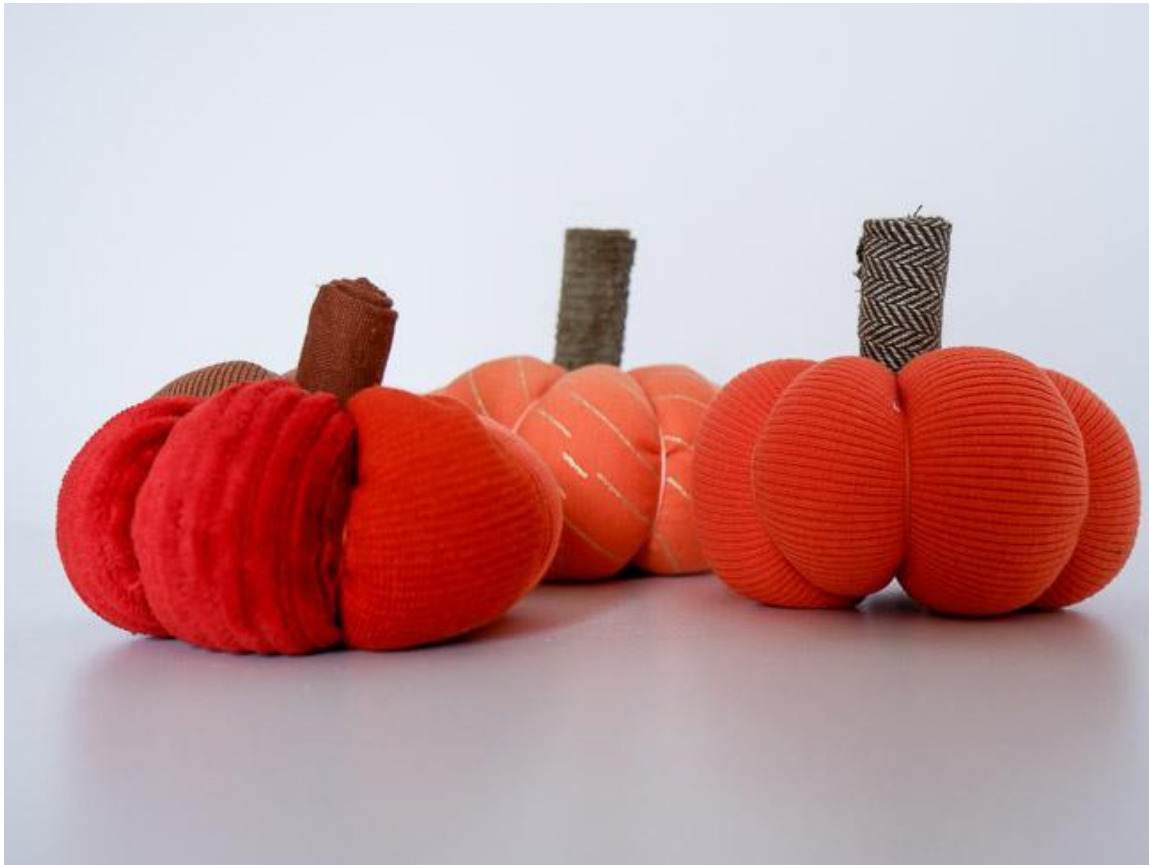


Make Little Fabric Pumpkins for Halloween

Halloween is just around the corner, and it's the perfect time to get creative and make your own festive decorations. Fabric pumpkins are a charming addition to any Halloween or Fall decor. They're a fantastic way to use up fabric scraps you may have lying around. In this tutorial, we'll walk you through the steps needed to create your very own fabric pumpkins. You can use various shades of orange, brown and green fabrics, with or without a sewing machine. Anyone with some basic sewing skills can tackle this project. Let's get started!



My finished pumpkins are 4 to 6 inch wide and 2 to 3 inch high. It is definitely easier to make smaller sized pumpkins with this technique as you have to pull a threaded needle right through the pumpkin to create the pumpkin 'sections'. With a bigger pumpkin, this is harder to do.

Let me walk you through the whole how to make a fabric pumpkin in eight easy steps.

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Step 2: Cut The Fabric for the Body

Depending on what you want and how big your fabric scraps are, you can make a mono color pumpkin or assemble different scraps into 1 pumpkin. My fabric main pieces are between 5 x 10 inches and 8 x 16 inches.



You need a fabric piece that is rectangular in shape to start from. When you fold it in half, it needs to be a square shape, or close to a square. It can be a little rectangular like you can see in the images above. The fold will be on the side of the pumpkin, from stem to bottom. So if you are using different strips of fabric or fabrics with a print, the direction may be important. The strips should be between 5 and 8 inches long and when put together make the 10 x 16 inches wide fabric piece.

