

Meadowside Designs



Pumpkin

Quick children's make for Autumn



Requirements

- 15cm (8 inch) square orange felt
- Wadding scraps
- Scrap of dark green (or brown) felt for stem
- Orange and green threads
- Something to draw round to make a circle – a cup or mug for a small pumpkin – for a larger one use a saucer or a plate, but you will need a bigger piece of felt.



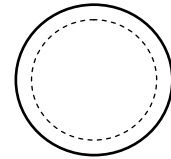
To make a pumpkin



1. Draw around a mug or cup on your felt and cut it out carefully about 0.5 - 1.0cm ($\frac{1}{4}$ inch) outside the line you drew.



2. Start with a knot and sew all the way round your circle on the line you drew.



3. Pull your thread to start gathering up your circle.

4. As you gather up your circle stuff some wadding scraps into it.



5. Cut a small strip 5cm x 2.5cm (about 1 inch x $\frac{1}{2}$ inch) from the green felt.

6. Fold it in two lengthways and stitch the long edges together.



7. Put it into the centre of the orange felt circle so it touches the bottom – if it is too long you can cut a piece off later.

8. Continue to stuff the orange felt circle with wadding scraps around the green stem, pulling up the gathering thread as you go.

9. Gather your stuffed circle up tight and finish off the gathered thread. Tie it as tightly as you can, shaping the pumpkin into a squashed circle (pumpkin-shaped!).

10. I also pulled the thread through to the bottom of the pumpkin and took a stitch before pulling the needle up to the top again – this pulled up a little dimple into the bottom of my pumpkin.



11. Trim the stalk of your pumpkin if necessary to finish.

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