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Letter from the Editors

Hi Sewists,

Celebrating Halloween is adorable, exciting, and sometimes expensive when you have a little one to take from house to house collecting goodies. It seems like every year store-bought costume prices sky-rocket. These impersonal pieces can cost way too much and for one night, it can be hard to justify buying a brand new costume. This is why we have collected these homemade Halloween costume ideas for kids. The DIY Halloween costume ideas packed into this eBook range from the time-consuming to one-hour wonders. There is a project for every skill level. Even busy moms will find Halloween costume ideas that will fit their busy schedule and budget. From film favorites to tiny little turtles, these homemade Halloween costumes are unique and easy.

Let your little one proudly exclaim that mommy or grandma "made this for me" when they sport these kid's Halloween costume ideas at their school parties or while tip toeing through their trick or treating adventures. Complete with boy-approved Halloween costume ideas like the DIY Star Wars-Inspired Costume (page 10) or toddler Halloween costumes like the Baby Hedgehog Kid's Halloween Costume (page 67), this collection of homemade Halloween costumes has an idea for you!

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Homemade Halloween Costumes for Boys

Ewok-Inspired Toddler Halloween Costume

By Stephanie from Swoodson Says

Do you have a little man or little lady who is in desperate need of a unique and quick Halloween costume? Then look no further than this adorable Ewok-Inspired Toddler Halloween Costume. This amazing little, DIY hood is the perfect no-fuss costume to keep your kid happy. Plus, toddlers are the perfect size to dress as an Ewok. Mommy and daddy can even dress as Luke and Leia for a family-friendly holiday party or trick-ortreating outing.



Materials:

- Ewok Ear Template (Pictured Below)
- Toddler hood or Balaclava Pattern
- ½ yard of knit fabric
- Ballpoint needle
- Faux fur fabric scraps

- Buttons or other embellishments
- Sewing machine, serger, or needle and thread
- Scissors or rotary cutter
- Pen



did you know?

The word "ewok" was derived from the tribal name Miwok, an indigenous American Indian tribe native to the Northern Californian redwood forests where many of the ewok scenes were shot for *Return of the Jedi*.



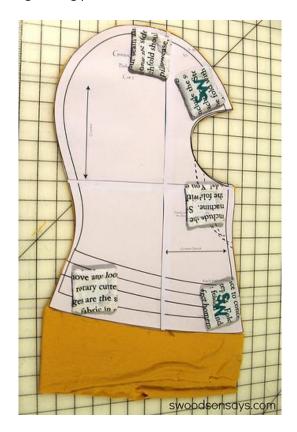
Instructions:

1. Cut 4 ears, making sure the pile of the fur is going down.



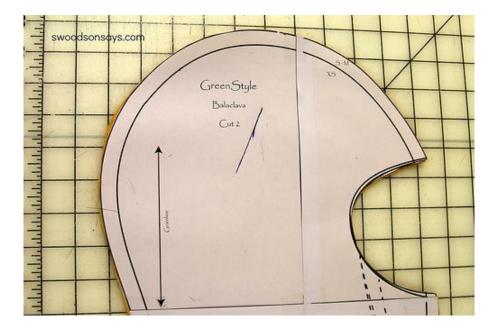


2. Cut two hoods, mirrored, lengthening past the neck.





3. Cut two thin ear slits, marking through the pattern for symmetry.



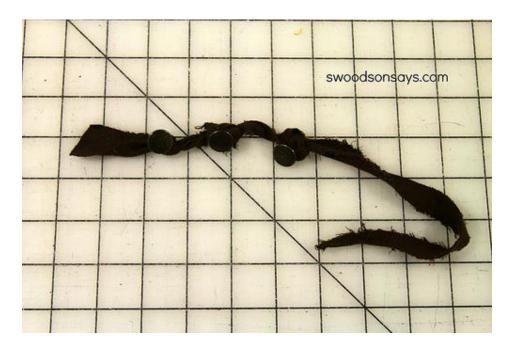
- 4. Put the ear pieces' right sides together and sew around the edges with a ¼ inch seam allowance. Turn right side out, push out, and trim the bottom if uneven.
- 5. Insert the ears gently into the hood, so that the raw edges are on the wrong side of the fabric (inside the hood). Gently tug the fabric in with it, so all raw edges are inside the hood.



6. Sew the ears in along the edges of the slit.



- 7. Put both hood pieces' right sides together and sew the back and the throat, leaving the face hole open.
- 8. Rip a 12 inch strip from the scrap fabric and knit three times, hand-sewing buttons, rocks, or embellishments on.



9. Hand-sew the strip on the top of the hood.





10. Trim the bottom of the hood to be asymmetrical, making it a little jagged.



11. Pair with any additional clothing pieces like brown pants and a shirt.



tips for treating with your toddler

- 1. Bring a treat bag that is easy to carry.
- 2. Set boundaries before you leave like letting your child know that they can eat 3 pieces of candy when they get home.
- 3. Use trick or treating as a way to practice pleases and thank yous.