If you are using different scraps to make one pumpkin, begin by cutting your fabric scraps into strips. When sewn together, these strips will form the pumpkin's body. You can vary the widths to add texture to your pumpkin. I used strips that are roughly 2-3 inches wide.



Take two fabric strips and sew them together along one of the long edges, right sides facing each other. Repeat this process until you have a long, connected strip of fabric. This will be the base for your pumpkin.

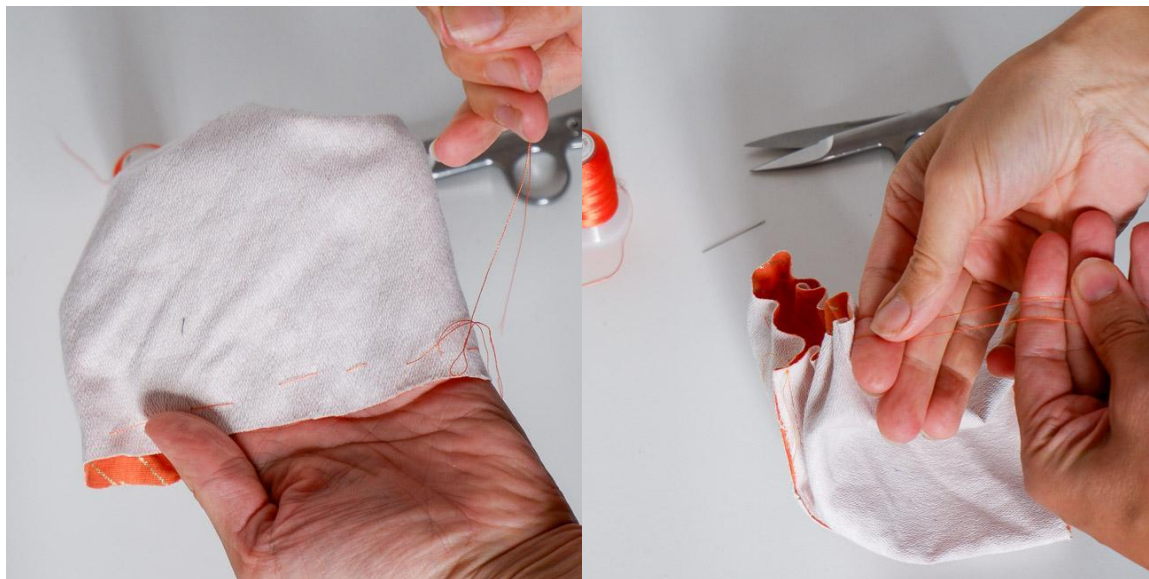


Step 3: Create a Fabric Tube

Fold the rectangular fabric strip in half lengthwise, right sides together, and sew along the open edge to create a tube. You can use a sewing machine to sew this seam, but if you don't have a machine at hand, it is also possible to hand sew this seam with [a full backstitch](#).



Gather the bottom end using a basting stitch all around, pull the threads firmly and make a knot. This is the bottom of the pumpkin. I used embroidery thread for this because it is a little firmer than my polyester sewing thread. Leave the other end open for turning and stuffing. To cut little threads, I like to use [Madam Sew thread snips](#), they are much faster and more comfortable than big heavy fabric scissors.





Step 4: Turn and Stuff The Tube

Turn the fabric tube right side out. Now, it's time to stuff your future pumpkin. Start by filling the tube with polyester fiberfill or stuffing. Pack it tightly to achieve the desired shape and firmness for your pumpkin.



Step 5: Gather the Top End of the Fabric Pumpkin

Once the tube is stuffed, gather the open end using a [hand basting stitch](#), pull and sew/or knot it closed. Make sure it's securely closed. Push the raw edges inside the hole in the middle.

