Trick or Treat Door Hanger

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Create a fun door hanger to delight trick-or-treaters on Halloween night. Stitch the Trick or Treat design by hand or machine, free-motion or machine embroidery. Using Sulky 12 wt. thread, the design is prominent on any background fabric.

Finished door hanging: approx. 13” x 15”

Read all instructions before beginning the project.

Supply List

- 50 wt. Cotton + Steel thread by Sulky (753-1005 Black)
- Assorted quilting cotton fabrics

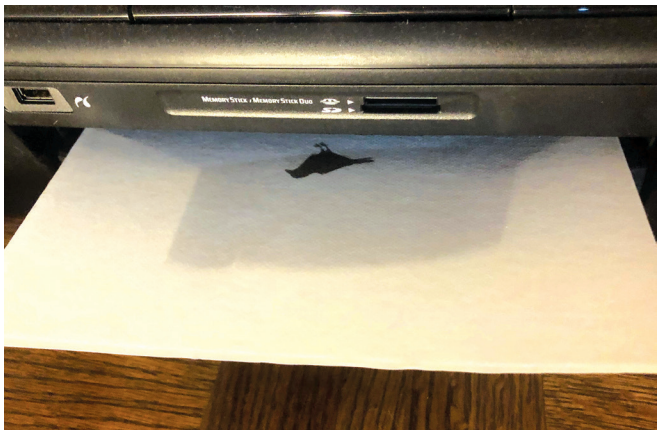
  Fabric A: 8" x 10" rectangle (for embroidered center panel)
  Fabric B: (2) 2" x 8" strips & (2) 2" x 13" strips (center panel borders)
  Fabric C: (2) 2" x 10 ½" strips & (2) 2" x 16" strips (outer borders)
  Fabric D: 14" x 16" rectangle (backing)
- 14" x 16" rectangle of cotton or fleece batting
- Organ size 70/10 Universal needle & 90/14 Top Stitch needle
- KK 2000™ Temporary Spray Adhesive
- 3" length of 1"-wide ribbon
- Trick or Treat Design

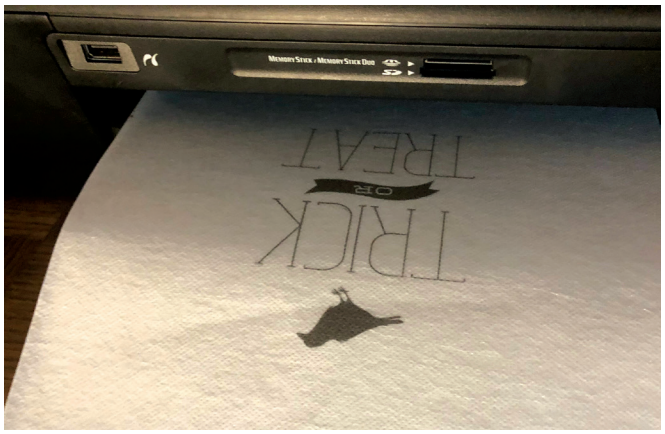
Supply List (embroidery by hand)

- Sulky 12 wt. Cotton Petites™ thread Halloween Sampler
- Sulky Stick 'n Stitch™ water-soluble stabilizer
- 6" German Wooden Embroidery Hoop
- Hand embroidery needle

Hand Embroidery

• Set your printer to print at the lowest ink setting. Print the Trick or Treat handwork design from page 16 onto a sheet of Stick 'n Stitch. Make sure to print on the fabric-like side.



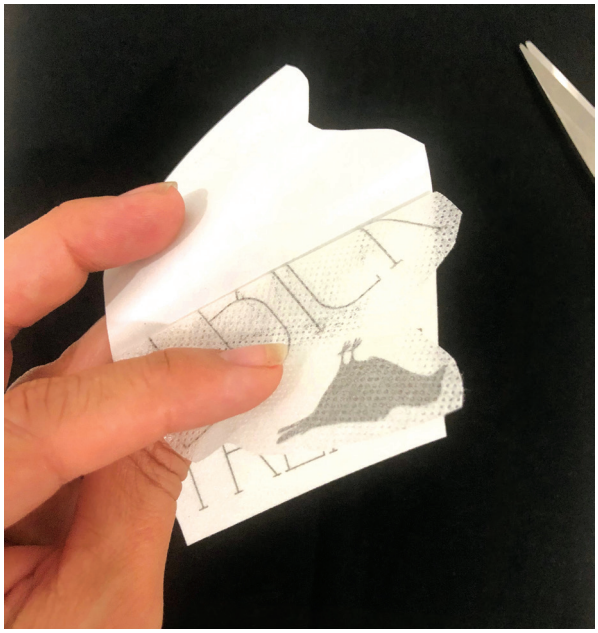


Tip:

Enlarge the design prior to printing, if desired. The featured design measures approximately 3" x 4 ½". Enlarge to 175% to more closely match the featured sample, which measures approximately 4" x 6".

Hand Embroidery cont.

- Remove the paper backing and center the stabilizer onto the Fabric A right side.



- Hoop the fabric, centering the portion of the design you want to start stitching.

- Embroider the design, using backstitches or small satin stitches for the lettering and satin or short-and-long fill stitches for the bird and flag. Remove and re-hoop the fabric as needed to work through the design.

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Hand Embroidery cont.

- When embroidery is complete, rinse the stabilizer away under running water. Let dry flat.

- Once dry, gently press from the wrong side using a press cloth.

Tip:

New to hand embroidery? Check out our Hand Embroidery for Kids video series! Kid or not, you'll love these videos, which demonstrate the basic stitches to know for beginners of any age.

