

Project: Silly Pumpkin Pincushions



Silly pumpkin pincushions are sure to elicit smiles from any sewer. Use them as decorations or give away as sweet Halloween treats!

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Materials

- Freezer paper
- Felt: moss green, dark orange, orange, and scraps of red, ivory, and gold
- #8 pearl cotton: white, black, and green
- Polyester fiberfill
- Embellishments for stems: cloth tape measure, golf tee, and artificial flowers
- Crafts glue
- Cardstock
- Buttons in various sizes for eyes
- Embellishments for noses, such as a checker, bingo marker, or die

Cut Fabrics

From moss green felt, cut:

- 1—6×10" rectangle

From dark orange felt, cut:

- 2—7×8" rectangles

From orange felt, cut:

- 1—6×10" rectangle

Assemble Pincushions

1. Position the freezer paper, shiny side down, over the patterns (pages 3-4). Trace the patterns the number of times indicated. Cut out the shapes on the traced lines.
2. Using an iron, press a freezer-paper shape, shiny side down, onto the front of the respective fabric (use the picture as a guide); let cool. Cut out the shape along the pattern edges. Peel off the freezer paper.
3. Backstitch a line in the center of each mouth with #8 pearl cotton. Work straight stitches at intervals along the mouth lines.
4. Backstitch a circle on the dark orange pumpkin's eye patch.

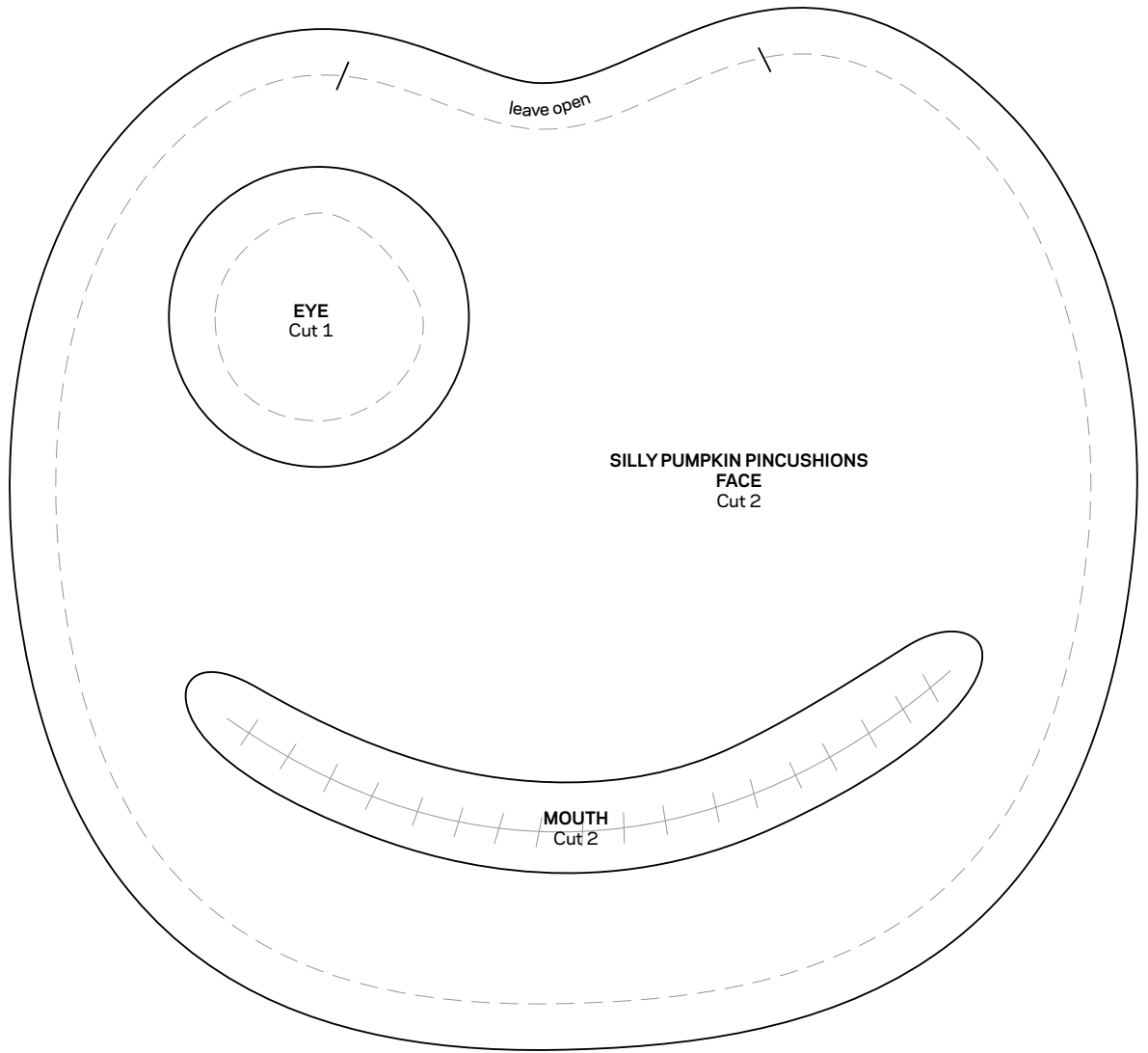
5. With right sides together and using a $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch seam allowance, sew the fronts of the pumpkins to the backs, leaving an opening at the top of each pumpkin for turning; turn right side out.