DIY Star Wars-Inspired Costume

By Betty Barna from Iridescent Dreams

Help your little one channel their inner Jedi master with this DIY Star Wars-Inspired Costume. This surprisingly simple tutorial will help you sew up a Jedi robe that will be the envy of all the other kids during the next show and tell or Halloween costume party. Easily created from a comfy fabric, this costume would make an amazing addition to a preschool classroom or dress-up box. The force will be with you as you sew up this simple robe.



Materials:

- 3 yards of brown Polyester Fabric
- Thread
- Sewing Machine

- Undershirt
- Light Saber

Instructions:

- 1. Lay your fabric down on the floor with the fold across the width of the top.
- 2. Have your child lay down on top of the fabric, tracing the basic outline of the robe. Make sure to draw the sleeves at full-length in order to add wide hems and add a fold along the shoulder. Make the body as wide as needed, leaving extra room for the front hem, folds, and tucks that will be added later.





- 3. Fold the fabric length-wise and cut along the lines in order to insure that sides are identical.
- 4. Cut a line up the front piece of fabric for the front of the robe.
- 5. Sew the side seams about ¼ inch from the edge of the fabric.
- 6. Hem the front open edge at about 1 ¼ inch.



7. Fold over the edge of the front of the robe to make it appear as if a strip is attached. Fold a bit of extra for the seam allowance. Sew just to the left of the original stiches, tucking the fabric under just enough to be caught by the stitch.







8. Have your child try on the robe to determine where the shoulders will be on the garment. Tuck this in and then pin it.





9. Make any additional measurements you may need. Add in back tucks to bring the width of the shoulders towards the back, as well.





10. Measure the length of the sleeves but pinning the sleeves at the wrist.



11. Measure the length of the entire robe and insert a pin where you would like it to end.





12. Start by sewing the back darts. Sew along the dart for a few inches and do the same to the other one. Make sure that each dart faces outward.



13. For the shoulder seams, make a short stitch across the top of the shoulder. This way the fold will fall into place when it hangs.





14. Measure the edge of the sleeves. Do this by drawing a chalk line along the edge several inches from the pin you inserted earlier and then another allowing for a 2 ½ inch seam.



15. Cut along this outer line then fold the robe in half in order to copy this on the other side. Match the robe by aligning the arm pits and the bottom corner.





16. Fold the corner back to the other chalk mark and transfer this mark to the other sleeve.



- 17. Sew this hem to complete the sleeves. Start a new corner with the excess fabric at the back when you come back around, cut the flap off, and tuck in the edges.
- 18. On the bottom hem, mark off along a line 4 inches deep using pins as a guide.





19. Cut off the excess and pin up to the pins. Start at the front edge and move towards the back as you will have to make small folds to the inside due to the angle. Try to line up your side seams and pin a bit from one side to the other and alternate so it is even. The robe is completed.

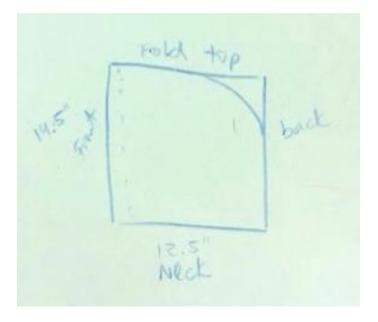


20. Measure the neck area of the robe. You can locate it by locating the raw edges.





21. Cut this measurement in half and then add about a 3 inch hem and 2 inches for the back seam allowance. Add about another 2 inches for the front edge.



22. Cut the above measurements out of your fabric with a fold at the top.





23. Sew the back seam and then hem the front opening. If you would like to give it a polished look, first sew a small hem to hide the raw edges.



24. Sew the 1 ¼ inch hem.





25. Attach the hood to the robe, right sides together. The hood will still be a bit big, so begin by pinning each end first and then the center. Make pleats closer to the back.



- 26. Sew the hood onto the robe.
- 27. To cover that seam allowance, make a strip to go over it. Cut out a strip 1 ½ inches longer than your neck seam and 3 ½ inches wide.
- 28. Hem the short ends with a ¾ inch seam allowance, and then sew it along the length with the right sides together.





29. Flip it right side out.



- 30. Press flat with the seam in the center.
- 31. Cut your robe and head seam allowance ¼ inch and sew this strip over it, sewing along the edge.





32. Once the robe is finished, pair it with a cream-colored undershirt or vest, similar colored pants, and a light saber!







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Homemade Cowboy Costume

By Eva from Courtier Mommy

In under an hour you can make a Homemade Cowboy Costume for your little wrangler. Use the quick pattern instructions to make a vest decorated with fringe and brads. He'll be ready to ride off into the sunset with this DIY Halloween costume. You can easily combine this easy kids Halloween costume idea with a red bandana, a cowboy hat, some boots, and a pair of jeans for a cheap Halloween costume for kids. Your little cowboy or cowgirl will be singing your sewing praises until the cows come home.



