



# Zippidy-Do-Dah Pumpkin

Skill level: Beginner



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<b>Technique:</b>	Fabric Crafting
<b>Brand:</b>	Coats
<b>Crafting time:</b>	2 hours

Looking for a fun fall pumpkin decorating project, without the goo of carving a real jack-o-lantern? This brass zipper trimmed beauty is ideal. The shapeable fabric leaves and thread-covered tendrils accent the metallic ridge highlights. Choose a traditional orange pumpkin (faux, of course) or opt for black, white or neon tones.

**Finished Size of Project:** Depends on pumpkin

## Supplies

- Faux pumpkin (featured: 12" [30.5 cm] diameter)
- Six 5" x 5" (12.5 x 12.5 cm) squares quilting cotton prints
- One 3" x 3" (7.5 x 7.5 cm) square black felt
- Separating Fashion Zippers, Art. F25F, black (see next page for determining length and quantity)
- Three 18" stems, size 18 floral wire
- Paper-backed fusible web
- Craft glue
- Coats® Bold Hand Quilting thread, color 6770

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## Zipper Requirements

To determine the zipper length and amount needed, measure the pumpkin from the base of the stem along the ridges to the lower center. Determine how many ridges around the pumpkin to embellish-- you don't have to highlight all of them and they don't have to be equally spaced.

For each zipper, you will get two lengths of trim—one from each side.

If the pumpkin measures 12" (30.5 cm) from stem to lower center, each 24" (61 cm) zipper will provide four pieces of trim (two 12" [30.5 cm] lengths from each zipper half.) Follow this math and compare to your pumpkin and available zipper lengths to determine the number/length needed. The featured pumpkin used three 24" zippers.

## Preparing the Zippers

1. Trim off the upper and lower zipper stops, separate the zippers and slide the pulls off. (Save the pulls for another project.)
2. Cut the zipper tapes into the size and quantity determined above to wrap the pumpkin ridges.

## Applying the Zippers

1. Determine the direction of the brass teeth as they will appear on the pumpkin.
2. Apply fabric glue to the underside of a zipper piece and press in place on the pumpkin ridge, beginning at the base of the stem and ending at the lower center.

If necessary, insert pins into the pumpkin through the zipper tape to hold it in place until the glue dries.

3. Continue applying the zippers around the pumpkin, noting the tape direction.
4. Set the pumpkin aside for the glue to dry.

## Preparing the Tendrils

1. Apply glue to 8" (20.5 cm) of two floral wire stems.
2. Wrap the glued ends tightly with Coats Cotton Covered Bold Hand Quilting Thread to cover. Set aside to dry. Leave one stem unwrapped.

## Making the Leaves

1. Trace the leaf pattern from page 3.
1. Trace two leaves onto the paper backing of the fusible web. For the third leaf, trace 1/4" (6 mm) inside the larger leaf lines.
2. Following the manufacturer's instructions, fuse the web leaf shapes to the wrong side of three 5" x 5" (12.5 x 12.5 cm) fabric squares. Cut out the shapes.
3. Remove the paper backing from each fused leaf and place them web side down on the wrong side of another 5" x 5" (12.5 x 12.5 cm) square.
4. Slide the unwrapped end of a florist wire stem between the leaf layers down the middle.
5. Fuse the leaf layers together encasing the wire. Use the iron tip to fuse close to the wire.
6. Trim the leaf around the perimeter through both layers. Do not cut the wire.

## Making the Tendrils

1. Wrap the thread-covered wire ends around a ballpoint pen to shape. Leave the unwrapped portion between the leaves and tendrils straight.
2. Clip off any sharp wire ends.

## Finishing the Pumpkin

1. To attach the leaves, wrap the bare wire portion around the stem base several times. Trim any excess length from the non-tendrilled leaf wire and tuck under the sharp end.
2. Shape the leaves and tendrils as desired.
3. Cut a 3" (7.5 cm) circle from black felt and glue it in place at the lower pumpkin center to cover the zipper junctions and protect the tabletop.

See leaf pattern on next page...

Leaf Pattern

