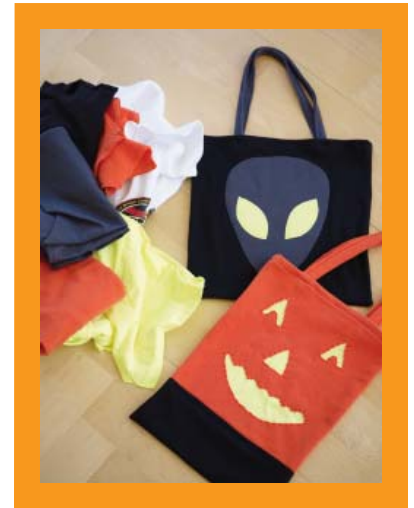


RECYCLED TRICK-OR-TREAT TOTES

Let the kids go green this Halloween with cute trick-or-treat totes recycled from old shirts. These projects are a little more advanced and require a sewing machine and basic sewing skills, but the end result will last for years to come and leave room to stash the little one's candy loot! Plus, the neon yellow fabric scraps add a nice glow to the night.

Alien Tote Option (easiest)

- Finished size as shown: 10 ½" wide x 12" tall (excluding handles)
- Estimated time to complete: 1 ½ hours



You Will Need:

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- 1 adult large black cotton T-shirt
- 1 adult large dark gray cotton T-shirt
- 1 kids or adult small neon yellow cotton T-shirt (white can also work)

Other supplies

- Alien template (provided below, or freehand draw)
- Printer
- Double-sided fusible webbing (available at craft stores)
- Grey thread
- Black thread
- Sewing machine
- Sewing pins
- Scissors
- Ruler
- Pencil
- Iron and ironing board

Directions:

Prep

- 1) Wash and dry all shirts.
- 2) Print the alien face template (enlarge or reduce as desired). Cut around face, and cut out eyes. Set aside.
- 3) Cut the following pieces of fabric out of T-shirts:
 - black: 2 pieces 12 ½" by 11" wide for tote
 - grey: 1 piece slightly larger than the alien head template
 - grey: 2 pieces 17" long by 4" wide for straps
 - yellow: 1 piece slightly larger than each alien eye on template

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To make and affix alien head:

- 4) Cut out a piece of webbing slightly smaller than the piece of grey alien head fabric. Place the grey alien head fabric on the ironing board right side facing down. Place the webbing on top of the fabric with webbed side facing down. Keeping the paper back on, iron the webbing sheet to fuse to the fabric following the webbing manufacturer's directions.
- 5) Allow fabric to cool slightly. On the paper back of the webbing, trace the edge of the alien head with pencil (do not trace the eyes). Cut around the tracing (through fabric and webbing), then set aside.
- 6) With the yellow fabric pieces, repeat steps 4 and 5 using the template for each eye. You now have all pieces of the alien's face and are ready to iron it to the main tote.
- 7) Lay one of the black fabric pieces on the ironing board, right side facing up, with the 11" side as the width across the top. Peel the paper backing from the grey alien head. Lay the head centered onto the black fabric with the shiny webbing side down. Carefully iron down the head to adhere to the black fabric following webbing manufacturer's directions.
- 8) Repeat step 7 with each eye, arranging on the face according to the template placement, or as desired.

To make tote straps:

- 9) Lay the two grey strips of fabric on the ironing board and fold each in half lengthwise (along the 17" edge). Iron down to crease.
- 10) Unfold each strip back to its original size. Fold both outer edges of each strip in to meet the new center crease. Iron down.
- 11) With the outer edges still ironed down, fold each whole strip in half lengthwise. Iron down. You should now have two skinny strips (approximately 1" wide) with all raw edges encased.
- 12) With the grey thread, sew lengthwise down the open edge of each strip.

To make main tote and finish:

- 13) Place the two black pieces right side together with edges aligned; pin the pieces together along outer edge. Using the black thread, sew the sides and bottom of the bag together $\frac{1}{2}$ " from the raw edge.
- 14) To hem the opening, turn down $\frac{1}{2}$ " fabric onto the wrong side and stitch all the way around the opening perimeter. Now, turn the bag right side out.
- 15) To attach the straps, fold the bag in half lengthwise to find the center point and finger press down to make a crease. With the ruler, measure out 2" from the center crease on either side and pin the gray straps to the inside of the tote.
- 16) Place several black thread stitches back and forth across the tote on top of the straps to firmly attach them in place.

