

HALLOWEEN 14-DAY COUNTDOWN CALENDAR | SEWING



Technique:	Appliqué
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Skill Level:	Beginner/Easy
Crafting time:	Evening

Answer the question, “How long until Halloween?” with this 14-day countdown calendar. Start on October 17 and move the ghost one pocket each day until the final pocket. Add a treat to each pocket to make the countdown even sweeter.

Finished Size of Project: 20”L x 22”W (51cm x 56cm)

Supplies

- Black felt, 22”x30” (51cm x 76cm)
- Purple felt, 1 Sheet
- White felt, 1 Sheet
- Assorted Halloween prints, 14 2”x2” (5cm x 5cm) squares
- Iron-on letters, HAPPY HALLOWEEN
- Dual Duty XP thread, Black, Purple and White

Additional Requirements

- Twine, 36”
- Dowel, 24” (61cm)
- Sewing Machine
- Basic Sewing supplies
- Iron
- Pinking shears
- Chalk marking pencil

Instructions

1. Cut the black felt to 22"L x 25"W. (56 cm x 63.5cm). Fold the top edge over 1.5" (4cm). Stitch 1" (2.54cm) away from fold to form a rod pocket for hanging. Finished edge at the bottom of the calendar by folding under ½"(1.25cm), stitch across bottom edge just above the fold.
2. Cut fourteen 2"x2" (5cm x 5cm) squares of the assorted fabrics using the pinking shears. Apply one iron-on letter to each square following manufacturer's instructions.
3. Cut a 12"x2.5" (30cm x 6.5cm) piece of black felt. Pin the squares spelling HAPPY to the felt. Sew around each square, ¼" (.6cm) from cut edges.
4. Cut a 20"x2.5" (51cm x 6.5cm) piece of black felt. Pin the squares spelling HALLOWEEN to the felt. Sew around each square, ¼" (.6cm) from cut edges. A distressed look can be achieved by fraying the edges of the fabric squares.
5. Stitch the HAPPY and HALLOWEEN banners onto the large black felt, positioned as shown in the photo. Sew between each alphabet square to create a pocket.
6. Print and cut out Bat and Ghost template.
7. Trace and cut out 7 bat shapes on the purple felt. Thread machine with purple thread. Position the bats as shown and pin in place. Stitch around each of 6 bat bodies securing the center of the bats to the felt and leaving the wings free. The wings can be positioned to create dimension and the illusion that the bats are flying.
8. Cut a 6" white felt circle moon. Stitch the 7th bat onto the moon as shown. Stitch the moon to the black felt.
9. Trace and cut out a ghost from the white felt. Using a satin zigzag stitch, sew eyes and mouth on the ghost (These could also be drawn on with a marker or fabric paint). Use the ghost to count down 14 days to Halloween.
10. Insert dowel through rod pocket. Tie twine securely to each end of dowel. Adjust length as needed to hang.



