

Halloween



15
easy DIY
projects



Dare to *decorate*

with easy DIY *Halloween* projects.



Need to create some Halloween spirit in a hurry?

These simple projects, created with FloraCraft® Make it: Fun® Foam, are sure to do the trick (or treat)! From grinning jack o' lanterns and ghastly ghosts to vintage topiaries and spine-chilling spiders, just choose your favorite design, follow the step-by-step instructions in these pages, and conjure up your very own spellbinding style!



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FA-BOO-LOUS Felt Friends



SUPPLIES FOR THIS PROJECT:

FloraCraft® Make It: Fun® Foam:

- Balls: 8", 1.5"
- Block: 12"x 5"
- Disc: (3) 8"x1"
- Cone: 12"

Other Materials:

- Felt: Black, White, Yellow, Pink, Orange, Dark Green and Lime Green
- Buttons: Black and Orange, Assorted Sizes
- Thin Wood Dowel
- Chenille Stem: Black
- Acrylic Paint: Black

Tools:

- Make It: Fun® Foam Tools
- Low-Temp Glue Gun
- Scissors
- Serrated Knife
- Paint Brush
- Fine Sandpaper
- String
- Straight Pins

FA-BOO-LOUS Felt Friends

INSTRUCTIONS:

Jack O' Lantern



Cut a small flat spot off the top and bottom of the 8" ball. Cut a small 1" hole about 1" deep in the top of the ball. Use your fingers to press in the foam around the hole to create a rounded slope at the top of the pumpkin.



Cut seven 12" lengths of string. Pin the strings around the pumpkin from top to bottom evenly spaced. Use the tuck tool to press a line along each of the strings from top to bottom. Remove the strings.



Cut the seven pumpkin sections from the orange felt using the template as a guide. Lay a felt section centered over the scribed section on the pumpkin. Use the tuck tool to tuck the edges of the felt into the scribed lines. Alternate tucking the felt on each side of the section to keep the felt smooth. Repeat to cover the rest of the pumpkin.

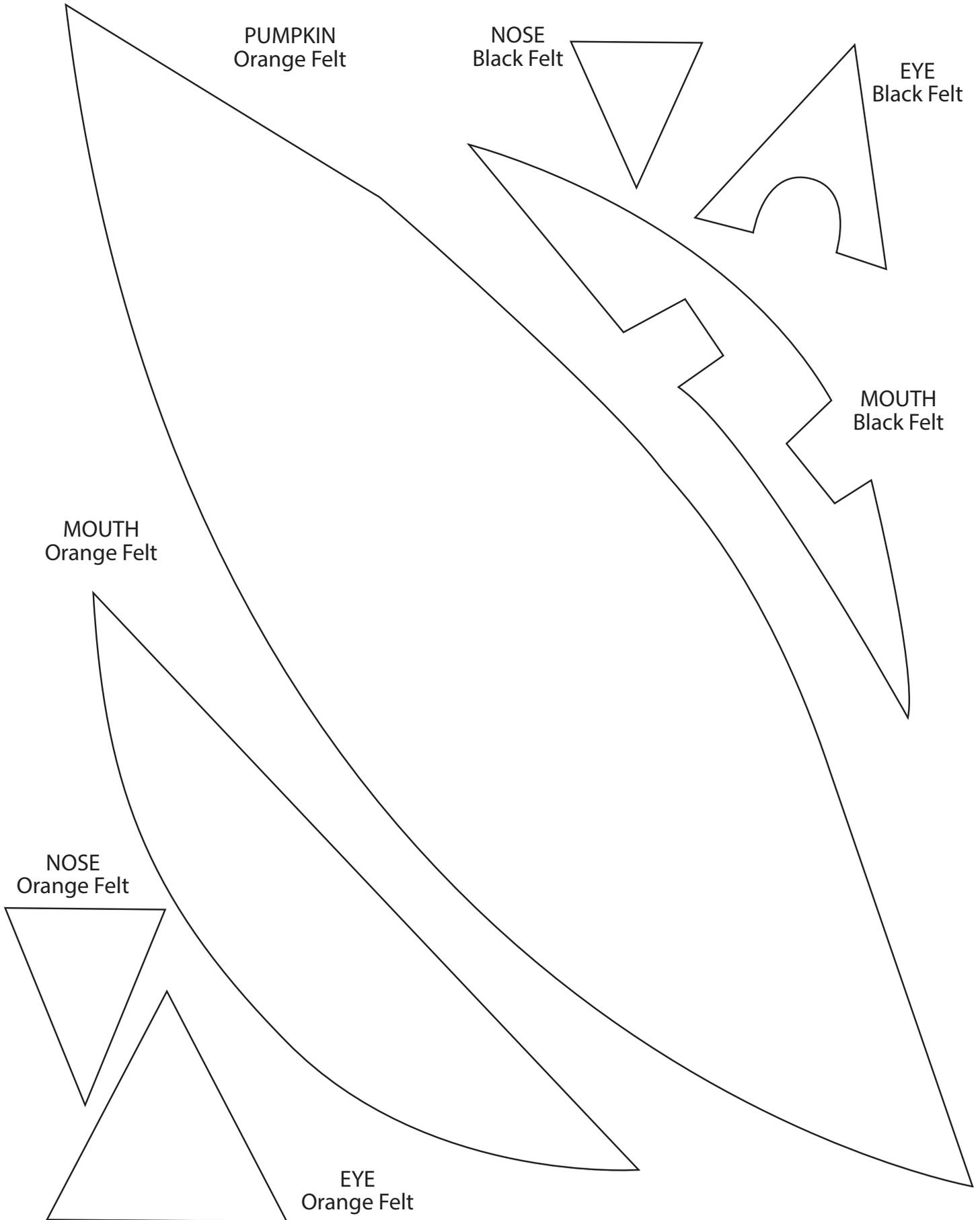


Cut a triangle shape from the dark green felt about 6" tall and 4" wide at the bottom. Roll the triangle up from the wide end to the point to create the stem. Glue the stem in place. Cut two small leaf shapes and glue them by the stem. Cut two small circles into spirals and glue them by the stem for the vines.



Cut the triangle eyes, nose and mouth from yellow felt. Cut the eyes nose and mouth out slightly smaller from the black felt. Be sure to cut out the notches for the teeth in the black felt. Glue all the parts in place. Glue orange buttons to the eyes.

Template for *Jack O' Lantern*



FA-BOO-LOUS Felt Friends

INSTRUCTIONS:

Black Cat



Glue the three 8" discs together one on top of the other. Cut a 3" flat spot on the bottom of the stacked disc so that the cat can stand on edge. Glue a 3" wide strip of black felt around the outside edge of the disc to completely cover.



Cut two 16" circles from the black felt. Use scissors to cut wide fringe into the edge of the two circles. Cut the fringe about 3" long and about 1" wide. Be sure that both circles have the same number of fringe as they will be paired up and tied together. Sandwich the disc between the two felt circles.