Materials:

- A loose tee that fits
- ½ yard of vinyl
- ½ yard of fringe

- Package of Brads
- Silver Stars
- Black Ribbon

Instructions:

1. Take the loose tee, fold it in half, then pin it together. Place it on a piece of paper with the center front on a straight line.





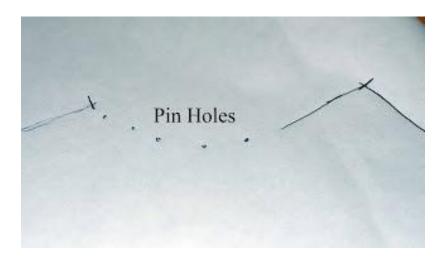
2. Trace the shirt leaving the armhole open.



3. Place pins on the armhole, poking the paper.

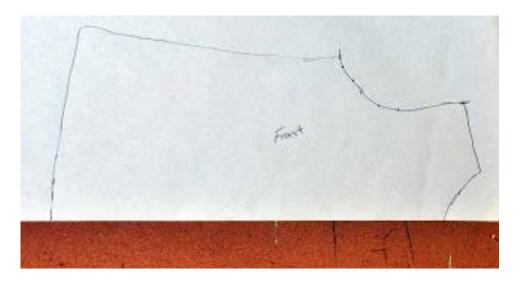


4. Connect the dots.

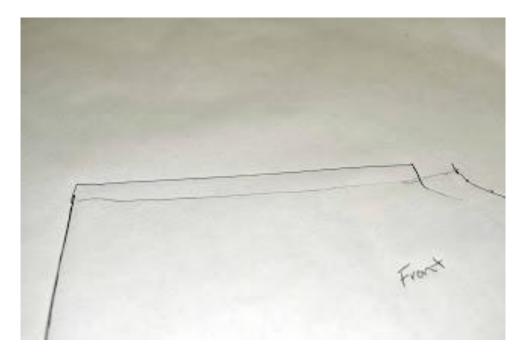




5. Your final pattern should look like below.



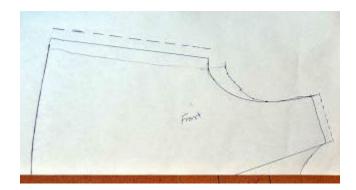
6. Lower the arm hole 1 inch and add a $\frac{1}{2}$ inch to the original side seam.



7. Make a V on the neck line that goes down about 4 to 5 inches.



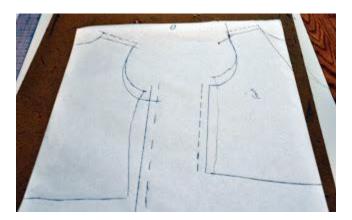
8. Add a ½ inch seam allowances to the shoulder and side seam.



9. Repeat the same steps to the back, leaving the neckline alone.

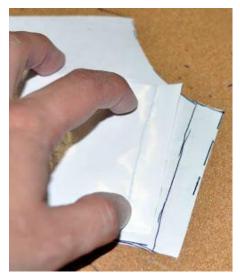


10. Label and cut out your pattern. Your front and back straight line will be your grain line.





11. Check to see if your shoulder and side seams are the same size.





12. If they are not, just cut it off and blend.



13. Lay your pattern out to cut two fronts and one back on the center fold.





14. Here are your pattern pieces cut out.



15. Sew your shoulder seams together.





16. Pin in place or use steam to hold ribbon it place. Pin it down.



17. The star is from Hobby lobby is a nut and Bold. Tie a piece of black leather shoe lace around the neck of the nut.





18. Poke a hole in the vinyl.





19. Push the bolt into the hole. Screw the star into place. Add one to each side.



20. Lay the fringe down anywhere you want and pin it down. Do the same to the back.





21. Sew it down.

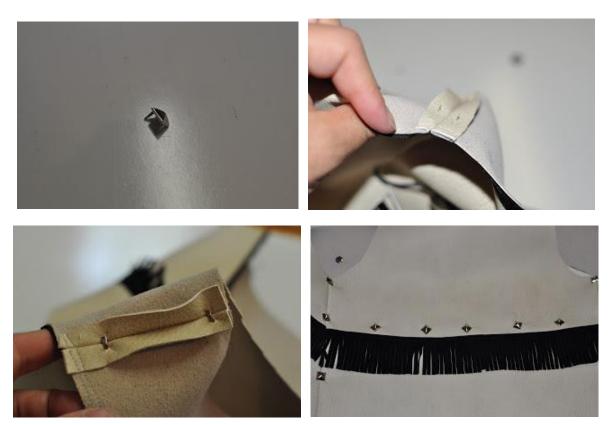


22. Sew the side seam.





23. Add the brads by poking them through the fabric and fold down the tips. Embellish however you would like.



24. Combine with a hat, play gun, bandana, and any other accessories you would like to add.





Homemade Halloween Costume for Girls

Sweet and Simple Strawberry Halloween Costume

By Julianne from the Garter Girl

Homemade Halloween costumes make the holiday extra memorable. Little ones just love being able to say that mommy or grandma "made this for me." Plus, it pretty much guarantees that they will have a unique costume. If your sweet is just too sweet, consider creating this Sweet and Simple Strawberry Halloween Costume. This surprisingly easy kid's Halloween costume is a fab solution. Plus, it can be worn over just about anything, ensuring that your kiddo stays extra warm while trick or treating.



