

ITH Felt Ghostee Garland

Cute, quick felt ghosts to string as a Halloween Garland. Fun to make and sure to please for a Halloween treat that is not so scary.

Skill Level : Beginner

Time Required : 02:45 hours

Materials:

5" x 7" embroidery hoop

8 sheets of craft felt

60" of 3/8th" white grosgrain ribbon

2.5 ounce Cut a way Stabilizer for 8 hoopings

Spray Adhesive

Sharp seam ripper

Optional

6" sharp scissors

4" sharp scissors



1TH Felt Ghostee

Garland Project

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Preface:

The ghostees have buttonholes in the sides of their heads so that you can string them onto the ribbon. If you would like to make them for another purpose and do not want to string them simply skip the last color stop in each design.

Step 1:

Hoop a relatively heavy (2.5 ounce) cut a way stabilizer in your 5" x 7" hoop. Cut across a sheet of felt crosswise to give you two 9" x 6" rectangles of felt.



Step 2:

Load the desired embroidery file into your machine. The sample was sewn on a multi needle machine so the design was rotated 90 degrees to the left. If you are sewing on a single needle machine you will not need to rotate the design.



Step 3:

Run the 1st color stop (CS) in white as a placement line for the felt. It was run in the Lt Periwinkle here just so you could see the outline better in the picture.



Step 4:

Spray a little adhesive on a felt rectangle and position over the placement lines.



Step 5:

Follow the color chart for color stops 2 through 5 to embroider the ghostee. After CS 5 runs remove the hoop from the machine – do not unhoop.



Step 6:

Turn the hoop face down; spray adhesive on the 2nd rectangle of felt and place over the back of the hoop.



Step 7:

Return the hoop to the machine and run CS 6 in Emerald Black and a second run around the outline as well as a tack down for the back felt.



Step 8:

The last CS stitched in Super White is the buttonholes used for stringing the garland. If you do not want to string your felt ghosties and want to use them for another purpose do not stitch this final color sequence. Simply remove your hoop from the machine.



Step 9:

Trim around the shape of the ghostie approximately 1/8" from the outline.



Step 10:

I trimmed all of my ghosties with Kai 6 2/3" scissors, but when you get into the tight corners between the arms and the body a pair of 4 1/4" Kai scissors are easier to use.



Step 11:

Open the buttonholes with a sharp small seam ripper.



Step 12:

Cut approximately 60" of 3/8th" grosgrain ribbon and feed from the top of the left side down through the buttonhole across the back and up through the right buttonhole.



Step 13:

Feed all of the ghosties onto the ribbon in any desired order. I

simply left a 10" tail of ribbon on each side of the garland. It is so lightweight that just a simple push pin in each end will hold it up on a wall. Congratulations your ITH Felt Ghosties Garland is complete!



For the love of embroidery...
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