Cut the three pieces of bottom fringe that align with the flat spot at the bottom of the disc to about 1.5". Glue the fringe flat against the bottom of the disc. This will create a flat surface for the disc to stand on and keep the felt in place as you tie the fringe. Begin tying the front and back fringe together around the disc. Work back and forth from side to side as you tie to keep the felt centered on the disc. You should end at the top of the disc.

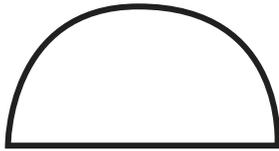


Cut out the ears and face parts from the corresponding colors of felt and glue them to the face. When attaching the eyelids, glue just the top curved edge of the lid above the eye. Allow the bottom edge of the lid to curve out and hang free over the eye to add dimension. Glue black buttons to the eyes as shown. Glue a small pleat in the center of the bottom of the ears to give them a shape. Glue the ears to the top of the head about 2" apart.

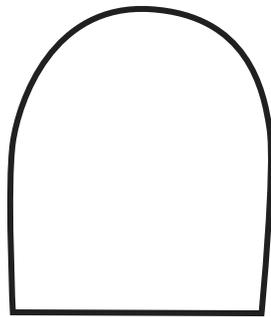
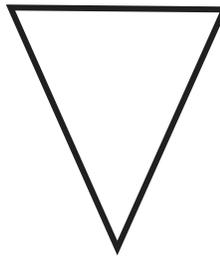


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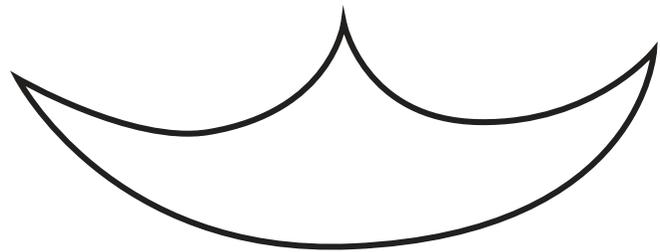
EYELID
Black Felt



NOSE
Pink Felt



EYE
Orange Felt



MOUTH
White Felt

FA-BOO-LOUS Felt Friends

INSTRUCTIONS:

Green Monster



Cut 2" from the 5" edge of the sheet. Glue this 2" piece to the front of the remaining 10" piece to form an "L" shape.



Cut five 9"x4" pieces of felt. Cut 1/4" fringe about 3.5" long along the 9" edge of each piece. Cut one 9"x5" piece of felt and cut 1/4" fringe about 4.5" long along the 9" edge. Glue this piece across the front of the 2" base and around to the back. Glue the remaining fringed felt layered up the front of the body evenly spaced.



Cut a 9"x3" piece of felt and cut fringe the same way for the hair. Loosely roll the fringe from 3" edge to 3" edge. Glue the hair to the top of the head.

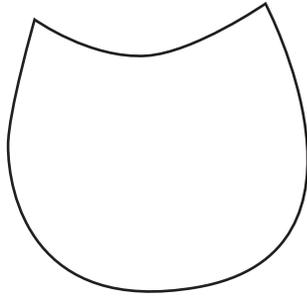


Cut out the face parts from the black and white felt. Glue the parts in place. Glue large and small buttons to the eyes.



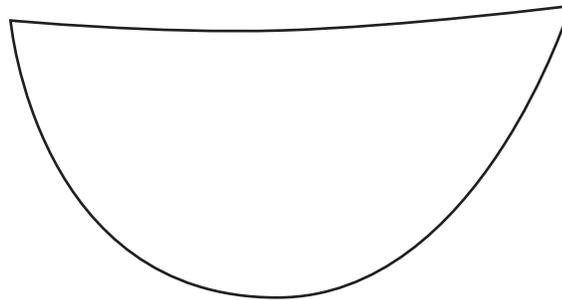
Template for *Green Monster*

EYE
White Felt



TEETH
White Felt

MOUTH
Black Felt



FA-BOO-LOUS Felt Friends

INSTRUCTIONS:

Ghost



To create the legs and feet, cut the 1.5" ball in half. Paint the two halves black and let dry. Cut two 3.5" lengths of dowel and paint black as well. Glue the dowel into the top rounded side of each ball and set aside.



Cut a triangle from the white felt that is 24" at the base and 13" tall. Glue the felt triangle into a cone shape, overlapping the edges about a 1/2". Place the foam cone inside the felt cone. Trim and fold the top of the felt neatly over the top of the foam cone to secure in place.



Wrap black chenille stems around the legs to completely cover. Glue the legs into the bottom of the body about 2" apart.



Cut two small circles for the eyes and a mouth shape of black felt and glue in place. Glue black buttons in the centers of the eyes.





SUPPLIES FOR THIS PROJECT:

FloraCraft® Make It: Fun® Foam:

- Sheet: 2"x12"x36"
- Discs: (6) 8"
- Cubes: (5) 5"

Other Materials:

- FloraCraft Smooth Finish®
- Acrylic Paint: Black, White, Yellow, Orange and Off White
- 3/4" Wood Dowels: 9", 16" and 24" Lengths
- Poster Board: Black
- Fabric Scraps: Coordinating Colors

Tools:

- Make It: Fun® Foam Tools
- Low-Temp Glue Gun
- Scissors
- Serrated Knife
- Paint Brushes
- Fine Sandpaper
- Hand Saw
- Sequin Pins

INSTRUCTIONS:

step 1

Print and cut out the templates. Trace templates on to the foam sheet and cut out the shapes using the serrated knife.



step 2

Use the scrap pieces of foam as sanding blocks to "sand" the edges of the shapes smooth and slightly rounded.



step 3

Use the scribe tool to indent the areas around the eyes, nose, and mouth of the pumpkin and to create the grooves in the top of the pumpkin and the stem. Use the scribe to also indent the cat's ears.

step 4

Form small scraps of foam into rounded half balls and glue them to the pumpkin's face for cheeks.

step 5

To create the stands, cut one cube exactly in half using the serrated knife. For the tallest stand, glue two cubes stacked together and glue one half cube on top of the two. For the middle sized stand, glue the other half cube on top of another cube. The last cube is for the smallest stand. Bevel the corners of all the cubes by cutting off about a 1" flat edge on each corner. Use the serrated knife to cut a 4" wide flat edge off four sides of each disc. Glue the discs to the tops and bottoms of the cubes, being sure to line up the flat edge of the disc with the flat side of the cube.



INSTRUCTIONS:

step 6

Apply Smooth Finish® to all foam parts to completely cover. Once dry, sand smooth and apply a second coat. Sand smooth again once dry and set aside.



step 7

Paint the stands, dowels, cat and bat black and let dry. Paint the indented areas of the pumpkin grooves, the eyes, nose and mouth and the stem black. Let dry. Paint the face on the cat and bat as shown and paint the pumpkin off white. Use a smaller brush to apply a little off white paint over top of the black indented areas and the stem using a dry brushing technique to give a distressed look. Dry brush a little orange paint around the mouth, cheeks and face of the pumpkin to highlight.