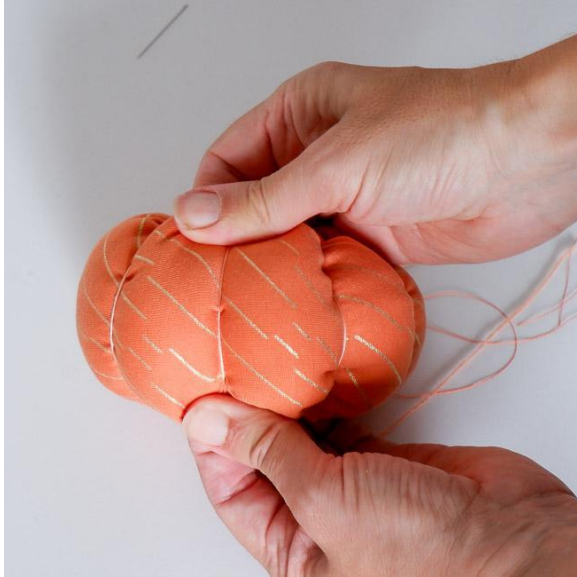


Step 6: Create the Pumpkin Sections

To give your pumpkin its distinctive shape, use a length of strong thread or embroidery floss. Pull it through the middle of the pumpkin with a long hand needle and wrap it tightly around the stuffed ball. First make a cross and then divide each quarter into eights pulling the thread tightly to create the sections just like a real pumpkin. Just keep going through the pumpkin and pull and place the thread at another part of the ball. Make sure to hide the sewn seam with the

thread. You can move the sections around a bit afterwards and flatten out the wrinkles in the fabric. Knot the thread securely to hold the shape.

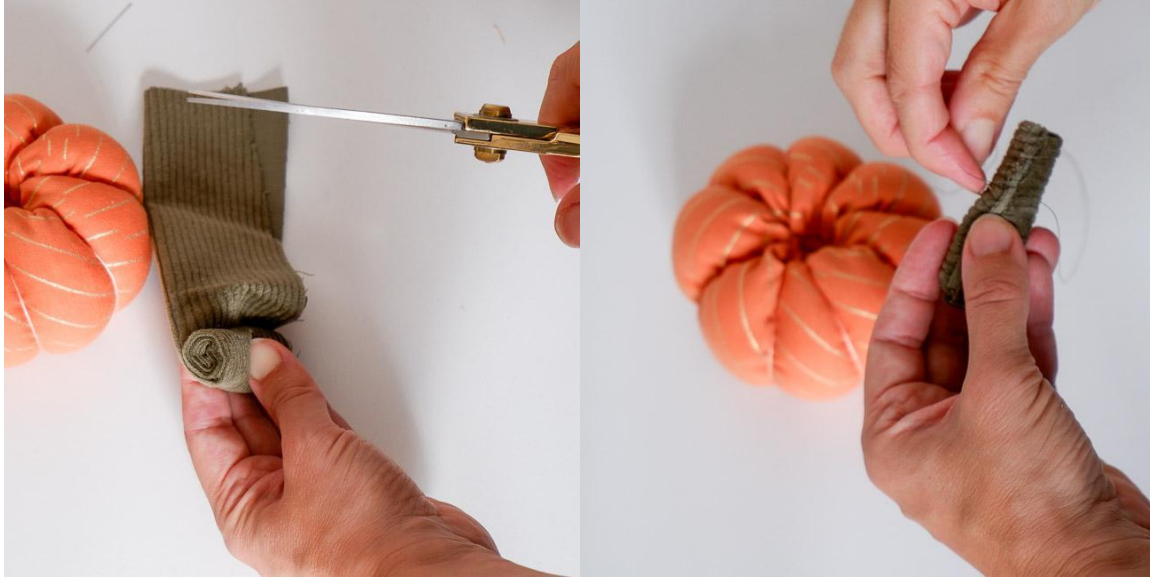




Step 7: Create the Stem of the Fabric Pumpkin

Now, it's time to make the stem for your fabric pumpkin. Cut a rectangle of green or brown fabric and fold it in half lengthwise, wrong sides together. Roll it up tightly until you get the desired thickness. Cut excess fabric off and hand sew the raw edge to the stem.





Step 8: Attach the Stem to the Fabric Pumpkin

Hand-sew the stem end with the raw edges to the top of your pumpkin, ensuring it's centered. Use strong stitches to secure it in place. If you use a matching thread and stay close to the center, you won't see the stitches.



Your DIY fabric pumpkin is now ready to be displayed as part of your Halloween decor! Make a whole set in different colors and sizes. Place them on a tabletop, mantel, or even hang them as a charming Halloween or Fall decoration.



Conclusion

I hope you enjoyed reading this tutorial on how to make a fabric pumpkin. Creating a fabric pumpkin is a fun and creative way to get excited about Halloween or Fall and decorate your house without having to worry about fresh pumpkins that go bad fast. You can start decorating early this year! Using fabric scraps in various shades of orange and green will add a unique touch to your decor and won't cost you much. Whether you're an experienced seamstress or a beginner, this Halloween craft project is manageable and enjoyable for everyone. So, grab your materials and get crafting to make a delightful DIY stuffed fabric pumpkin that will brighten up your Halloween or Fall festivities!

Any questions? Don't hesitate to get in touch!

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