

Monster Halloween Treat Bag

When you put this two-eyed, no-horned, purple candy eater together, you can make him scary or silly—just as long as he's hungry!

Crafter Level: Intermediate

Time Needed: 1 hour

What you'll need

- ½ yd. monster fabric, 44" wide (we used purple)
- 18" x 22" piece black fabric
- 1 yd. purple trim
- 1 yd. boning for mouth opening
- Fabric-marking pencil or pen
- 1 white felt square for teeth and eyes
- 1 black felt square for eyes
- 3 or 4 felt squares for monster hair
- Pom-poms or felt scraps for eyebrows
- Fabric glue or low-temp hot glue gun and glue sticks
- Scissors and pins
- Thread to match monster fabric
- Sewing machine
- Iron



How to make it

1. Cut monster fabric in half, crosswise, so you have two pieces about 18-by-22 inches. Layer together, one on top of the other, right sides facing, and lay black fabric, right side up, on top of monster fabrics. Trim all three pieces to the same size. Iron out any wrinkles. Pin together layers.
2. Using a sewing machine, stitch the three pieces together along three sides in a "U" shape (like you are making a pillowcase).
3. Clip corners and turn all three pieces inside out so that your two monster fabrics are right side out with the black fabric layer between them.
4. Bend your piece of boning in half (fold inward, with the curve) to make the mouth opening. It should resemble a football shape. Then bend one end of the boning again about 1 inch from the end to make a hook. Catch the open end of the boning inside the "hook" end to hold its shape. See Diagram 1.
5. Lay the shaped boning on the front monster piece of fabric where you want the mouth opening to be. (Keep in mind you'll want plenty of room at the bottom of the bag to hold the candy.)
6. With fabric-marking pencil or pen, draw around the inside of the boning onto the fabric. Carefully cut out the top layer of fabric, inside the marked lines by about ½ inch. Clip curves up to the marked line. See Diagram 2 on the next page.

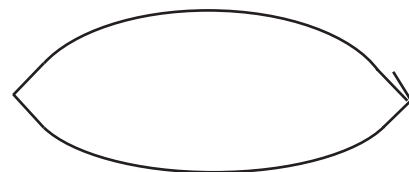


Diagram 1



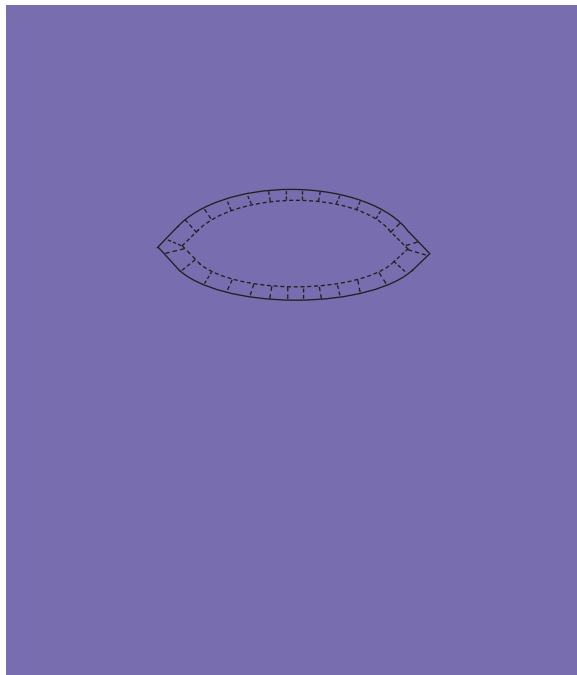
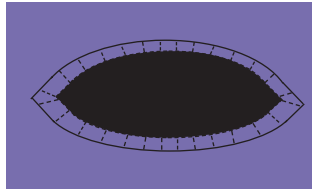


Diagram 2



Center boning on monster fabric where you want the mouth to go. Draw inside boning and cut away top layer of monster fabric about ½ inch from drawn line. (You should now see the black fabric where you've removed the monster fabric.) Clip curves to drawn line.

7. Glue the clipped fabric to the inside edge of the boning to hold it in place. Don't worry about the boning showing through the gaps of the clipped monster fabric as it will be covered by the felt teeth.
8. Cut two long strips from the white felt square about 2 inches wide. Cut teeth from both strips for the top and bottom of the monster's mouth without cutting all the way through the felt. (Here's where you can decide how scary or silly to make him—jagged, pointy teeth will make him scarier.)
9. Align the felt strips along the top and bottom boning, trimming teeth more as needed to fit the mouth opening. Hot glue or fabric glue the felt strips of teeth to the outside edge of the boning, hiding the raw edges of the monster fabric.

Layer the hair pieces and trim handle between the pressed edges of the top.

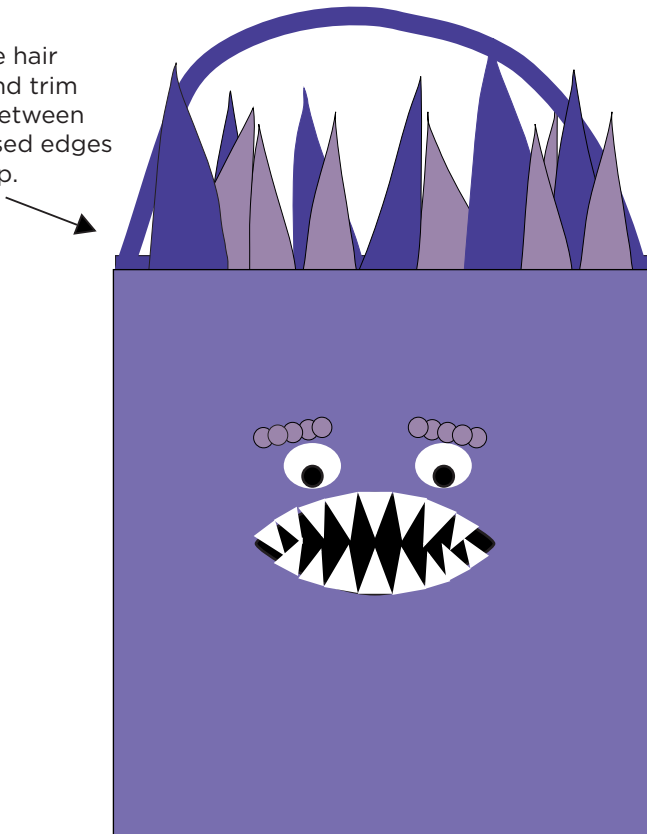


Diagram 3

10. Cut eyes from the remaining white felt and pupils from the black felt in whatever shapes you want. Place the eyes right above the mouth, below the top, open edge of the monster. Use hot glue or fabric glue to attach the eyes and let dry. Next, attach pom-poms or felt eyebrows above the eyes and let dry.
11. Turn under the top raw edges of the sack to the inside about ½-inch in. Do this for all three layers of fabric. Press.
12. Now he needs some cool hair. Cut jagged strips from the remaining felt squares and tuck the ends inside the unfinished edge. Pin in place if necessary. See Diagram 3.
13. To make the handle, cut trim to fit on your trick-or-treater's shoulder (so the monster won't drag on the ground). Slip the ends of the trim between the layers, amid the felt strips of hair, and pin in place.
14. Sew along the pinned, pressed edge of all three layers to close the top of the sack, making sure the trim handle and hair are secure.