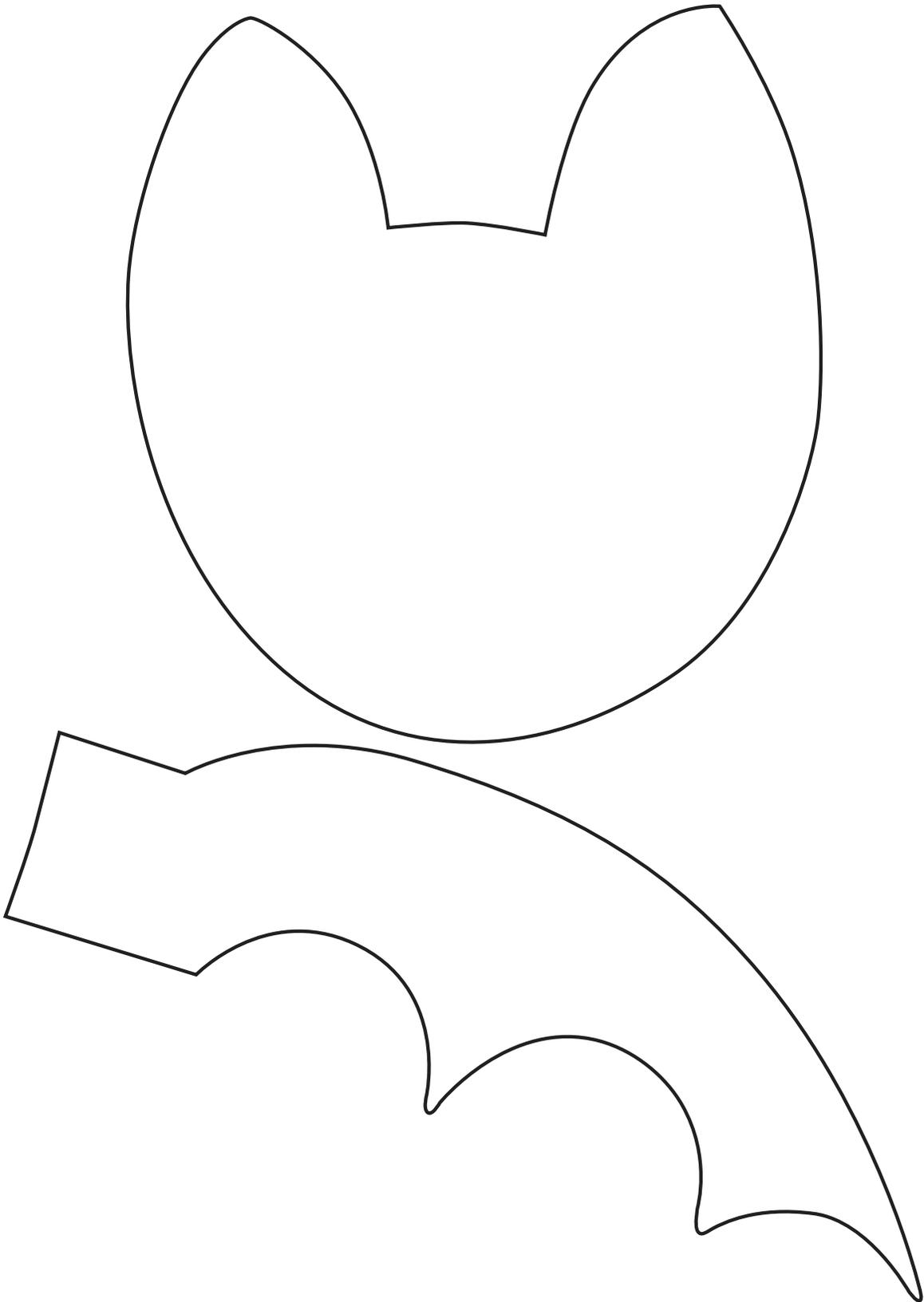
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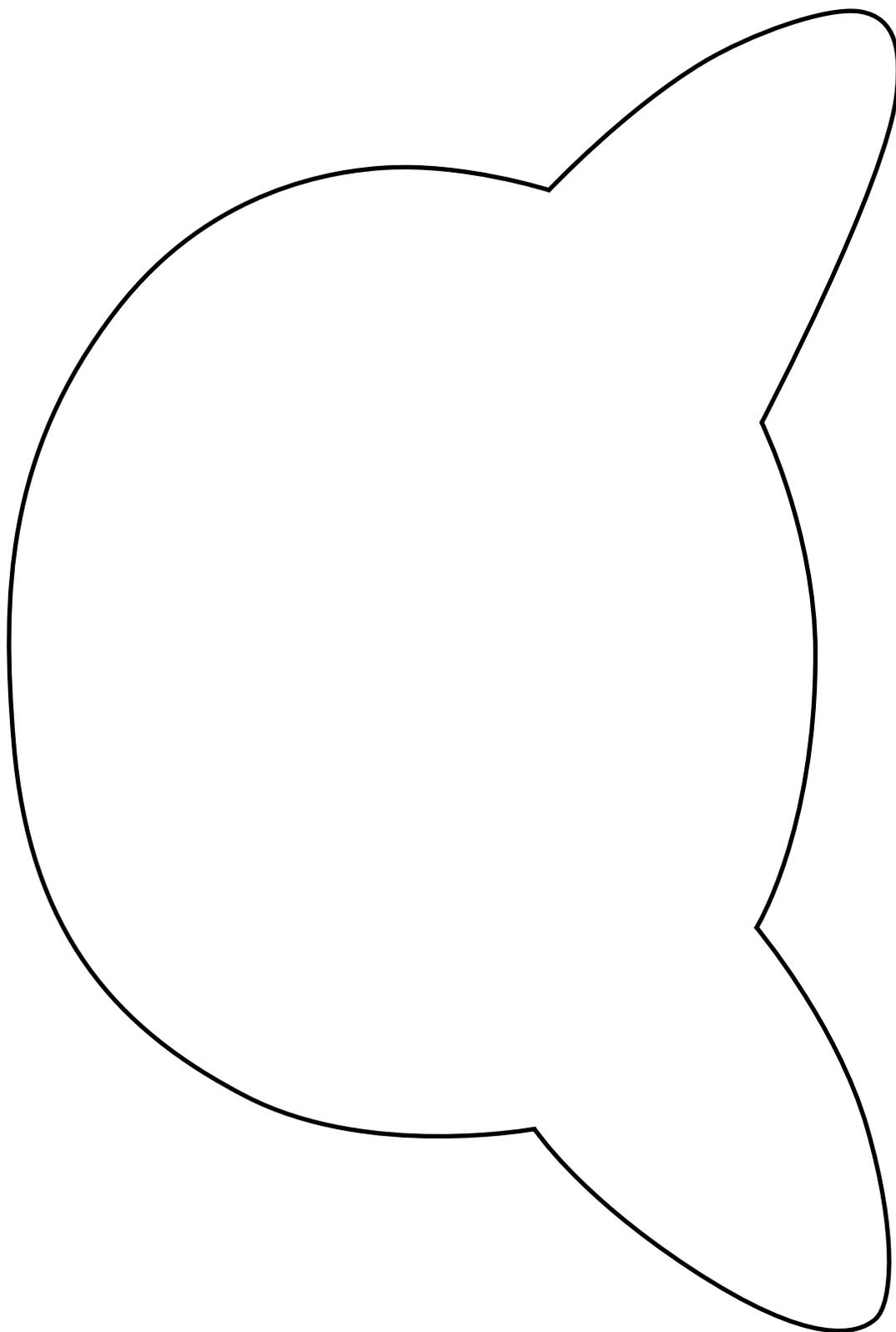
Cut out the wings from the poster board following the template. Cut out an 8" circle from the poster board as well, and cut a spiral pattern into the 8" circle. Glue the wings in place on the back of the bat.