Materials:

- Red and green felt
- Red and green thread
- Headband
- Glue
- Scissors

- Pins
- Sewing machine
- Black beads
- Black Puffy Paint

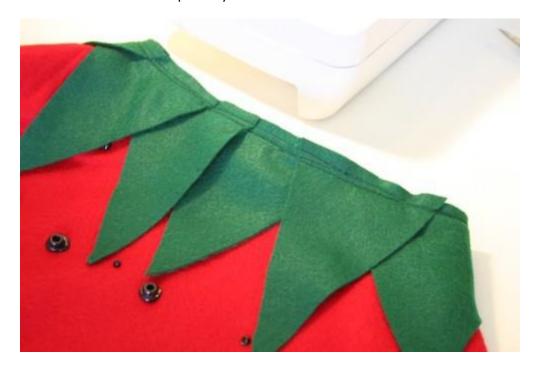
Instructions:

- 1. Measure the child from the top of the shoulders to the floor, double that number and that is the length of the red felt you'll need. Have the child spread their arms out and measure from elbow to elbow. That is the width of the red felt that you'll need.
- 2. Fold the red felt in half. Cut a straight line along the fold in the middle of the fold. This is the head hole, so it should be big enough for the child to put their head through. Put the red felt on the child with their head through the hole, so that the felt is evenly draping over the front and back.





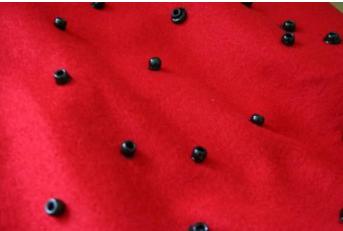
- 3. With the child's arms down, measure two inches from the neck hole and start pinning a diagonal line to the outside edge of the red felt. Repeat on the other side. These will form the shoulders. (This is the wrong side of the felt.)
- 4. With the child's arms stretched out, start comfortably below the arm pit and pin down along the side stopping at the knee. Repeat on the other side. This will form the side seam.
- 5. Take the red felt off the child. With matching red thread, sew along the four pinned seams. Trim the excess felt along the diagonal shoulder seam. Turn the felt right side out.
- 6. With the green felt, cut triangles to form the neckline. Cut as many as needed for the neckline. I cut 10 triangles that were approximately 5 inches by 5 inches by 4.5 inches.
- 7. Lay the triangles overlapping around the neckline. Pin the triangles to the red as you place them.
- 8. With matching green thread, sew around the entire neckline close to the neck opening securing the triangles to the red felt. Remove the pins as you sew.





- 9. Lay the costume out and on both the front and the back, cut a semi-circle edge along the bottom from one side seam to the other. Fold the costume in half to create a more uniform semi-circle.
- 10. Lay the entire costume out on a flat surface. With the black puffy paint, dot paint in a random pattern to form the seeds. If desired, you can place black beads on top of the puffy paint.





- 11. Once the first side is dry, flip the costume over and repeat the paint to form seeds.
- 12. For the head piece, cut a circle and a small rectangle out of green felt.
- 13. Glue the circle to the headband. Fold the rectangle in half and glue leaving a 1/2 tail without glue on either side. Flare the 1/2 inch sides out and glue to the circle on the headband to form the stem.





Little Pig DIY Halloween Costume

By Katie from Blue Eyed Freckle

Homemade Halloween costumes are a great way to save money and make a memory you'll cherish forever. This Little Pig DIY Halloween Costume is adorable, easy, and perfect for girls of any age. Follow this guide to learn how to make a costume that transforms your little girl into a little piggie that resembles the cherished book character, Olivia. The cute red sailor dress is simple and sure to make everyone smile. Add pig ears, a nose, and striped leggings to complete the look. This DIY Halloween costume is sure to be a trick-or-treat winner.



Materials:

- Red cotton knit (stretchy)
- White broadcloth or white fabric
- Velcro
- Black felt

- Black and white stockings or leggings
- Black fabric or ribbon
- Pink and peach felt
- Headband
- Pig nose

Instructions:

- 1. Start by folding your red fabric over, making sure it is going to stretch horizontally (if it doesn't stretch both ways).
- 2. Lay a shirt that fits your child on top of the fabric. Make sure that it is in similar fabric that stretches.





3. Trace it, leaving about 1/2 inch or more on all sides for the inseam.





5. Create a tube of fabric to be the bottom of the dress by cutting out two rectangles and sewing down the vertical sides.





