

Five Little Pumpkins

In The Hoop Story Book for Children



Project type:	In The Hoop (ITH) Story Book for Children
Pages in this book:	8 felt pages, ring-bound
Finished page size:	6" x 6" square
Hoop required:	6" x 10"
Binding:	4mm or 6mm metal ring/clasp through a stitched, hand-opened hole
Skill level:	Beginner
Time required:	2 - 3 hours

This document walks through building each page of the “Five Little Pumpkins” Story Book, then assembling all pages into one ring-bound book a child can turn the pages of on their own. The materials and construction method on page 2 are the same for every page in every Story Book design — only the embroidery design and thread colors change from book to book.

Materials

- Cutaway stabilizer — cut to 8" x 8" (8 total, one per page)
- Stiff Felt — cut to 8" x 8" for the front of each page (8 pieces)
- Fabric — cut to 8" x 8" for the backing of each page (8 pieces)
- Embroidery machine with a 6" x 10" hoop
- Madeira embroidery thread (see the color chart for each page)
- Adhesive spray or fabric tape, to attach the backing fabric inside the hoop
- An awl or the point of a sharp pair of scissors, to open the ring hole
- A 4mm or 6mm metal ring or clasp, to bind the finished pages together

How Every Page Is Built

Same for all 8 pages, and for every future Story Book design — only the artwork and thread colors change.

1. Hoop the stabilizer and felt

Hoop the cutaway stabilizer with the 8" x 8" stiff felt square on top, in a 6" x 10" hoop.

2. Stitch the design

Stitch the design as normal, through the Placement Line stitch.

3. Attach the backing fabric

Remove the frame from the machine — do NOT remove the fabric from the hoop. Turn the hoop over, and use adhesive spray or fabric tape to attach the 8" x 8" backing fabric to the back of the page. Return the hoop to the machine, being careful not to shift the backing fabric out of place.

4. Tackdown

Continue stitching the Tackdown stitch.

5. Trim the backing

Remove the frame from the machine again — do NOT remove the fabric from the hoop. Trim the backing fabric close to the tackdown/placement line. Return the hoop to the machine.

6. Stitch the final satin

Continue stitching: the satin circle that reinforces the ring hole (through both layers), then the final satin border around the outer edge of the page.

7. Trim and open the hole

Remove from the hoop. Trim the excess felt close to the satin border, careful not to cut into the stitching. Using an awl or the point of scissors, carefully poke open the satin-stitched circle to create the hole for the binding ring.

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Stitch count: 22,164 Finished size: 6.02" x 6.03"

Thread Color Order (Madeira) — 17 stops, in stitch order

1.		Fern	1170	10.		Fluorescent White	1005
2.		Orange Peel	1478	11.		Amber Black	1007
3.		Amber Black	1007	12.		Orange Peel	1478
4.		Dahlia	1309	13.		African Violet	1422
5.		Fern	1170	14.		Fern	1170
6.		Sunshine Yellow	1069	15.		Sunshine Yellow	1069
7.		Amber Black	1007	16.		Spanish Moss	1339
8.		Dahlia	1309	17.		Amber Black	1007
9.		African Violet	1422				

Construction: follow the universal step-by-step sequence on page 2 for this page.

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Five little pumpkins sitting on a gate.



Stitch count: 25,982 Finished size: 6.02" x 6.02"

Thread Color Order (Madeira) — 17 stops, in stitch order

1.		Bronze	1257	10.		Fern	1170
2.		Amber Black	1007	11.		Amber Black	1007
3.		Fern	1170	12.		Orange Peel	1478
4.		Orange Peel	1478	13.		Amber Black	1007
5.		Amber Black	1007	14.		Amber Black	1007
6.		Sunshine Yellow	1069	15.		Fern	1170
7.		Amber Black	1007	16.		Spanish Moss	1339
8.		Dahlia	1309	17.		Amber Black	1007
9.		Sunshine Yellow	1069				

Construction: follow the universal step-by-step sequence on page 2 for this page.

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The first one said, "Oh my, it's getting late!"



Stitch count: 26,929 Finished size: 6.02" x 6.03"

Thread Color Order (Madeira) — 15 stops, in stitch order

1.		Bronze	1257	9.		Fern	1170
2.		Amber Black	1007	10.		Sunshine Yellow	1069
3.		Fern	1170	11.		Amber Black	1007
4.		Orange Peel	1478	12.		Orange Peel	1478
5.		Amber Black	1007	13.		Dahlia	1309
6.		Sunshine Yellow	1069	14.		Spanish Moss	1339
7.		Amber Black	1007	15.		Amber Black	1007
8.		Amber Black	1007				

Construction: follow the universal step-by-step sequence on page 2 for this page.