step 9

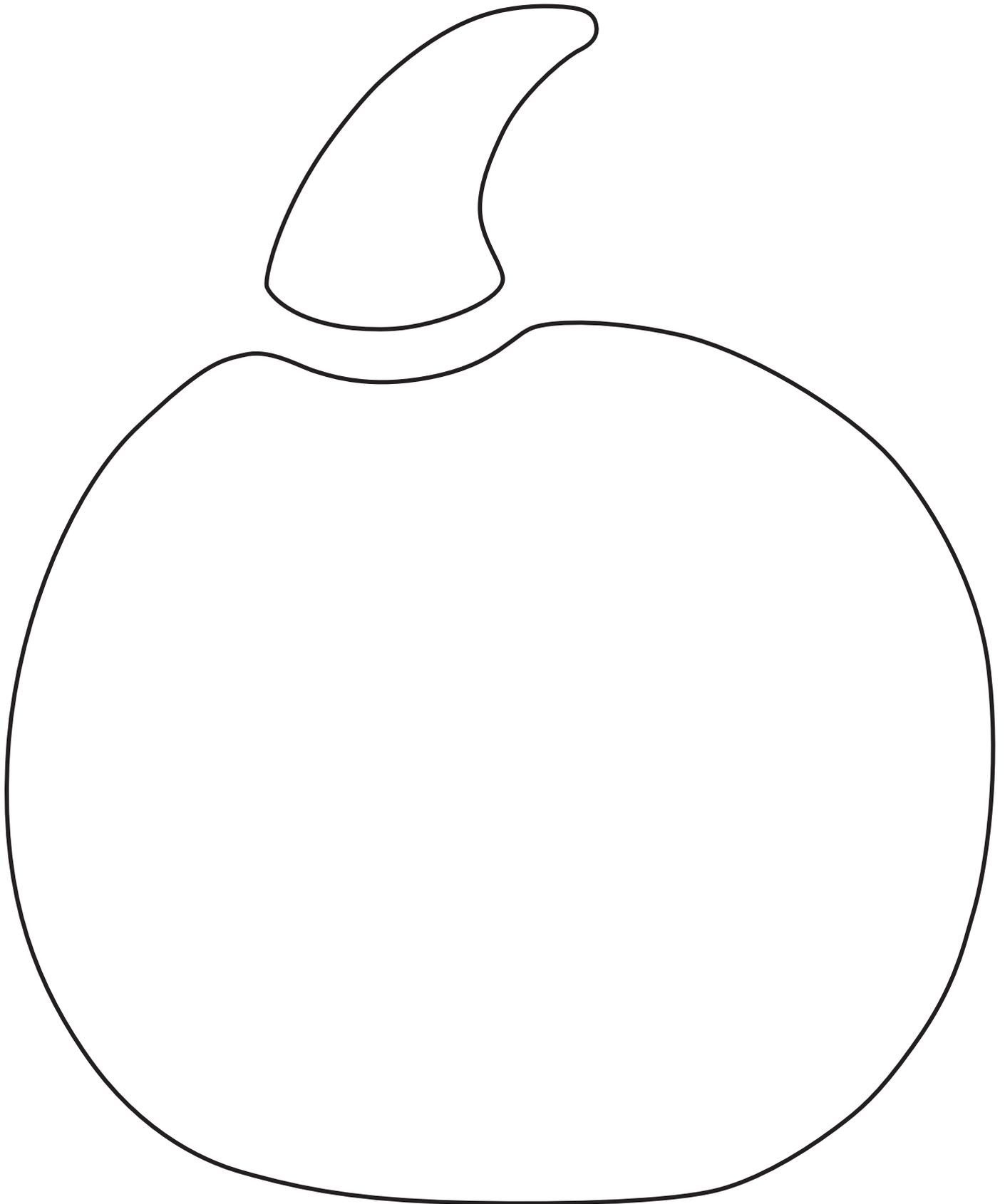
Firmly insert the dowels about 2 inches into the bottom of the heads making sure they are straight. Remove the dowels. Firmly insert the dowels straight into the tops of the stands about 3". Glue the dowels in place in the stands and glue the shapes to the tops of the dowels. Glue the paper spiral cascading down the tallest dowel. Tear strips of fabric and tie around the tops of the dowels to embellish.







Template for *Jack O' Lantern*



Glowing *Jack O' Lantern* Silhouettes



SUPPLIES FOR THIS PROJECT:

FloraCraft® Make It: Fun® Foam:

- Sheets: 1"x12"x 36"

Other Materials:

- Acrylic Paint: Black and Yellow
- Tissue Paper: Orange
- Battery Operated Lights

Tools:

- Low-Temp Glue Gun
- Serrated Knife
- Scissors
- Paint Brushes

Glowing *Jack O' Lantern* Silhouettes

INSTRUCTIONS:

step 1

Print and cut out the paper templates and pin them to the sheets of foam. Use the serrated knife to cut out each of the pumpkins and to carve out the faces.



step 2

Paint the pumpkins black on all sides and let dry. Paint the inside cut edge of the faces yellow and let dry.



step 3

Cut pieces of orange tissue paper and glue it to the backs of the pumpkin faces. This will give the light an orange glow.

