer ED

Image 3A shaded



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An almost dried up marker was used to add shading. I think it was too far gone to make an impact, but you could get some interesting effects by adding shaded color.

1. Color stop #2--Place vinyl over round window outline. Stitch in place and trim approximately ¼" from stitching line.
NOTE: No need to trim closely because this won't show. Cutting wide makes the window more secure when little hands squeeze and play with the pumpkin.

Image 4 vinyl on window ED

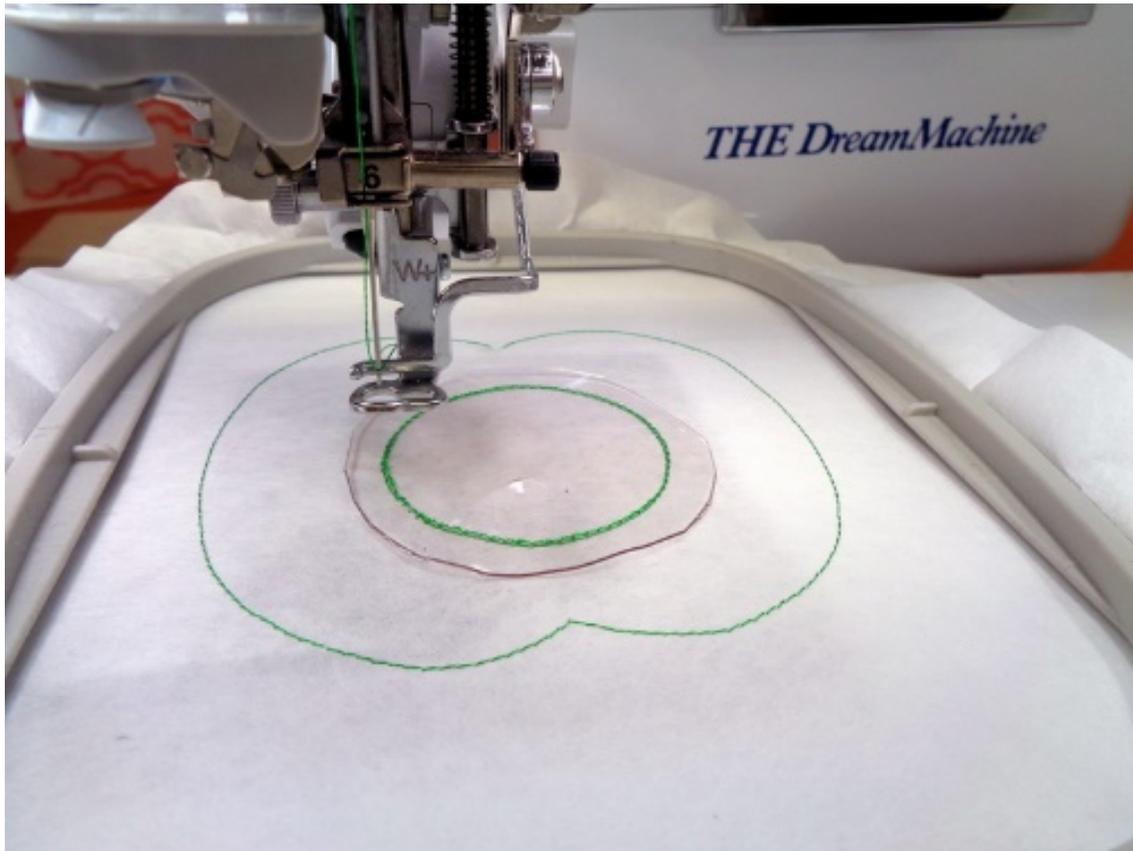


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2. Cut felt to fit in frame. Print a template or place inner hoop over felt and draw just inside with marking pen. Take care not to mark your hoop. A chalk or water soluble marker would be a better choice, but neither would show up in the photo. Cut the felt generously so as to just fit inside the frame.

Image 5 mark shape felt ED



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Image 5A burlap 4x4ED



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Some orange burlap scraps were left over from another project. Threads were pulled from a long edge and twisted together to make a twine cord. Why didn't I straighten the bow before taking the photo?

3. Tape felt in place outside the stitching area. Color stop #3 Stitch color stop #3, the pumpkin outline.

Image #6 pumpkin outline on taped felt ED



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4. Trim stabilizer from behind window and close to stitching line. Stabilizer that extends into the window will show on the finished pumpkin.

