

Spooky Cat Halloween Wallhanging

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Use your favorite spooky fabric and the AcuSketch to trace the fabric motif and create an applique design, then turn it into the perfect Halloween wallhanging!

Skill Level: Beginner

Sewing Time: 2 hours

Janome Supplies Required:

Janome Embroidery Machine

SQ23 Hoop + Template

P foot

Yellow dot embroidery bobbin case

Sewing bobbin case

Embroidery bobbin thread

O foot with guide

Cloth Guide

Fabrics & Notions Required:

Focus Fabric cut into:

(2) 2 1/2" x 7 1/2" strips

(2) 2 1/2" x 9 1/2" strips

Lining Fabric cut into:

(1) 9 1/2" x 11" rectangle

Felt Pieces:

(1) 6 1/2" x 7 1/2" background color

(1) 6" x 7" main color (black for the cat in this project)

(1) 2" x 3" eye color

Batting:

(1) 9" x 10 1/2" rectangle

18"-20" ribbon/cording for hanging

12" x 13" medium weight tear away embroidery stabilizer

Temporary spray adhesive

Embroidery thread to highlight stitches on felt

Sewing thread and bobbin for general sewing



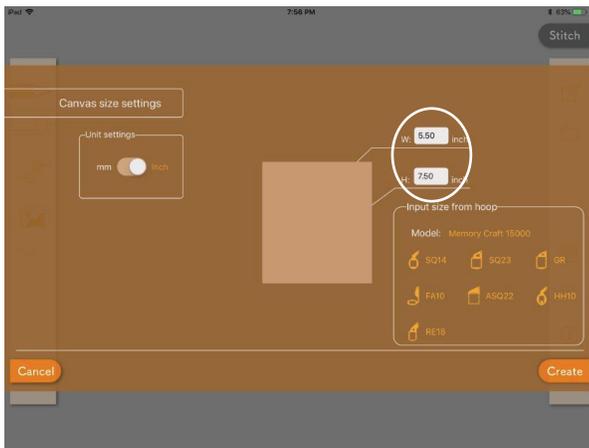
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In AcuSketch

1. Open AcuSketch App. Tap the Canvas Size Setting button on the upper right tool bar.

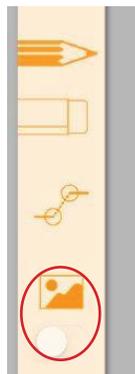


Choose 5.5" x 7.5" (Make sure you are set on inches.)

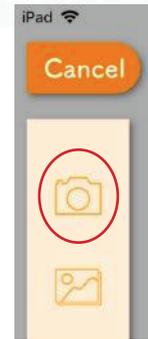


Tap "Create".

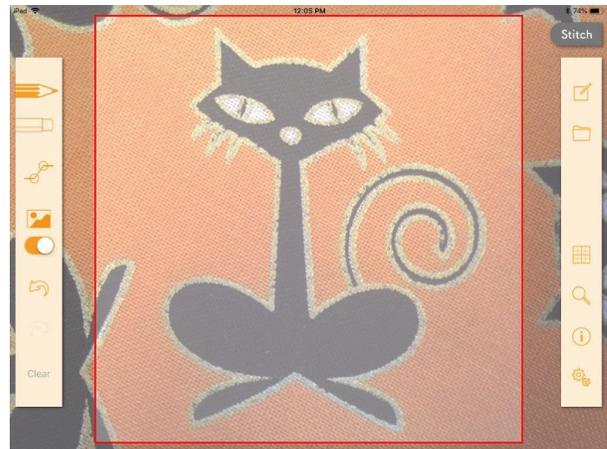
2. Tap Image Icon on left toolbar.



3. Tap Camera icon.



4. Take picture of image on fabric.



5. Tap "Use Photo".

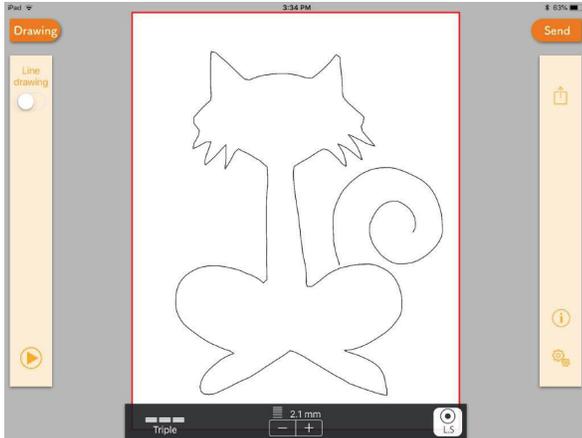
6. Size photo in frame and tap "Done".