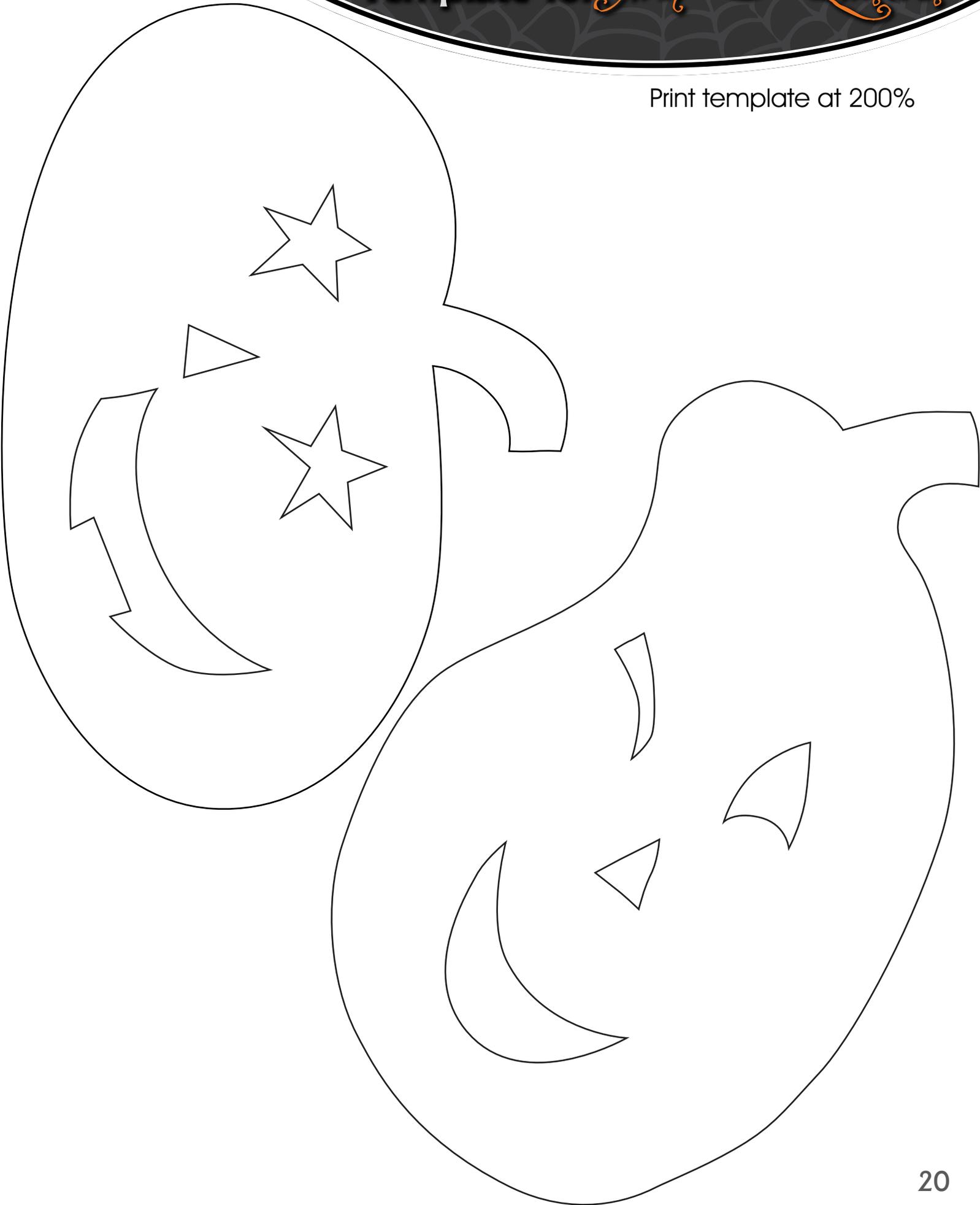


step 4

Glue the pumpkins together slightly overlapping the edges from one to the next. Place the battery operated lights behind the pumpkins.

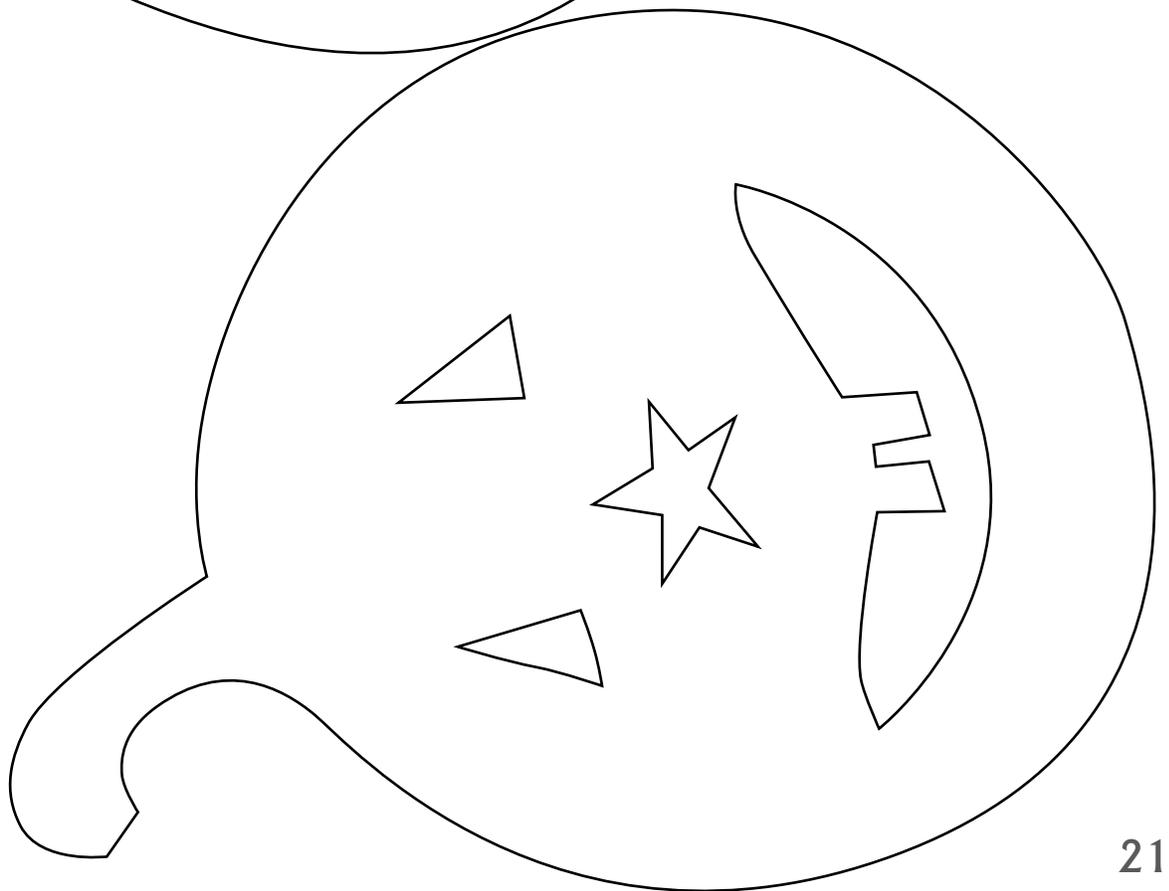
Template for *Jack O' Lantern*

Print template at 200%



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Halloween Owl



SUPPLIES FOR THIS PROJECT:

FloraCraft® Make It: Fun® Foam:

- Discs: 8" and 10"

Other Materials:

- Feather Boas: (2) Brown/Multi and (1) White
- White Faux Fur: (9"x 4")
- (2) Large Silk Mums: White
- Black Witch Hat: (6")
- (2) Orange Buttons: (1.5")
- (2) Black Half Round Eyes: 25mm
- Acrylic Paint: Orange/Yellow
- Sequin Pins: ¾"

Tools:

- Low-Temp Glue Gun
- Serrated Knife

INSTRUCTIONS:



Cut out the face template and pin it to the 8" disc. Use the knife to cut out the template from the foam. Cut a small flat spot off one side of the 10" disc, this is the bottom of the body. Glue the head to the front of the body slightly tilted to one side.



Glue the orange buttons into the center of the mums. Glue the black eyes into the center of the orange buttons. Glue the mums snug against the foam, centered side by side on the face.