Image 7 trim stabilizer from window

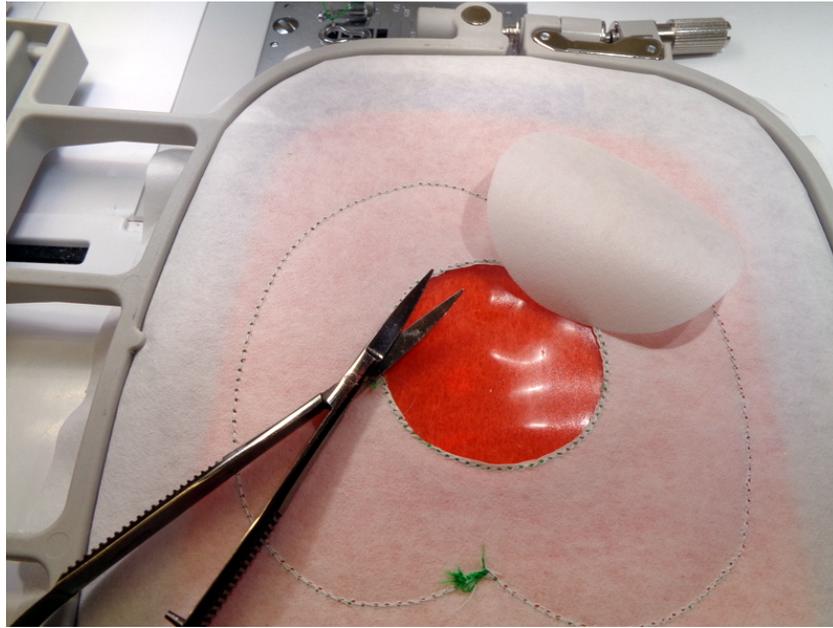


Image 7 trim stabilizer from window

5. Stitch color #4—curved lines.

Image 8 curved lines ED



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6. Stitch color 5, the circular window outline. Trim away felt 1/8-1/16" from stitching.

Image 9 trim felt window ED txt



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Image 9A black BOO 5x7 ED



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Notice BOO! on the ribbon. It is fun to print text on the Brother P-touch Embellish ribbon and tape printer. This little device can print ribbons for every occasion, or just for fun.

Image 9B P-touch Embellish



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Stitch color 6—eyelet

Image 10 eyelet ED txt



Image 10 eyelet ED txt

Image 10 A variegated orange 4x4 ED



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Use of variegated thread gives interesting effects.

7. Stitch color #7 --pumpkin top curve

Image 11 top curved stitched ED txt

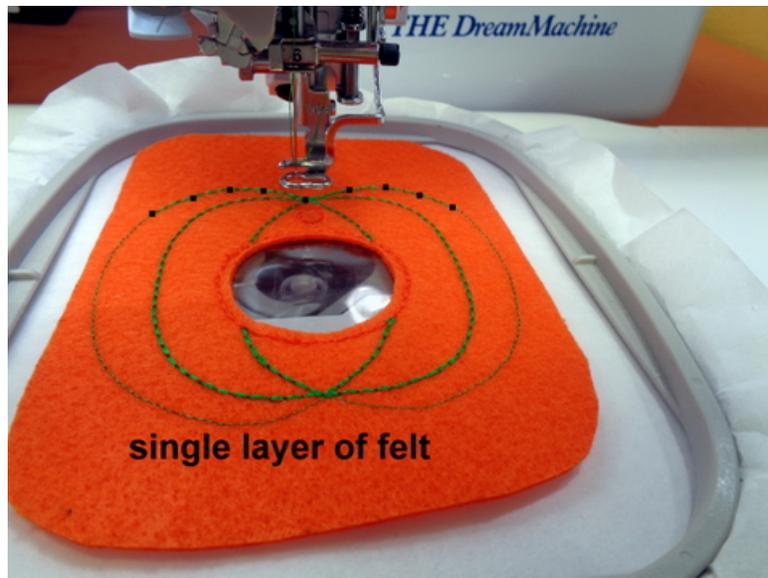


Image 11 top curved stitched ED txt

NOTE: Be sure no thread tails extend into the window. After the next step they will be trapped there and visible.

Image 11A tan 4x4ED



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Ho hum... maybe some marker shading would have spruced this up. Or maybe you prefer a plain-Jane pumpkin.

8. Cut felt for pumpkin back as done in step #3. Remove frame from machine and tape to stabilizer outside stitching area.

Image 11B white spider ribbon 4x4 ED



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Look at those cute spiders on the ribbon. Materials for Halloween decorating are endless—and cute.

