



18 INCH AND AMERICAN GIRL PUMPKIN COSTUME

Make Your Outfit Instructions

1. Preview of Completed Outfit

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2. Tools and Resources Required

- 1) Paper pattern (printed from PDF file downloaded to your computer)
- 2) Orange felt 25 x 25 inch (62 x 62 cm)
- 3) Green felt 8 x 8 inch (20 x 20 cm)
- 4) Black felt 6 x 4 inch (16 x 10cm)
- 5) Wadding 23 x 6 inch (58 x 16 cm)
- 6) Fabric for Tights - 10 inches (25 cm) cotton Lycra/spandex, nylon Lycra/spandex, any knit fabric with blend of elastane or spandex.
- 7) Elastic ¼ x 11 inch (6 mm x 28 cm)
- 8) Cord 30 inch (76 cm)
- 9) Velcro strip 2 inches x 3/8 inch
- 10) Matching thread
- 11) Paper scissors
- 12) Fabric scissors
- 13) Pins
- 14) Safety pin or bodkin



3. Preparing Paper Pattern

- 1) Cut out all pattern pieces following the solid line. Glue the 2 parts of the tights [piece # 1] together.

4. Cut Out Tights

- 1) Ensure maximum stretch is going around the body.

5. Cut Out Body

- 1) There is no pattern piece provided for the body. You simply cut a square piece of orange felt 25 x 25 inches (62 x 62cm).

6. Cut Out Extras

- 1) Cut 2 x eyes, 1 x nose and 1 x mouth in the black felt. Then cut 1 x neck piece in the green felt.

7. Making Tights

- 1) Turn up $\frac{1}{4}$ inch (6mm) on the hem of each leg and stitch using a straight stitch.
- 2) Pin front seam together and stitch using a small zigzag stitch.
- 3) Fold the centre front seam to the right and turn down $\frac{1}{2}$ inch (12mm) from the top to form a casing. Pin and sew over the raw edge using a zigzag stitch.
- 4) Measure 10 $\frac{1}{4}$ inches (26cm) of $\frac{1}{4}$ inch (6mm) elastic and mark with a pencil. Thread elastic through the casing and with the edge of the elastic at one end of the casing and the pencil mark at the other end of the casing, place right sides of the centre back seam together and secure elastic with a pin.
- 5) Sew centre back seam with a zigzag stitch.
- 6) Match centre back seam with centre front seam at the crotch. Pin and sew using a zigzag stitch from hem of one leg, all the way around to the hem of the other leg.



8. Attaching Face to Body of Pumpkin

- 1) Find the centre of the large orange square piece of felt (the body of the pumpkin) by folding in half one way to form a rectangle and then in half the other way to form a new smaller square. The corner with no raw edges is the centre. Mark the centre point with an erasable pen or chalk.
- 2) Measure and mark a point 3 inches (7.5cm) to the left of this centre mark. Rule a line up from here 2 inches (5cm) and down from this mark 1 inch (2.5cm) to give you a line 3 inches (7.5cm) long. This indicates the first armhole.
- 3) Repeat for the second armhole – measure 3 inches (7.5cm) to the right of the centre mark and place a new mark. Rule a line up 2 inches (5cm) and down from this mark 1 inch (2.5cm) to give you a line 3 inches (7.5cm) long.
- 4) Pin the felt nose shape over the centre mark.
- 5) Pin the felt eye shapes to the left and right approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ inch (2cm) above the nose.
- 6) Pin the felt mouth shape approximately 1 inch (2.5cm) below the nose – ensure the nose is centre to the mouth.
- 7) Tack felt face shapes in place.
- 8) Sew shapes in place using a zigzag stitch.
- 9) Remove tacking stitches.

9. Completing Body

- 1) Match top and bottom edges of the body of the pumpkin with right sides together. Pin and sew a $\frac{1}{4}$ inch (6mm) seam. Turn to right side out.
- 2) Fold the felt so that the face is in the centre and the seam you have just sewn is running behind the nose.
- 3) Pin and sew a row of straight stitch $\frac{3}{8}$ inch (1cm) from both the top and bottom folds to form an upper and lower casing.
- 4) Feed wadding through the centre of the tube and pin so that it is in the middle (ie. behind the face) and approx 1 inch (2.5cm) in from each end. Stitch wadding to the lining (back side) of the pumpkin approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ inch (12mm) in from the end of the wadding.



- 5) Place pins around the armhole to secure the two layers of felt and wadding.
- 6) Do a wide zigzag stitch at the top of the armhole line using a length of '0' (or drop the feed dogs), then stitch down one side of the armhole line using a zigzag stitch of approx 2.5 wide and 0.5 length. When you get to the end of the armhole line do another wide zigzag stitch before turning the fabric around and sewing down the other side of the line. This is in effect creating a very large button hole.
- 7) Repeat for the other armhole. Remove pins.
- 8) Cut slits down the centre of the large 'button hole' to form the armholes.
- 9) Cut 11 inches (28cm) of ¼ inch (6mm) elastic and thread through the bottom casing. Secure ends of elastic with a row of stitching.
- 10) Match right sides together of centre back and pin at lower casing and up to the seam line ie. half way up the back. Stitch back seam.
- 11) Sew the two pieces of felt together ie. front and lining of pumpkin, from under top casing down to the top of the centre back seam and then up to under the top casing on the other side.
- 12) Thread cord through the top casing.
- 13) Attach Velcro strip to back join of neck piece so that when you overlap the two pieces the back point matches.

10. Congratulations YOU did it!

Celebrate! YOU made another great outfit. Well done!