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Hocus Pocus
Pillow

You'll Need:

If the Shoe Fits Pattern (available from www.SayItWithApplique.com)

Hocus Pocus Iron-on Vinyl Decal (available from www.SayItWithApplique.com)

14-inch pillow form

Scraps of halloween fabric for legs, shoes, optional buckles* and prairie points

$10^1/_2$″ × 15″ fabric rectangle for bottom section of pillow

$5^1/_2$″× 15″ strip for top of pillow

Paper-backed fusible (I use Shades Soft-Fuse™)

$^1/_2$ yard fabric for the backing

15-inch square of fleece-type batting

Sewing thread to match pillow fabric

Assorted embroidery threads to match appliqués

Iron, press cloth or Teflon® pressing sheet (necessary for iron on vinyl)

Fabric scissors

* Instead of the buckle appliqué, I used ribbons and tied them in a bow.

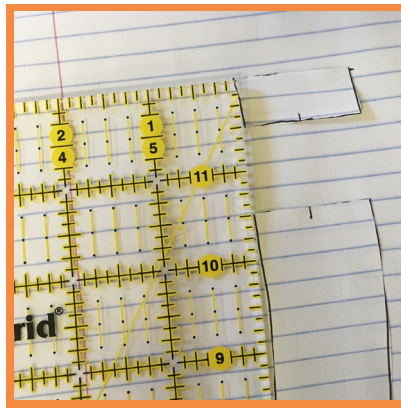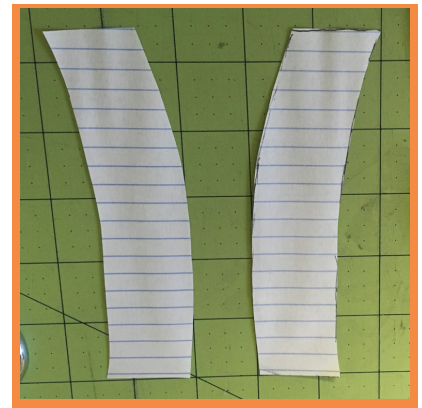**1** Using lined paper, trace both the left and right witch legs from the pattern sheet. Draw a horizontal line about $^1/_2$" down from top edge of leg. Make a mark (I used an 'X') in center of newly drawn line. Cut traced legs on drawn line.
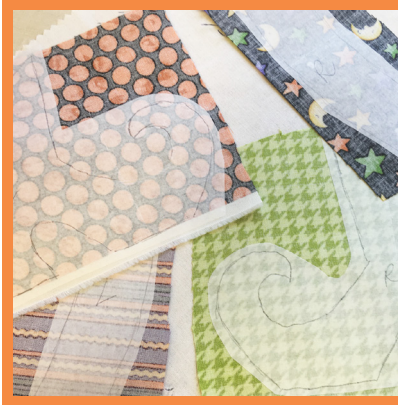

2 To lengthen the legs for the pillow, cut each leg apart on the newly drawn line. Separate the two pieces about 1". Keep the side edges and the X mark aligned. Retrace the entire leg shape; connect the open side lines to complete the leg shape.

3 Cut out the newly drawn witch legs. Make sure you have both a left and right leg shape. These are the pattern pieces to use for the Hocus Pocus pillow.

4 Using the pattern pieces as a guide, trace the legs, shoes, and optional buckle shapes onto the paper side of the fusible web. Cut out each shape about $^1/_4$" beyond all drawn lines.

5 Fuse the shapes to the wrong side of selected fabrics; follow manufacturer's instructions. Cut out each shape on the drawn lines. Remove the paper backing to expose the adhesive.

6 Arrange the legs and shoes (adhesive side down) on the pillow front (refer to the original pattern instructions for assistance in placement). Make sure the top edge of each leg is even with the top edge of the pillow front. Add the buckle if desired. Press the shapes in place with iron.

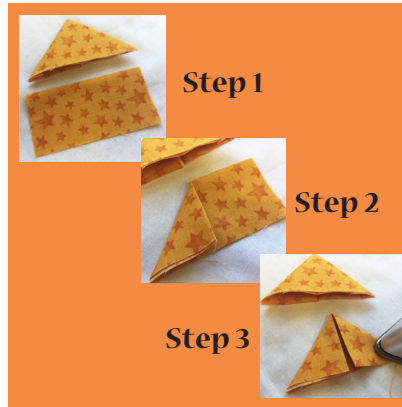**7** Use your favorite appliqué stitch (blind, zig zag, satin or straight) to secure the edges of the shoe, legs, and buckle to the pillow front.