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PUMPKIN TOTE OPTION (slightly more advanced)

- Finished size: 10 ½" wide x 12" tall (excluding handles)
- Estimated time to complete: 1 ½ hours

You Will Need:

From Savers/Value Village

- 1 adult large orange cotton T-shirt (or golf shirt for thicker, textured fabric)
- 1 adult medium black cotton T-shirt
- 1 kids or adult small neon yellow cotton T-shirt (white can also work)

Other supplies

- Pumpkin face template (provided below, or freehand draw)
- Printer
- Orange thread
- Sewing needle
- Sewing machine
- Sewing pins
- Scissors
- Ruler
- Pencil
- Iron and ironing board

Directions:

- 1) Wash and dry all shirts.
- 2) Print the pumpkin face template (enlarge or reduce as desired). Cut out each facial feature and set aside.
- 3) Cut the following pieces of fabric out of T-shirts:
 - orange: 2 pieces 9 ½" by 11" wide for tote
 - orange: 2 pieces 17" by 4" for straps
 - black: 1 piece 7 ½" by 11" for bottom tote edge
 - yellow: individual scrap pieces for each facial feature, almost twice as large as the template pieces

To make pumpkin face panel

- 4) Lay down one orange fabric panel right side facing out, with the 11" side along the top. Place the cut out facial features onto the fabric and arrange the pumpkin face as desired. Use the pencil to faintly trace each feature onto the fabric.
- 5) Take the yellow fabric scraps and pin them to the back side of the orange panel behind each of the traced features. The right side of the yellow fabric should face the wrong side of the orange fabric.
- 6) With the orange thread, hand stitch the two pieces of fabric together just outside the tracing lines on the orange fabric.
- 7) With scissors, carefully cut out the orange fabric along the tracing line (just inside the new hand stitched outline). Cut ONLY through the orange fabric and not the yellow fabric, so you are left with the yellow fabric showing through. Trim away any excess yellow fabric.

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To make tote straps:

- 8) Lay the two orange strips of fabric on the ironing board and fold each in half lengthwise (along the 17" edge). Iron down to crease.
- 9) Unfold each strip back to its original size. Fold both outer edges of each strip in to meet the new center crease. Iron down.
- 10) With the outer edges still ironed down, fold each whole strip in half lengthwise. Iron down. You should now have two skinny strips (approximately 1" wide) with all raw edges encased.
- 11) With the orange thread, sew lengthwise down the open edge of each strip.

To make bottom black panel:

- 12) Place black fabric piece on ironing board right side down. Fold down $\frac{1}{2}$ " of fabric along each of the 11" sides and iron down to crease.
- 13) Turn the piece of black fabric over. Lay down the orange panel with the pumpkin face, right side facing out. With 11" ends aligned, place the top edge of the black piece of fabric $\frac{1}{2}$ " above the bottom edge of the orange piece of fabric, so that the bottom edge of the orange piece and the raw bottom edge of the folded black strip align. Pin in place and stitch through the three layers of fabric just below the black fold crease.
- 14) Repeat with the second orange panel, so that you will end up with one long fabric panel – orange on each end with black panel in the center.

To make main tote and finish:

- 15) Take the long panel of fabric (orange with black in center) and place it in front of you right side up, with the 11" side across the top. Grasp the bottom panel edge and fold up to fold the entire panel in half with top edges now touching. Pin the two side edges together along edges.
- 16) Using orange thread, sew the two side edges together $\frac{1}{2}$ " from the raw edge.
- 17) To hem the opening, turn down $\frac{1}{2}$ " fabric onto the wrong side and stitch all the way around the opening perimeter. Now, turn the bag right side out.
- 18) To attach the straps, fold the bag in half lengthwise to find the center point and finger press down to make a crease. With the ruler, measure out 2" from the center crease on either side and pin the orange straps to the inside of the tote.
- 19) Place several orange stitches back and forth across the tote on top of the straps to firmly attach them in place.

