

Projects

Halloween from a Pillowcase "Fairy Princess"



Halloween sewing time has spectacular, spooky projects around every corner; it's a fun time of year! Turn your little one into a fairy princess with little more than a pillowcase!

Skill Level: Beginner

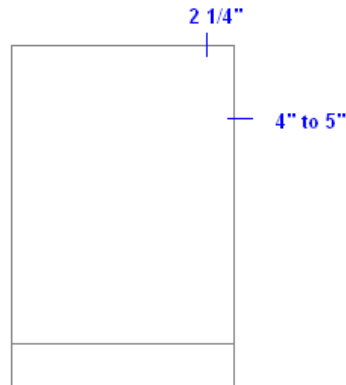
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Supplies:

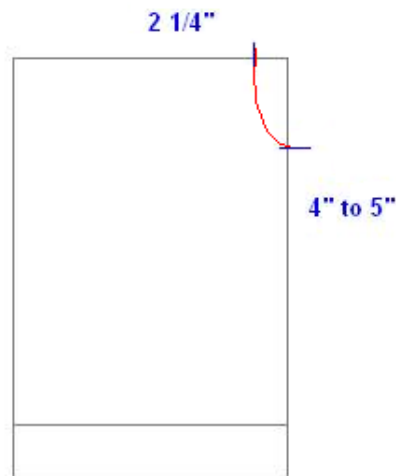
Baby Lock Grace Sewing Machine
All-purpose thread to match fabrics
Purchased standard pillowcase
1 package single fold bias tape
3-4 yard spool of decorative ½" wide ribbon
Aerofil all-purpose thread to match fabrics
Pins
Seam ripper
Chalk
Tape measure

Instructions:

1. First remove the end seam and trim out a curved section on each side to become the armholes.
2. Measure down 4 to 5" on each side and mark with chalk. Then measure over 2 1/4" from the side and mark with chalk.



3. Draw in a slight curve from each of the marks.



4. Starting with the lowest part of each armhole. Fold under the raw edge and pin in place.
5. Thread the grace machine.
6. Turn under the edges of the armholes 1/4" each turn to encase the raw edge, pin and topstitch it down.
7. Fold under 1" the center section between the armholes to form a casing.
8. Change to a contrasting thread and use any of Grace's 40 stitches to stitch down the casing and add some decoration to the neckline of the costume.
9. Repeat this for the casing on the back.
10. Add additional decorative stitches along the hemline of the pillowcase.
11. From the sheer fabric cut leaf shapes on the fold in a large and small size.
 Large leaf = 11" long x 6" wide
 Small leaf = 6" long x 4" wide
12. On the four small leaf shapes fold them in half.
13. Using a decorative or straight stitch stitch 1/2" from the fold to create a casing. These will be for the shoulders
14. Measure down and mark the waistline for the dress using chalk.

15. Fold the large leaf shapes in half and stitch along the bottom of the chalk line.
16. Add a second layer of the leaf over-lay as desired.
17. Make a waistline casing by stitching both edges of single fold bias tape to the waistline mark.
18. Do not overlap the ends, leaving a small gap allows you to run a ribbon through the casing.
19. Thread your neckline casings with ribbons and add two leaf shapes to each shoulder.
20. Tie the ribbons into bows at the shoulders.
21. Gather the waist by running a ribbon through the bias tape casing and tie into a bow.
22. Accent your fairy costume with additional ribbons, beads or crystals and don't forget to add some wings!
23. When you're done, you have a quick and easy Halloween costume perfect for your fairy princess!

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