9. Stitch color #8, outline of lower $\frac{3}{4}$ of pumpkin. This is the time to trim stabilizer up to outline.

Image 12 final stitching ED txt

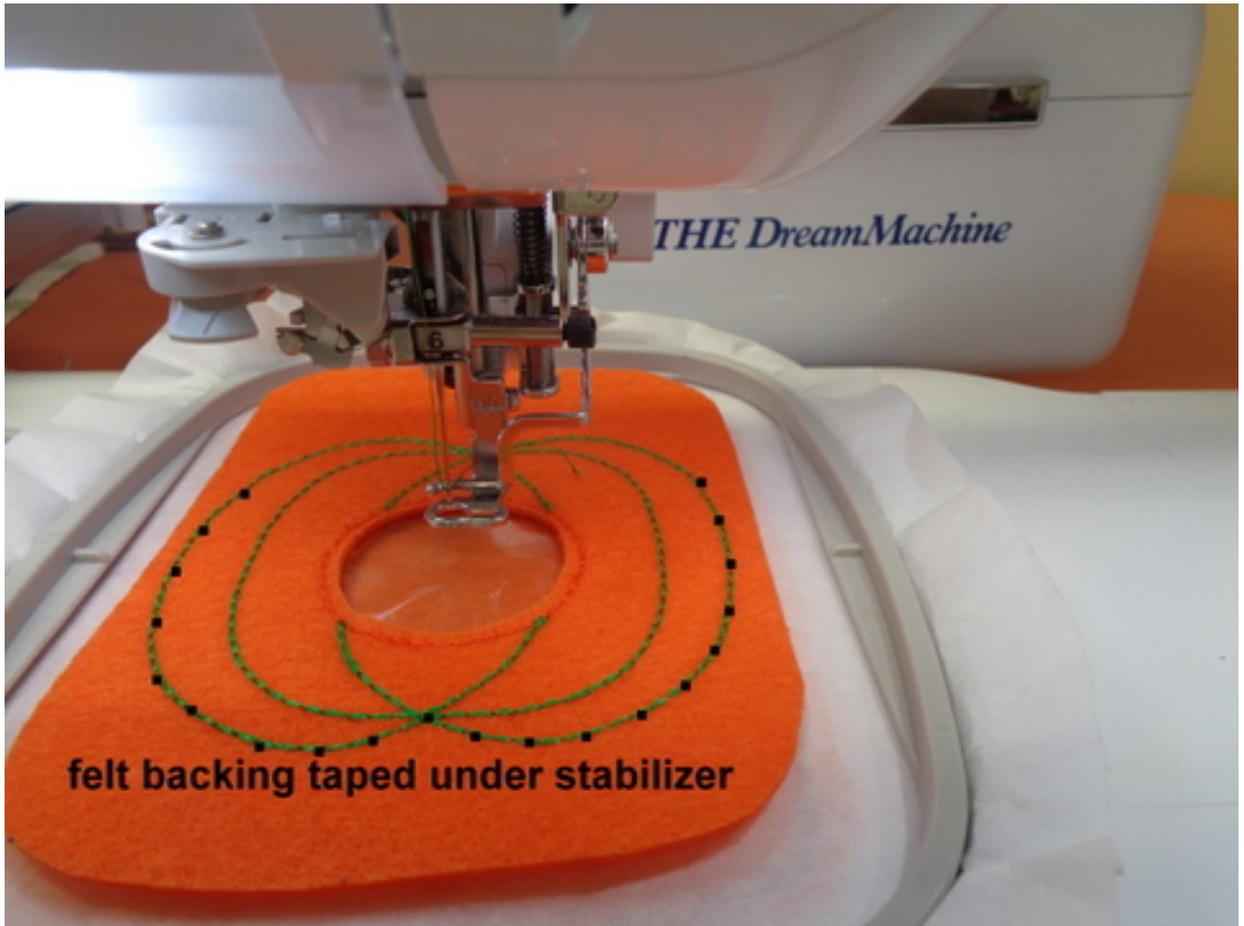


Image 12 final stitching ED txt

10. Trim around pumpkin outline, 18-14" from stitching.

Image 12A print ED



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This is another printed felt tied up with witches' feet. So cute.

11. Punch hole through eyelet and backing felt with awl or point of scissors.

Image 13 punch eyelet ED txt



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12. Stuff pumpkin with candy. Thread ribbon through hole and tie closed.

Image 14 Finished pumpkin



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A friend tested the design and couldn't stop herself either. Here are some of her darling pumpkins. It makes me want to make more!

Image 15 Lisa patch 2ED



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