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The second one said, "There are witches in the air."



Stitch count: 27,214 Finished size: 6.02" x 6.03"

Thread Color Order (Madeira) — 17 stops, in stitch order

1.		Bronze	1257	10.		Sunshine Yellow	1069
2.		Amber Black	1007	11.		Amber Black	1007
3.		Fern	1170	12.		Dahlia	1309
4.		Orange Peel	1478	13.		Sunshine Yellow	1069
5.		Amber Black	1007	14.		Amber Black	1007
6.		Amber Black	1007	15.		Orange Peel	1478
7.		Fern	1170	16.		Spanish Moss	1339
8.		Chrome	1011	17.		Amber Black	1007
9.		Amber Black	1007				

Construction: follow the universal step-by-step sequence on page 2 for this page.

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The third one said, "But we don't care!"



Stitch count: 26,058 Finished size: 6.03" x 6.02"

Thread Color Order (Madeira) — 16 stops, in stitch order

1.		Bronze	1257	9.		Amber Black	1007
2.		Amber Black	1007	10.		Dahlia	1309
3.		Fern	1170	11.		Sunshine Yellow	1069
4.		Orange Peel	1478	12.		Amber Black	1007
5.		Amber Black	1007	13.		Orange Peel	1478
6.		Amber Black	1007	14.		Amber Black	1007
7.		Fern	1170	15.		Spanish Moss	1339
8.		Sunshine Yellow	1069	16.		Amber Black	1007

Construction: follow the universal step-by-step sequence on page 2 for this page.

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The fourth one said, "Let's run and run and run."



Stitch count: 24,291 Finished size: 6.03" x 6.03"

Thread Color Order (Madeira) — 15 stops, in stitch order

1.		Bronze	1257	9.		Dahlia	1309
2.		Amber Black	1007	10.		Sunshine Yellow	1069
3.		Fern	1170	11.		Amber Black	1007
4.		Orange Peel	1478	12.		Orange Peel	1478
5.		Amber Black	1007	13.		Amber Black	1007
6.		Fern	1170	14.		Spanish Moss	1339
7.		Sunshine Yellow	1069	15.		Amber Black	1007
8.		Amber Black	1007				

Construction: follow the universal step-by-step sequence on page 2 for this page.

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The fifth one said, "I'm ready for some fun!"



Stitch count: 26,488 Finished size: 6.02" x 6.02"

Thread Color Order (Madeira) — 16 stops, in stitch order

1.		Bronze	1257	9.		Amber Black	1007
2.		Amber Black	1007	10.		Dahlia	1309
3.		Fern	1170	11.		Sunshine Yellow	1069
4.		Orange Peel	1478	12.		Amber Black	1007
5.		Amber Black	1007	13.		Orange Peel	1478
6.		Amber Black	1007	14.		Amber Black	1007
7.		Fern	1170	15.		Spanish Moss	1339
8.		Sunshine Yellow	1069	16.		Amber Black	1007

Construction: follow the universal step-by-step sequence on page 2 for this page.

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Ooooooh went the wind, and out went the light. And the five little pumpkins rolled out of sight!



Stitch count: 16,568 Finished size: 6.02" x 6.03"

Thread Color Order (Madeira) — 12 stops, in stitch order

1.		Orange Peel	1478	7.		Fluorescent White	1005
2.		Amber Black	1007	8.		Amber Black	1007
3.		Sunshine Yellow	1069	9.		Sunshine Yellow	1069
4.		Summer Sun	1437	10.		Amber Black	1007
5.		Amber Black	1007	11.		Spanish Moss	1339
6.		Dahlia	1309	12.		Amber Black	1007

Construction: follow the universal step-by-step sequence on page 2 for this page.

Assembling the Book

Once all 8 pages are stitched, trimmed, and have their ring holes opened, stack them in story order and bind them with the 4mm or 6mm metal ring/clasp through the holes:

1	Five Little Pumpkins
2	Five little pumpkins sitting on a gate.
3	The first one said, "Oh my, it's getting late!"
4	The second one said, "There are witches in the air."
5	The third one said, "But we don't care!"
6	The fourth one said, "Let's run and run and run."
7	The fifth one said, "I'm ready for some fun!"
8	Ooooooh went the wind, and out went the light. And the five little pumpkins rolled out of sight!

This page order follows the classic "Five Little Pumpkins" rhyme, with the title page first and the closing verse last — please confirm this is the order you want bound. Every page, including the last, gets the same backing-fabric construction; nothing is skipped for the final page.

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