Free-Motion Embroidery

- Follow the steps for hand embroidery, eliminating the wooden embroidery hoop. The Stick 'n Stitch stabilizer will secure the fabric under the presser foot during stitching. If additional stabilization is needed, place a second sheet of Stick 'n Stitch on the fabric wrong side as well.

- Lower the feed dogs. Install a size 90/14 Top Stitch needle. Load the bobbin with Sulky Bobbin thread.

- Stitch, following the printed pattern, moving slowly to ensure evenly spaced stitches.

Supply List (machine embroidery)

- Sulky 30 wt. Cotton thread (Bright White & Black)
- Sulky Soft 'n Sheer cut-away stabilizer
- Sulky Bobbin thread (882-0020 Black)
- Organ size 90/14 Embroidery needle

Machine Embroidery

- Load the Trick or Treat design onto the embroidery machine.

- Hoop Fabric A with a rectangle of Soft 'n Sheer stabilizer.

Tip:

If you need to use a larger hoop than indicated by the digitizer, either cut the fabric rectangle and stabilizer larger to accommodate the hoop size and trim to size when embroidery is complete, or hoop a rectangle of Sulky Sticky + and adhere the stabilized fabric to the stabilizer in the hoop.

- Install a size 90/14 embroidery needle and thread it with 30 wt Cotton thread. (For the featured sample, white thread was substituted for black and vice versa).

- Set the machine to NOT auto-trim jump threads to avoid unnecessary knots on the fabric wrong side. Slow the machine speed slightly.

Machine Embroidery cont.

- Embroider the design, clipping jump threads as needed throughout the work.

Tip:

When embroidering with heavyweight cotton thread, some fuzz is inevitable. Keep a soft toothbrush handy to periodically wipe the presser foot, needle and surrounding areas. A lint roller is helpful to wipe the fabric surface during the stitchout.

- When embroidery is complete, remove the fabric from the hoop. Gently press from the wrong side using a press cloth and avoiding the embroidery stitches if possible.

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Piecing the Door Hanger

All seams are ¼".

- Install a size 70/10 Universal needle.

- Thread the needle and bobbin with 50 wt Cotton + Steel thread by Sulky.

- Stitch the Fabric B strips to the Fabric A panel with right sides together, beginning with the short sides. Then stitch the upper- and lower-edge borders. Press the seams toward the darker fabrics.

- Repeat to add the Fabric C borders to the Fabric B borders.

- Trim the front so all edges are even.

Quilting

- Place the backing rectangle over the front rectangle with right sides together and edges aligned.

- Place the batting over the backing. Use KK 2000™ Temporary Spray Adhesive to secure the batting to the backing.

- Stitch the sides and lower edge.

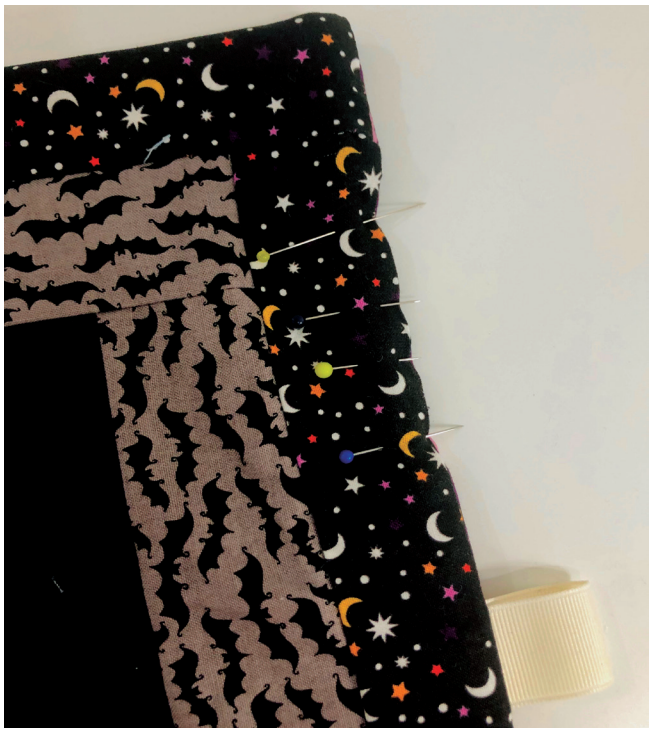
- Fold the ribbon in half, matching the ends. Insert the ribbon loop between the rectangle front and back. Center the ribbon loop raw edge along the door hanger upper edge, with the loop facing down.

- Stitch the upper edge, leaving a 3" opening for turning on one side of the ribbon.

Quilting cont.

- Clip the corners and trim the seam allowance to 1/8", leaving the opening allowance at ¼". Turn the door hanger right side out through the opening.

- Install a size 90/14 Top Stitch needle. Thread the needle with 12 wt Cotton Petites thread. Use 50 wt. Cotton + Steel thread in the bobbin.



Quilting cont.

- Fold the opening seam allowance toward the wrong side to close it; pin or clip. Topstitch the door hanger perimeter, closing the opening with the stitching.

- Quilt the door hanger in the method and thread of your choice. The featured door hanger was quilted with 12 wt. Cotton Petites thread in alternating coordinating colors from the Halloween Sampler. The needle was changed to a 90/14 Top Stitch and the stitch length was increased to 3.5mm. Then the door hanger was quilted with straight lines, spaced ¼" apart.

Trick or Treat Machine Embroidery Design

Size: 4.00" W X 5.69" H
Color Changes: 3
Stitch Count: 5805
Colors Used: 2

	Color	Number	Name & Procedure	Type	Weight
1.		733-1005	Black	Sulky Cotton Thread	30 Wt. 500 Yd.
2.		733-1001	Bright White	Sulky Cotton Thread	30 Wt. 500 Yd.
3.		733-1005	Black	Sulky Cotton Thread	30 Wt. 500 Yd.

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