Step 1

Step 2

Step 3

8 Each prairie point is made from a 3-inch square (you need 5). To make a prairie point, fold and press each square in half with wrong sides together. Then fold and press each corner toward the center with the bottom edges even.

9 Center one prairie point between the two legs. Pin to secure.

10 Place the two outer prairie points slightly in from the side edges as shown in top photo. Then fill in with remaining prairie points. Pin to secure all in place. Set this portion of the pillow aside.

11 Cut the top fabric strip 5″ x 15″. Finger press the vertical center of the strip. Carefully remove the paper backing from the decal and find the center by folding the see-through carrier sheet with smooth (not sticky) sides together. Finger press a crease in the carrier sheet.

12 Set your iron on the cotton setting (or between polyester and wool). Place the fabric strip on a firm ironing surface and preheat the strip for about 3 seconds.

13 Center the decal on the top band (make sure the adhesive side of carrier sheet is against the fabric); match center marks. With your hands, firmly press the decal to the fabric. **DO NOT REMOVE THE SEE-THROUGH CARRIER SHEET.**

14 Cover the decal (including the see-through carrier sheet) with a press cloth or Teflon® pressing sheet. MAKE SURE YOUR STEAM SETTING IS OFF! Place the iron over the words. Keeping the iron in place, apply light pressure and increase to heavy pressure for about 10 seconds.

15 Slowly peel back the carrier sheet away from the decal. If any part of the letters lift up with the carrier sheet, replace the carrier sheet, cover with press cloth and press for a few more seconds (or until you can remove the carrier sheet cleanly).

16 .Don't worry if the edges of the letters are still not completely adhered to the fabric. After you remove the carrier sheet, place the press cloth or Teflon® sheet over the letters and, with an iron, go back and forth over the area as if ironing clothes. Do this for 5-10 seconds or until you visually notice that all the edges of the vinyl letters are fully adhered.

17 Place the *bottom* edge of the strip right sides together with the *top* edge of the bottom section and stitch through all layers (make sure to catch the prairie points in this seam; use ^{1}/4″ seam allowance.

18 Press the top band away from the bottom. **BE VERY CAREFUL** — *do not* touch the iron to the vinyl letters or you will be very unhappy.
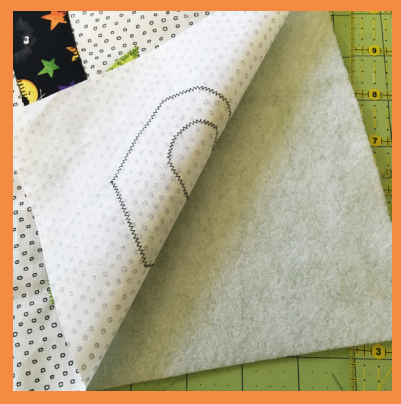
19 Place a 15-inch-square of fleece-type batting behind the back side of the pillow front. Optional: baste around the edges to hold all layers together.

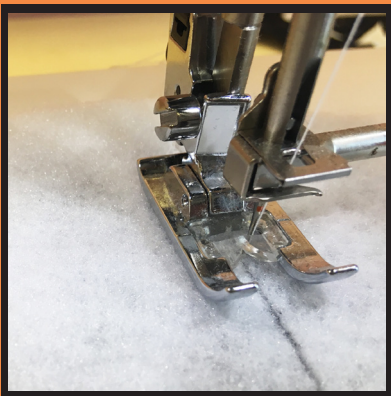**20** Finish your pillow using your favorite method.

Note: I hand stitched the ribbon on each shoe after the pillow was complete. Then I tied the ribbons into a bow.

Don't want a bow? Use your imagination and use 3-D spiders, old jewely, crystals, etc. as an embellishment.

21 To finish the sample pillow, I used the binding technique described fully in my "Brrr Pillow" pattern (available from www.SayItWithApplique.com). This pattern includes precut and prefused fabric letters!

More Splash Than Cash® Sewing Tip

I found several scraps of leftover batting in my stash but none was the size I needed. The sewlution (pun intended)? Stitch them together! To create a smooth joining seam, butt the edges together tightly (be careful not to overlap). Use your fingers to keep the edges touching as you stitch. Select a wide zigzag stitch and stitch down the center "seam" making sure the needle catches both sides of the batting as the needle moves from left to right.