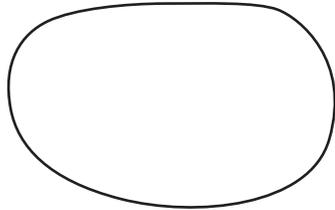
Use the knife to cut the beak and the feet templates from the scrap piece of foam. Use scrap pieces of foam as sanding blocks to "sand" the edges of the beak and feet smooth. Paint the parts orange/yellow and let dry. Glue the beak to the face centered below the eyes. Glue the feet to the front of the body about 1" apart.



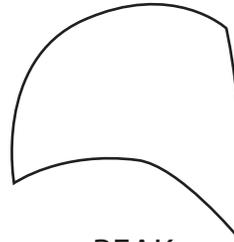
Pin the faux fur centered down the front of the body draping over the feet. Pin a length of white boa outlining the owl's eyes and under the beak. Pin lengths of brown boa to cover each side of the body and the top and sides of the head. Pin two small loops of white boa in a "V" shape to the top of the head for the owl's horns. Pin the hat to the head.



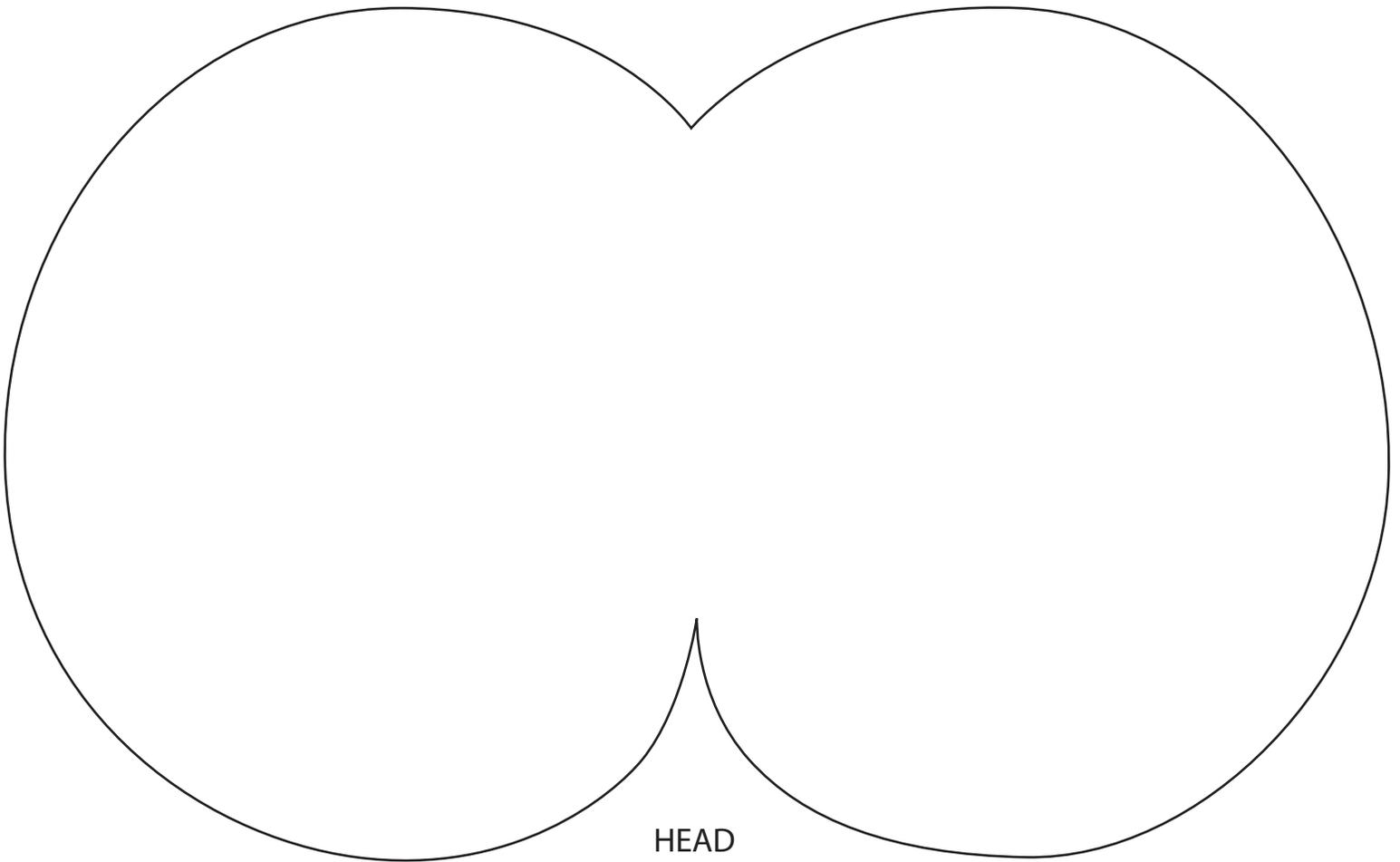
Template for *Owl*



FOOT



BEAK



HEAD

Spiderweb String Art



SUPPLIES FOR THIS PROJECT:

FloraCraft® Make It: Fun® Foam:

- Sheet: 1"x12"x24"

Other Materials:

- Felt: White (28"x16")
- Thin Elastic Jewelry Cord: Gold
- Sequin Pins: Gold
- Thin Gold Jewelry Wire
- Pearls: 1" and 3/4"

Tools:

- Low-Temp Glue Gun
- Scissors
- Wire Cutters
- Ruler
- Black Marker

Spiderweb String Art

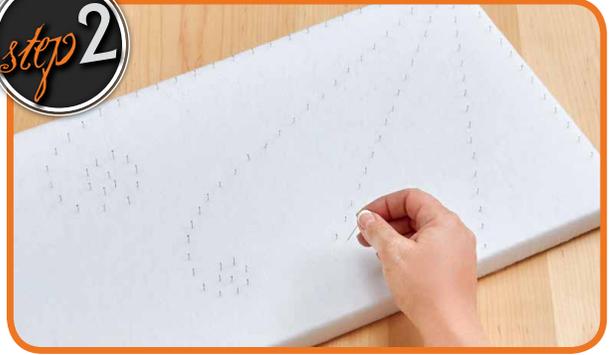
INSTRUCTIONS:

step 1



Center the foam sheet onto the felt. Glue the felt around the foam sheet folding neatly at the corners.

step 2



Print and use the template as a guide to insert your pins into the foam.

step 3



Tie the end of the gold cord tightly to the corner pin at the top and trim off excess. Wrap the cord around the pins across the top row. Be sure to wrap from pin to pin in the same direction to keep the string running straight along the pins. When you reach the end of the row turn around and string back up the row. In this direction, wrap the string around the opposite side of the pin to give a chain link appearance. Tie the end of the cord to the corner pin to secure in place. Repeat this step to string all five rows of pins in the same way.

step 4

Create the connecting strings of the web. The corner pin is pin #1 for each of the five rows of pins. Tie the end of the string to pin #2 at the right side of the board. String along the five #2 pins wrapping in the same direction. Turn around at the #2 pin at the top of the board and wrap in the opposite direction. Tie off the cord back at the #2 pin at the right side of the board. Continue stringing in this same way across the #3 pins, the #4 pins and so on to the #18 pin.

step 5



Glue a length of gold wire through the pearls connecting them together. Draw eyes with black marker onto the smaller pearl. Cut four 4" lengths of wire for the legs and bind them together with a small length of wire. Bend and shape the legs and trim to size. Glue the legs centered under the pearls. Shape a small length of wire into pinchers and glue them into the hole in the center of the pearl. String a 9" length of cord from the web as shown to hang the spider from. Glue the spider in place at the end of the string.