6. Sew the top of the dress together and then turn it inside out.



7. Pin the tube, right sides together, to the bottom edge of the top.



8. Sew the two pieces together and turn it right side out to complete the dress body.







9. Draw out a rectangle on your white fabric before making a circle that is a little bit larger than the neck of the dress. Draw out one side, cut it out, and then fold the piece over to trace it onto the fabric to insure that it is symmetrical.



10. Cut out the entire collar.



11. Sew the collar pieces together, leaving a small hole.



- 12. Turn the collar pieces inside out before topstitching the entire collar.
- 13. Sew the Velcro onto the collar.
- 14. Create the black tie portion of the color by sewing a small tube of fabric before tying into a ribbon. You could use black ribbon, as well.
- 15. Cut the black stars out and attach them to the collar.
- 16. Create the ears by cutting 2 large triangles from the pink felt and two smaller triangles from the peach. Hot glue these together before attaching them to the headband.







Snow Princess Dress Tutorial

By Pui Hua from Fun with Little Ones

What childhood would be complete without idolizing a famous hero? If you have a little girl in your life, chances are she'd love for you to try this Snow Princess Dress Tutorial. Inspired by the blockbuster, this dress tutorial can guide you in sewing a gown that looks just like the wintery wonderland princess, Elsa, who served as the inspiration. Take some tips from this step-by-step photographic post on how to piece together a bodice. Whatever current dress fits your girl can be the starting point for measuring this DIY dress. Learn how to make a completely handmade gown that will inspire creativity and fun in your girl's life.



Materials:

- 1 ½ yards of satin fabric
- ½ yard of lining cotton fabric
- 2 yards of tulle
- 3 matching buttons

- 2 2 inch elastic
- Matching threads
- Sewing Machine

Instructions:



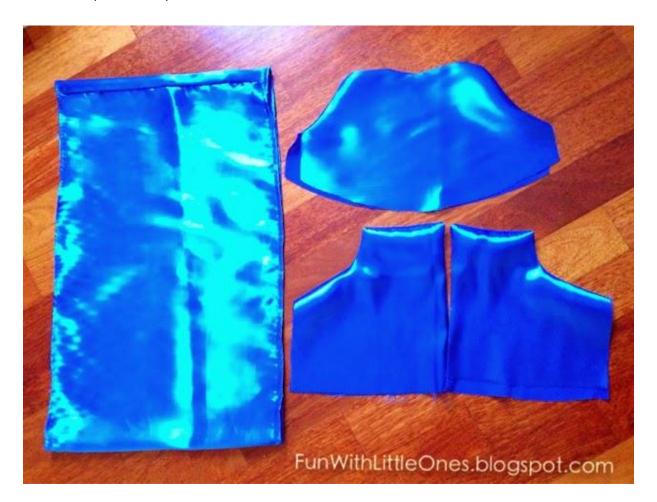
1. Cut out the pieces of the dress to resemble the shapes below.

Key

- 1. Front Bodice
 - 4 pieces font and back
 - 8 pieces if you are creating a lining.
- 2. Back Bodice
 - 2 pieces
- 3. Skirt Pattern
 - a. 1 cut in Satin Fabric
 - b. 1 cut in Tulle



- 2. If you are adding a lining, sew the lining pieces to the top bodice.
- 3. Sew the tulle fabric onto the skirt using a long stich, and then pull both ends of the thread to gather the skirt. To create the ruffle effect on the tulle skirt, remember to cut the skirt fabric at least 50% longer than the bodice.
- 4. Press all the pieces with your iron.



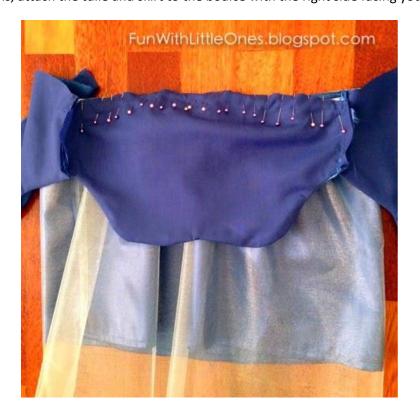
5. Attach the front and back bodice at the sides with right side facing you.



6. Sew and serge around the raw edges.



7. Using fabric pins, attach the tulle and skirt to the bodice with the right side facing you.





- 8. Serge around the raw edges to avoid fraying.
- 9. Now that the skirt is 80% done, attach the 2 rectangular tulle pieces as shoulder straps. You may want your girl to try it on to ensure the length will fit properly.
- 10. For the cape, use ½ yard of tulle fabric, serge the edges and attach the elastic loops on top corners to form a "U" shape, so it can usually hook onto a button.
- 11. Add embellishments and buttons!