7. Tap pencil and draw your first stitch line on the screen. This will be the outline of the cat image.



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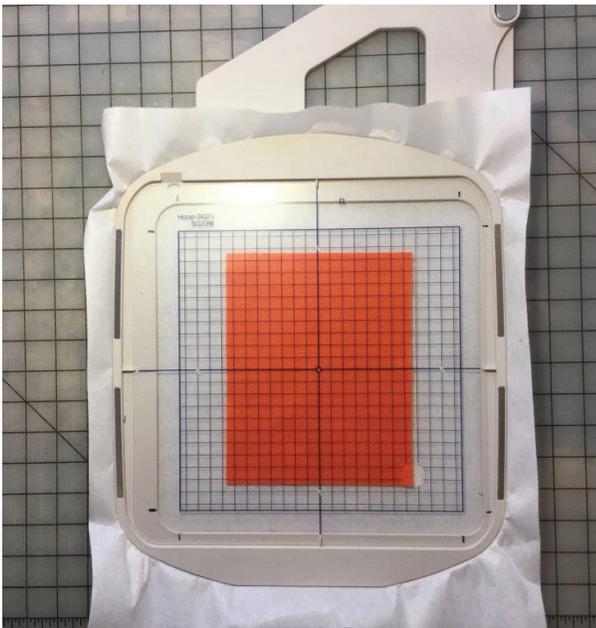
8. Tap "Stitch", found at the top right of your screen.



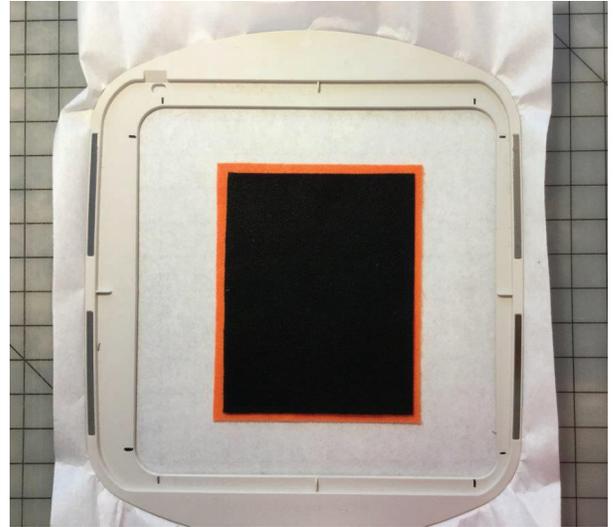
9. Choose which stitch you'd like from the bottom menu. Tap Send to send to machine. Click "Drawing" to go back to the draw screen. Select "Clear" at the bottom left of the toolbar. Trace the eyes and nose, then "Stitch", choose your stitch, and "Send" to machine.

At the Machine

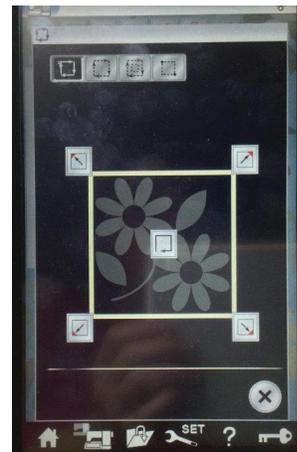
1. Hoop one layer of tear away stabilizer in SQ23 hoop, then center background felt piece, using hoop template.



2. Place felt for image on top of background felt.



3. Using the basting function, baste around felt.



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4. Embroider first stitch design (outline) onto felt.



5. Apply more felt if desired for specific parts of design.



6. Cut felt away from all parts of design.

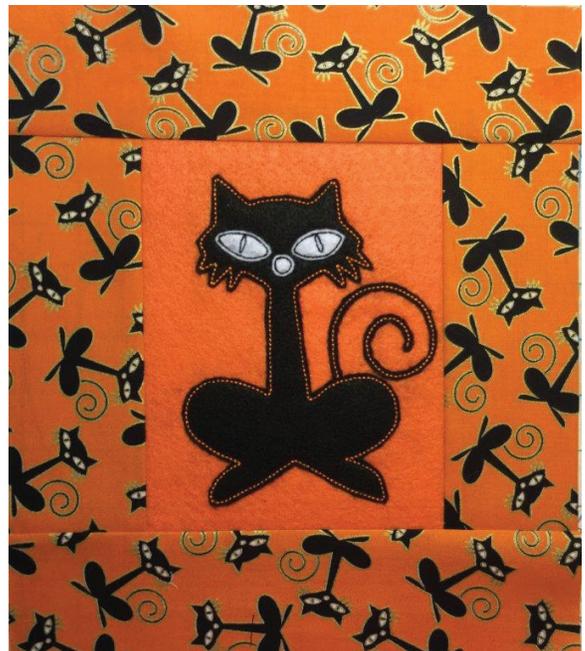


Stitching it Together

1. Switch your machine to Sewing mode. Using the "O" foot, and the 1/4" (#2) stitch in the Quilting mode, stitch the 2-1/2" x 9-1/2" pieces to felt rectangle sides.



2. Unfold side pieces, then press seams flat.
3. Stitch the 2-1/2" x 7-1/2" pieces to top and bottom of rectangle. Unfold top and bottom pieces, then press seams flat.



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4. Set Cloth Guide to $\frac{1}{2}$ ".



5. Choose stitch #2 in Utility mode.

6. Using the "A" foot, stitch front to back, starting on a side. Leave a 4" opening for turning.



7. Trim batting slightly smaller than the outside seam. Use the basting spray to hold the batting in place.

8. Trim corners, turn right side out, and press well.

9. Topstitch in ditch around felt seam and handstitch opening closed.



10. Knot ends of ribbon and handstitch to top corners.

Hang it up and Enjoy.

Happy Halloween!