Template for *Spiderwebs*



Spiderweb Pomanders



SUPPLIES FOR THIS PROJECT:

FloraCraft® Make It: Fun® Foam:

- Balls: 4", 5" and 6"

Other Materials:

- Silk Gerbera Daisy Bushes: (3) Purple, (2) Lavender and (1) White
- Acrylic Paint: Black, Purple and Lavender
- Black Glitter
- T-Pins
- Spiderwebbing
- Plastic Spiders

Tools:

- Low-Temp Glue Gun
- Scissors
- Wire Cutters
- Paint Brush

Spiderwebs Pomanders

INSTRUCTIONS:



Paint the 6" ball purple and the 5" ball lavender and let dry. This will camouflage the white ball and blend it in with the flowers.



Paint the centers of the flowers black and while the paint is still wet cover with glitter. The paint will secure the glitter to the flowers as it dries. Let dry.



Insert the flowers into the balls side by side to completely cover. Apply glue to each stem before inserting for a more secure hold. Insert the purple flowers into the 6" purple ball, the lavender flowers into the 5" lavender ball and the white flowers into the unpainted 4" ball.



Cut lengths of ribbon to hang the spheres. Glue and T-pin the ribbons to the foam to secure them in place. Embellish with spiderweb and spiders.



Shaggy Chic *Ghost*



SUPPLIES FOR THIS PROJECT:

FloraCraft® Make It: Fun® Foam:

- Sheet: (2) 1"x12"x 18"

Other Materials:

- (1/4 Yd.) Bleached Muslin
- (1/4 Yd.) Natural Muslin
- Bulky Homespun Yarn: Multi Color Cream/Mocha
- Fringed Yarn: Cream
- Wired Ribbon: Cream/Black Dot
- (2) White Buttons: 1.5"
- (2) 25mm Half Round Eyes: Black
- Heavy Gauge Wire

Tools:

- Make It: Fun® Foam Tools
- Low-Temp Glue Gun
- Scissors
- Serrated Knife
- Wire Cutters

INSTRUCTIONS:

step 1

Glue the two sheets together along the 18" sides. Print and cut out the template and pin it to the foam. Use the serrated knife to cut out the shape of the ghost.



step 2

Tear the muslin fabrics into 1" strips. Cut each of the strips into 9" lengths. Cut the fringed and bulky yarns into several 9" lengths as well. You can cut more as you go along.

step 3

Start at the bottom of the ghost. Lay the center of a fabric strip about 1/2" in from the edge of the foam. Use the tuck tool to tuck the center of the fabric strip into the foam leaving the ends hang free. Continue tucking fabric strips and yarn lengths along the bottom edge of the foam alternating to ensure equal amounts of each. Move up about 1/2" from this bottom row. Begin tucking in a second row overlapping the first. Repeat this technique to completely cover the front and sides of the ghost.



step 4

Glue the black eyes to the white buttons. Cut two 6" lengths of wire. Bend a small circle into one end of each wire, leaving about a 2" straight end. Glue the circle portions of the wire to the back of each eye. Insert the straight end of the wires into the face of the ghost.

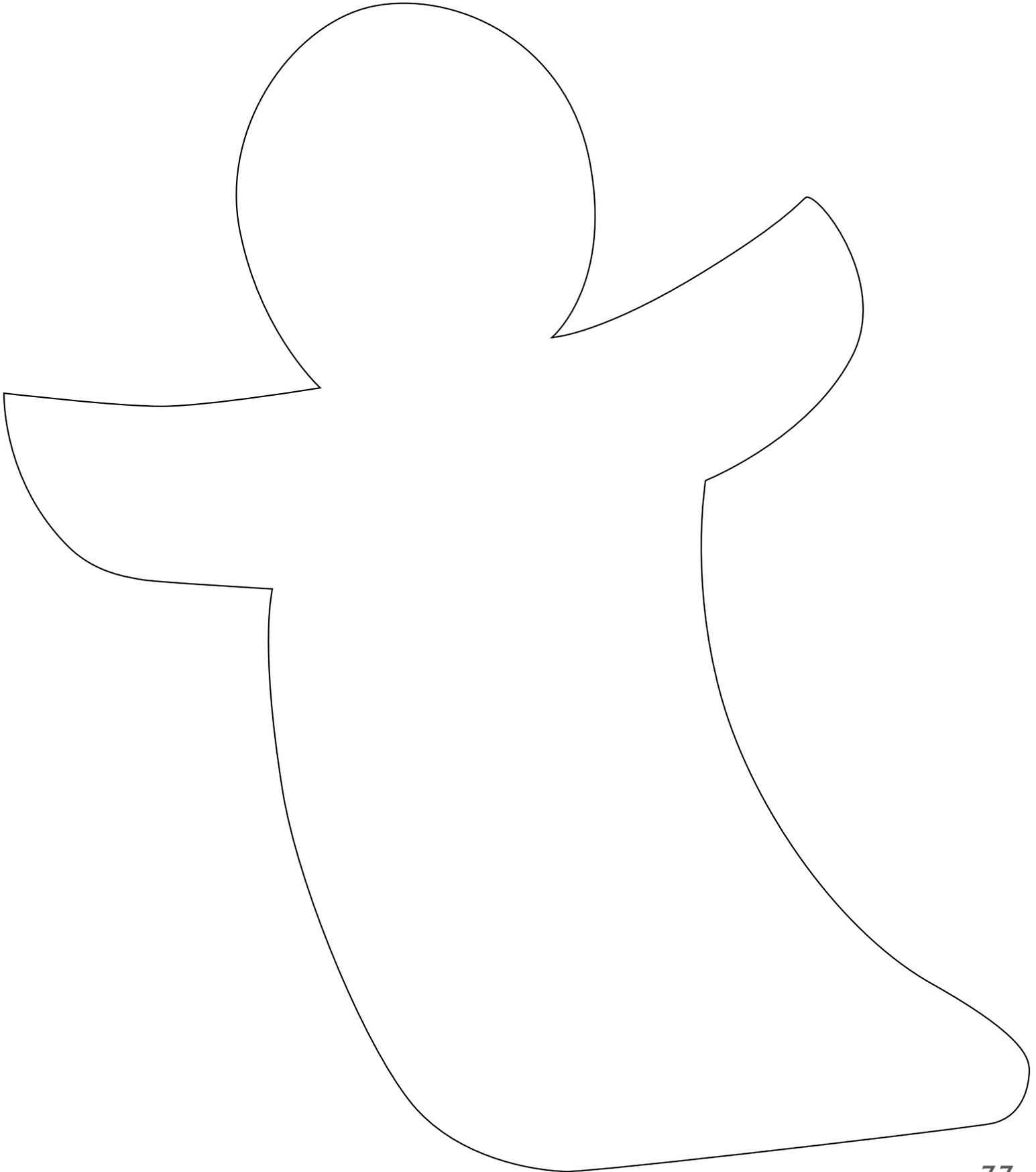


step 5

Make a bow with the ribbon and glue it to the top of the ghost's head.