Royal and Red DIY Princess Costume

By Autumn from It's Always Autumn

If you have a little lady in your life gearing up for Halloween, the word princess has probably been suggested time and time again. Princess costumes can be tough to locate and not always the warmest pieces for a fall night out. Our solution? This Royal and Red DIY Princess Costume! When it comes to homemade Halloween costumes, this one takes the cake. Your girl will stay warm, look pretty, and absolutely love her new dress. You can even switch up the colors to make a dress that resembles her favorite princess.



Materials:

- A shirt that fits your girl
- 1 yard of crushed panne fabric
- A scrap of contrasting fabric

- 2 yards of cheap trim
- Matching thread

Instructions:

1. Chop up the old t-shirt in order to create a pattern to work from. Begin with cutting it off at your child's natural waist.





2. Cut off the sleeves, then cut the front and back apart at the shoulders and side seams.



3. Cut a V-shape from the front to make 3 front bodice pieces.



4. Cut the sleeve apart about an inch and a half below the underarm to make an upper arm piece and a lower arm piece.





5. Cut out the 3 front pieces and 1 back piece. Remember to add 1/2 seam allowance around all cut edges.



6. To make a princess sleeve, you'll want to add width to the top part of the sleeve. You'll need to cut your sleeve pieces on a fold, but instead of lining up the upper sleeve with your fold, move it about 2 inches away from the fold and then cut around it as shown above. For the lower sleeve I just widened it at the bottom and added a little extra length for a hem (as seen above).





7. Your first step will be to assemble the front bodice. Place the V piece RST with one side of the bodice and stitch. Then open it up and lay on the other side of the bodice and stitch that. Press both seams and your front piece will look like this:



8. Embellish your bodice however you would like. The original project featured gold trim, pinned down, and then sewn over in gold-colored thread.





- 9. Now you'll place the front bodice down on the back bodice, RST, and sew the shoulder seams.
- 10. Now it's time for the sleeves. Sew a gathering stitch along the top and bottom of the upper sleeve, as shown below. (A gathering stitch is just a straight stitch at a low tension after you sew it you can pull on the bottom thread to gather.) Gather it up until it's the same width as the lower sleeve, as shown below right.





- 11. Next you'll flip the upper sleeve down onto the lower sleeve and sew straight across. Repeat with other sleeve.
- 12. Next you'll attach the sleeve to the dress. In the photo below you can see the bodice is sewn together at the shoulders and laying opened up on a table. One sleeve (with the gathered portion at the shoulder) is placed near the armhole.



13. Flip the sleeve down so it's RST with the bodice and pin the sleeve into the armhole, pulling gathering stitch tighter or looser as needed to fit. Sew in. Repeat with other sleeve.



14. Now you can sew up the sleeve, around the underarm, and down the side.



15. Try it on and take it in down the sleeves/sides if needed.



16. For the skirt you just need a big rectangle. Sew the rectangle into a tube, and then sew a gathering stitch all the way around the top. Gather it up until it's the same width as the bodice, and then place the bodice inside the gathered skirt RST. Even out your gathers and pin together well, then sew. You'll want this seam to have some stretch, so either serge or use a narrow zigzag.



- 17. Try it on and mark your hem, then just turn it up and hem with a straight stitch. Turn up the sleeves and hem as well. For the neckline I just turned it under, pressed, and sewed along it using a zig-zag so it would still stretch over her head.
- 18. As a final step you can add trim around the sleeve hem and even around the neckline as long as the trim stretches OR the neckline is big enough to fit over her head without stretching.





Other DIY Halloween Costumes

<u>Little Lion Man</u> **Easy Halloween Costume**

By Kimberly from A Night Owl Blog

Moms who are scrambling to make a last-minute kid's Halloween costume will immediately fall in love with this Little Lion Man Easy Halloween Costume. This easy kid's Halloween costume is simple to make, completely nosew, and insanely adorable. Whether you want your kiddo to dress as the Lion from the Wizard of Oz or sport a Simba Lion King costume, this must-make mane will do the trick! Just grab some yarn and get to crafting.



Materials:

- Yellow Shirt
- Yarn (fluffy, multi-color works best!

- Scissors
- Brown eyeliner (or Halloween make-up)

Instructions:

1. Simply wrap rounds of yarn around your fingers, like you're making a yarn pom-pom!





2. Tie a length of yarn around the rounds of yarn to secure.



3. Cut across the rounds of yarn on the opposite side and fluff.



4. Repeat this step, making plenty of yarn "pom-poms" for the mane!





5. Now braid 6 lengths of yarn to create a thick headband that you'll use to tie the mane on. You'll want to make sure that it's long enough once braided to tie around your child's head.



6. Tie off each end of the braided cord.



7. Starting from the middle of the cord, attach the yarn pom-poms by simply tying them to the cord.



8. Now that you have a fluffy mane, combine it with some adorable face paint and a yellow shirt and your kiddo is ready to go!