6. Stuff with fiberfill. Hand-sew the openings closed, leaving $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch openings to insert the stems.

Finish Pincushions

1. For the tape-measure stem, cut two $2\frac{1}{2}$ " lengths from the tape measure. Glue a $\frac{1}{4}\times 2\frac{1}{2}$ " strip of cardstock between the two lengths. Glue in place.
2. For the artificial-flower stem, tie a small bunch of flowers and leaves with a length of pearl cotton. Glue in place.
3. Sew buttons in place for eyes. Glue the noses in place.

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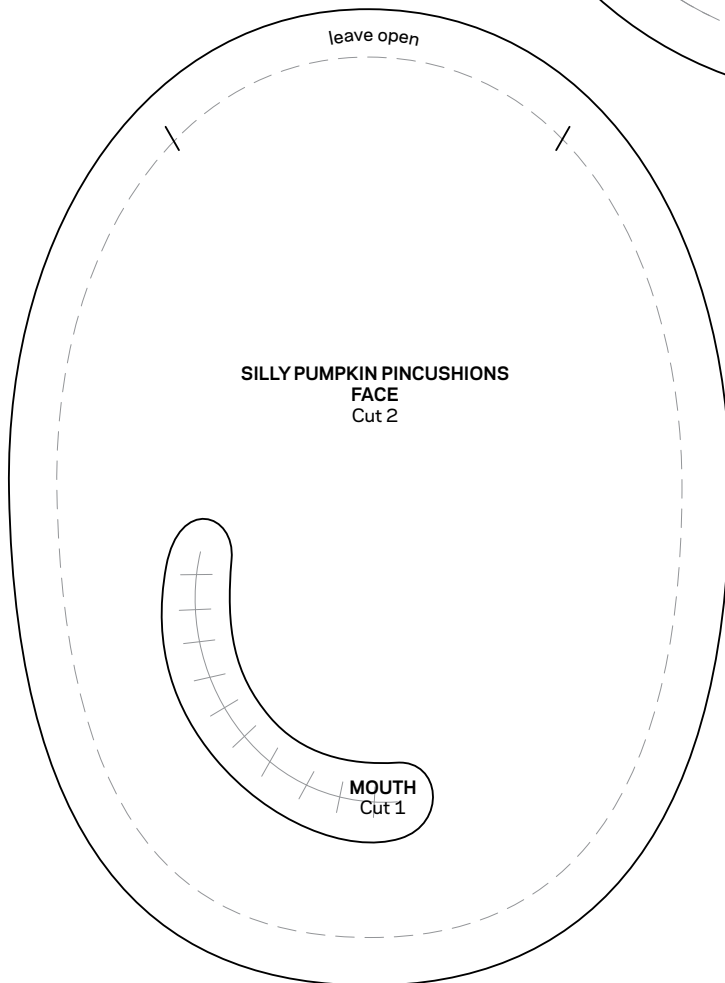
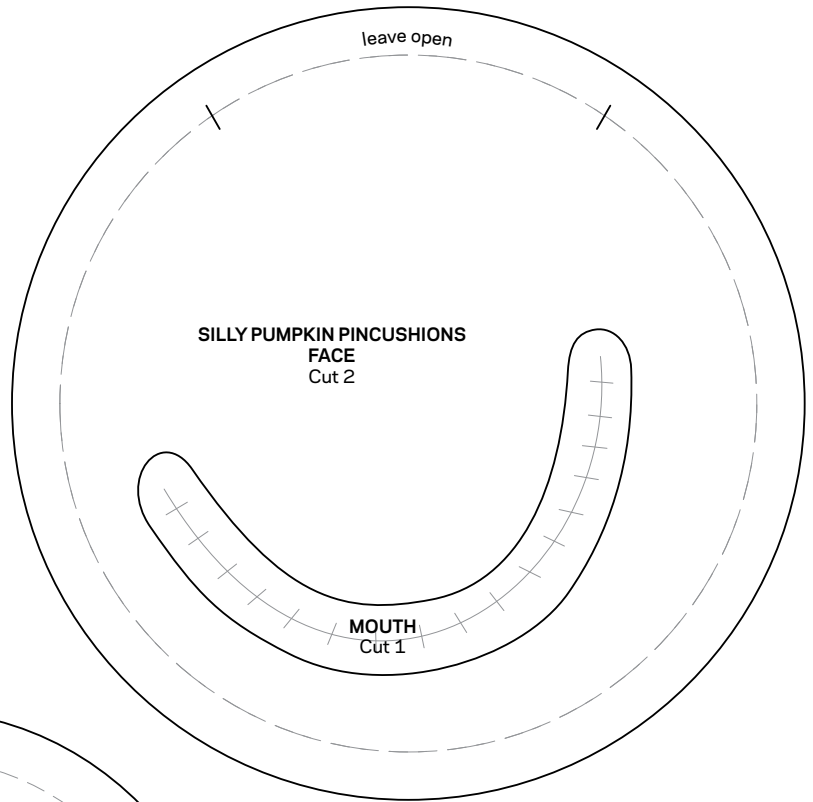
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