Template for *Ghost*

Print template at 250%



Day of the Dead Wreath



SUPPLIES FOR THIS PROJECT:

FloraCraft® Make It: Fun® Foam:

- Extruded Foam Wreath: 14"

Other Materials:

- 4" Gathered Lace: Black
- 6" Flat Lace: Black
- (5) Silk Roses: Red
- Acrylic Paint: Red
- Berry Stems
- Spray Paint: Black
- Large Black Spider
- Glitter: Red

Tools:

- Low-Temp Glue Gun
- Scissors
- Wire Cutters
- Sequin Pins

Day of the Dead Wreath

INSTRUCTIONS:

step 1

Cut a 45" length of the 6" flat lace. Cover the wreath with the lace by wrapping the 45" edges around to the back and secure in place with pins and glue. Glue the gathered lace to fan out from the back of the wreath as shown.



step 2

Paint the leaves of the roses red and while the paint is still wet cover them with red glitter. As the paint dries it will secure the glitter to the leaves. Spray paint the berries black and let dry.



step 3

Cut the stems of the roses to about 1". Insert the roses into the wreath along the lower left side. Insert the berries and leaves around the roses. Glue the spider crawling up the right side of the wreath.



Day of the Dead Garland



SUPPLIES FOR THIS PROJECT:

FloraCraft® Make It: Fun® Foam:

- Balls: (3) 4", (5) 1.5"

Other Materials:

- Tissue Paper: Purple, Hot Pink, Orange, Lime Green, Turquoise and White
- Decoupage
- Acrylic Paint: White
- 1-1/2" Felt Flower Buttons: Coordinating Colors
- 15mm Buttons: Coordinating Colors
- Thin Ribbon: Coordinating Colors
- Sharpie® Brush Tip Markers

Tools:

- Low-Temp Glue Gun
- Serrated Knife
- Flat Paint Brush
- Scissors
- Unsharpened Pencil

Day of the Dead Garland

INSTRUCTIONS:



step 1
Cut the 4" balls in half with the serrated knife. Cut out the template and pin it to the cut side of a half ball. Cut out the pie-shaped notches to create the bottom portion of the skull. Roll the edges firmly against the table to round the cut edges and shape the back of the skull. Repeat to create desired amount of skulls.



step 2
Use your thumbs to firmly press the eye sockets into the face of the skulls, about 1" apart and slightly up from the center of the ball. Use your thumb to indent the noses in the same way under the eyes.



step 3
Attach a layer of tissue paper over each skull using decoupage to hold in place. Let dry. Paint each of the skulls white and let dry.



step 4
Glue the felt flower buttons into the eyes and glue the 15mm buttons into the centers. Cut apart the felt buttons to create small heart shapes for the nose and glue in place.



step 5
Use the Sharpie® markers to embellish the skulls as shown.



step 7
Insert the eraser end of the pencil into the center of the rounded side of the 1.5" ball and remove. Lay a stack of tissue circles centered over the hole. Place the pencil eraser end on top of the stack and insert the tissue into the hole, remove the pencil carefully. Repeat to create six flowers.

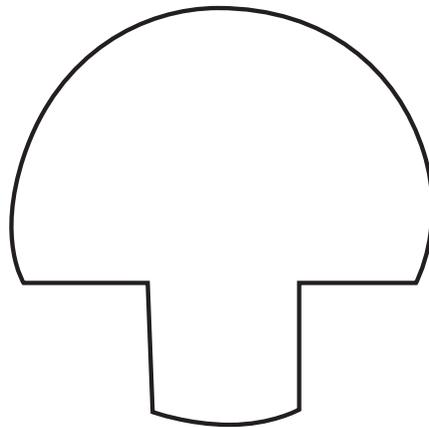


step 6
To create the tissue flowers, cut the 1.5" balls in half. Cut ten 4.5" circles, ten 4" circles, ten 3.5" circles, ten 3" circles and ten 2.5" circles of tissue paper. Layer the tissue circles in stacks of five from largest to smallest. Mix and match the colors and sizes to create the colorful flowers shown.



step 8
Glue the skulls and flowers along the ribbon to hang.

Template for *Garland*



Day of the Dead Decorated Foam Heads



SUPPLIES FOR THIS PROJECT:

FloraCraft® Make It: Fun® Foam:

- Foam Heads: Female, Male and Skull

Other Materials:

- Decoupage
- Spray Paint: Silver and Gloss Black
- Acrylic Paint: Metallic Silver
- Brush Tip Markers
- Flower Accessory: Black
- 2" Flat Lace Trim: 12" Black

Tools:

- Drop Cloth
- Flat Paint Brush
- Scissors

Day of the Dead Decorated Foam Heads

INSTRUCTIONS:

step 1

Coat both heads and skull with decoupage and let dry. Spray both heads silver and the skull gloss black and let dry.



step 2

Use markers to embellish the faces of the two heads. Pin the flower accessory to the female head and glue the black lace around her neck.



step 3

Dry brush the silver acrylic paint onto the skull leaving the black showing through the crevices as shown.



Tips & Techniques

for *crafting* with
FloraCraft® Make It: Fun® Foam



Most acrylic paints will work well on FloraCraft® Make It: Fun® Foam. When spray painting, hold can upright approximately 12-18" from the foam and spray light, even coats. Spraying too close, or too heavy of a coat could melt the foam. Let dry between coats. For easier handling when painting, insert a toothpick or skewer into the foam shape to use as a handle.



Want a fast, sure bond? Use a low-temperature glue gun. StyroGlue® or white craft glue has a longer dry time, but will still create a sure bond. For a better bond and to help hold pieces together while drying, insert a toothpick between the pieces before pressing them together. For instant tack, glue both surfaces and allow to dry slightly before pressing together.



FloraCraft® Make It: Fun® Foam cuts easily with the Foam Cutter, StyroCutter®, StyroCutter® Plus, a serrated knife, or even cookie cutters. Wax the knife blades with an old candle for easier, smoother cuts. To cut a thick piece of foam, or several sheets stacked together, use an electric knife.

Cover FloraCraft® Make It: Fun® Foam shapes with stucco and make patterns like swirls or petals. Try using plaster, gesso, air-dry clay, modeling paste, drywall joint compound, paper clay, decoupage or paste for various textures and effects. For outdoor use, tile grout works great!



FloraCraft® Make It: Fun® Foam acts like fine sand-paper when rubbed together. For smooth, rounded edges, rub the foam with another piece of foam. To shape larger pieces, cut out the basic shape and then sand the final details into the shape.