Chameleon Kids Halloween Costume

By Erin Bettis from Patricia's Daughter

Whether your tot is totally into lizards or just loves Pascal from the Disney movie *Rapunzel*, this easy and clever kid's Halloween costume is sure to make their trick or treating the best it can be. Warm and easy to slip on, the Chameleon Easy Halloween Costume can be created in under an hour. So, if you are looking for a great last-minute Halloween costume this year, this is most certainly an option.



Materials:

- Footed hoodie one piece pajamas in green
- One yard of matching green felt
- Poly-Fill Craft/Pillow Stuffing
- One wire hanger
- Scissors
- Black marker or fabric pen
- Two large white pom poms

- Two larger brown buttons
- Two smaller black buttons
- One large safety pin
- Needle, thread, sewing machine
- (Optional) Varying shades of green felt leaves.
- One long roll of sticky Velcro







Instructions:

1. Fold your yard of felt in half. With your marker or fabric pen, trace out the shape of your tail and cut it out. Save the remaining felt for later.





2. Fold the fabric in half down the length of the tail with the dull-side out and sew along the edge leaving the bottom/widest part open to be able to fill with stuffing; like you're sewing a seam for a pillow.





3. Turn it inside out and fill with stuffing. Take your wire hanger and straighten it out. Slide it down through the stuffing. You may want to use the hanger to push the stuffing down into the tip of the tail. Once you have the stuffing and wire pushed in all the way to the tip, curve the tail to your liking.



- 4. Sew the opening at the end of the tail to keep the stuffing from spilling out.
- 5. Create the eyes by placing the smaller-sized black buttons inside the larger brown buttons. Hand sew these onto each large white pom pom as if you're sewing buttons onto a shirt. Then, hand-sew your eyes onto the hood of the footed pajamas.





- 6. Now it is time to make the scales. With your leftover felt, fold your fabric in half, then trace and cut out the shape of scales. Next, open up the fold of the piece you just made, and cut along the fold so that there are two identical pieces to make one scale.
- 7. Next, grab a felt pair and match it up evenly. Thread right through the middle to attach them together. I made my stich about 0.5in above the bottom of the scale. Do this for all of your scales.
- 8. Once they're stitched together, grab your Velcro. Cut small strips of Velcro. It is easiest to adhere both sides of your Velcro together prior to cutting so that the sides match in length.
- 9. Open the base of the stitched scale and stick a piece of Velcro there. Place the other side of your Velcro onto the Pajamas where you want the scale to go.



10. Attach the tail to the footie pajamas with a safety pin after having your child try it on and you determine where it should go. You do not want to tail to drag too much on the ground. You can sew it on, as well.



Turtle Shell Kid's Halloween Costume Idea

By Jessica from the Almost Perfectionist

Whether your kiddo just loves turtles or is looking to be a Ninja Turtle for Halloween, this Turtle Shell Kid's Halloween Costume Idea will do the trick. Easily created, worn like a backpack, and a cheap alternative to a store-bought piece, this cute kid's Halloween costume idea is extra creative. You can easily pair it with some green pants and a shirt to make a super simple costume. If you are looking to make a toddler Halloween costume, just make it a few inches smaller and you will be good to go!



Materials:

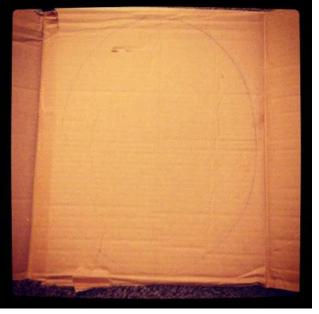
- 1 yard of green felt
- 4 sheets of a lighter green felt
- 1 ½ yards of green webbing

- Polyfill stuffing
- A cardboard box

Instructions:

1. Deconstruct and open up your cardboard box and draw an oval onto one of the larger, flat portions of the box.







2. Cut out the oval and trace it onto another part of the box. Cut out a second cardboard oval.



3. Trace the oval onto the green felt and cut it out.





4. Trace the oval onto the felt again; draw dots 3 inches away from the original oval line. Cut out the larger oval on the dotted line.



5. Machine baste around the edge of the larger oval (with the stitch length as long as possible).

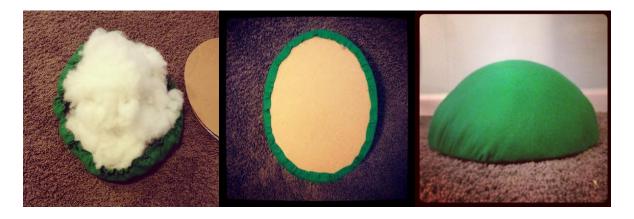




6. Pull the threads carefully to gather the edge of the oval.



7. Cram as much stuffing into the shell as you can. Place the doubled-up cardboard ovals over the stuffing and begin hot gluing the felt to the cardboard. When you are about ¾ of the way through gluing, shove more stuffing into the shell and attempt to distribute the filling to give it a dome-like shape.





8. Cut the webbing to the appropriate length for the straps and hot glue the straps to the cardboard.



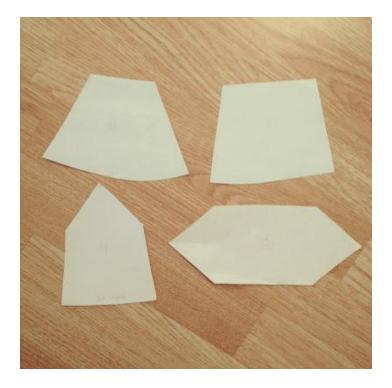
9. Glue the original felt oval over the cardboard. Cut slits in the felt oval to go over the straps.







10. Use printer paper to cut out the shapes for the turtle shell.

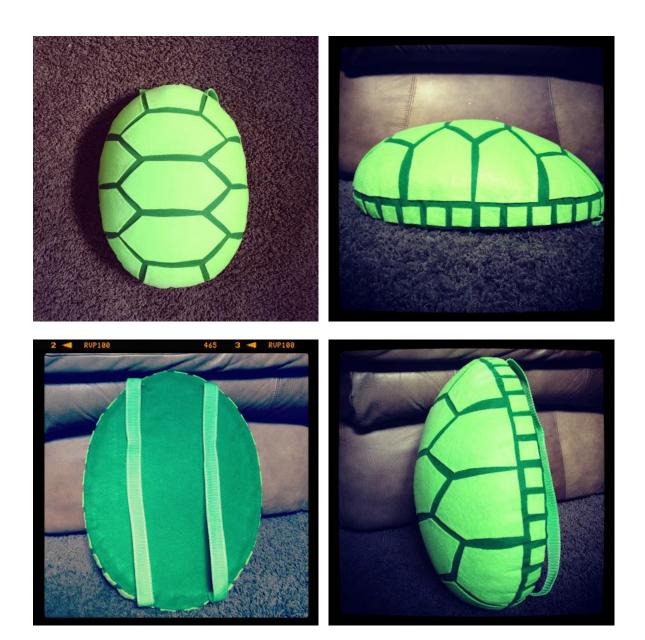


- 11. Lay them on top of the lighter green felt, trace, and then cut them out.
- 12. Use the leftover fabric to cut out 1 inch squares.





13. Glue the felt squares around the edge of the costume and then let it dry to finish.





Baby Hedgehog Kid's Halloween Costume

By Alida from Alida Makes

If you are searching for a quick and cuddly easy kids Halloween costume, this Baby Hedgehog Kid's Halloween Costume will do the trick. Made out of warm fleece and attached to a warm jumpsuit or hoodie, this easy Halloween costume is ideal if you live somewhere where Halloween might be extra chilly. This costume pulls double duty by dressing your little one up and keeping them cuddly warm. Plus, a comfy costume can soothe the fussiest and grumpiest of trick or treating toddlers.



Materials:

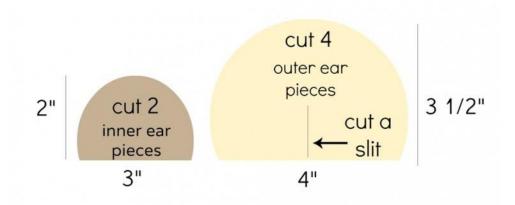
- ½ yard of cream, tan, and brown fleece each
- Scissors
- Children's hoodie

- Sewing Machine
- Thread

Instructions:

1. Print out the pattern for the hedgehog's ears.

Hedgehog Ears



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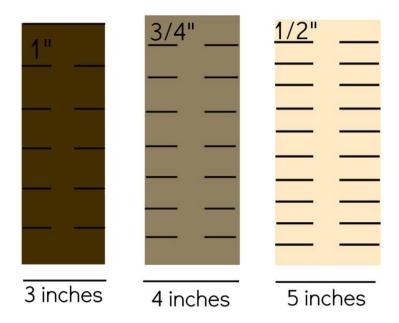
2. Complete the ears by following the steps below.





3. Once you have added the ears, cut out many strips of fleece. The bigger the hoodie you are using, the more strips you will need. The length of the strips will depend the hoodie, as well. Have your child put on the hoodie and then measure from the front of the hood to the bottom of the back and add 2 or so inches to this measurement.

Cut strips of fleece



4. On the white stripes, cut points on each fringe in order to make quills.





5. Stack on strip of each fabric on top of in this order: brown, tan, cream. Then pin it to the back of the hoodie and sew it down.



6. You want fringes going all the way across the back from one side seam of the hoodie to the other.





how to keep your kid warm on a chilly halloween

- 1. Make all-weather costumes by making outfits out of warm fabrics like fleece.
- 2. Craft warm-up accesories like shawls for a princess or an over-coat for a pirate.
- 3. Layer up by having your little one wear a onesie or long undies under their duds.
- 7. When you're done sewing down one set of fringes push them over to the side and sew down another. You want them to be pretty close together so that they stick up.
- 8. Trim the quills so that you can properly see the ears, add a make-up nose, and your little one is good to go!















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