

## MONSTER-OUS TOTE | SEWING



Technique:	Sewing, Fabric Crafting
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Skill Level:	Beginner
Crafting Time:	An evening
Finished size:	7" x 9" (17.78cm x 22.86cm) (excluding handle)

### Featuring Coats Dual Duty XP®

Whether you use it as trick-or-treat bag or as part of a costume, this little felt bag is ideal for holding a bounty of candy or other favors in style. Embellished with heavy thread and a metal zipper, it's a monstrously fun project!

### Supplies

- **Coats Dual Duty XP® All-purpose thread**
- **Coats Dual Duty XP® Heavy Thread**
- 2 rectangles, 9" x 12" (22.86cm x 30.48cm) green felt
- 1 rectangle, 9" x 12" (22.86cm x 30.48cm) black felt
- 14" (35.56cm) black Coats Fashion Zipper
- $\frac{5}{8}$  yd (57.15cm) black webbing, 1" (2.54cm) wide
- 1 wiggle eye, 40mm
- 1 wiggle eye, 30mm
- Craft glue

## Cutting

### From the green felt, cut:

(2) rectangles, 7½" x 9" (19.05cm x 22.86cm)

(1) large eyelid

(1) small eyelid

### From the black felt, cut:

(2) strips, 2" x 7½" (5.08cm x 19.05cm)

Seam allowances are ¼" (.64cm).

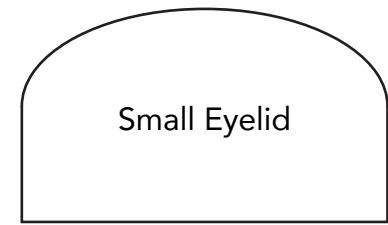
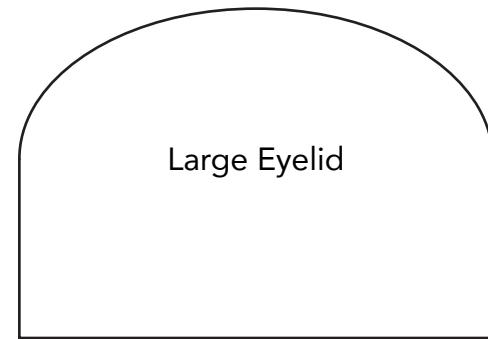
## Assembling the Tote Front

**Note:** Use Heavy Thread for all hand-stitched detailing.

1. Open the zipper and cut off a 7" (17.78cm) length from one side.
2. Form the zipper length into a zigzag for the mouth, folding it back and forth on itself. Pin about 2½" (6.35cm) from the short edge of a green felt rectangle. Hand-stitch in place using black thread.
3. Using a small running stitch, fashion a monster nose above the zipper mouth.
4. Randomly tuck the felt to make facial wrinkles or scars and use a short running stitch to secure them.
5. Hand-stitch each eyelid curved edge where desired, using an overcast stitch. Leave the straight edge open on both eyelids.
6. Glue a wiggly eye under each eyelid and allow to dry thoroughly.

## Assembling the Tote

1. Sew a black felt strip to the wrong side upper edge of each green rectangle and press the seam open.
2. With the black felt extended, match the side and lower edges of the tote front and back and the seams joining the black felt. Stitch through the black felt and around the tote sides and lower edges.
3. Turn the tote right side out and press the seamed edges. Turn the black felt strip to the outside of the tote, leaving ¼" (.64cm) extending beyond the green edge. Press firmly.
4. Cut an 18" (45.72cm) length of webbing for the handle. Sear the cut ends or zigzag to secure.
5. Centering a webbing end over each black felt side seam allowance, stitch the handle ends in place forming a box to secure.
6. Using sharp scissors, notch the lower edge of the black felt strip to create monster "hair".



This square should  
measure 1" x 1"  
(2.54cm x 2.54cm)  
when printed.

\*\*\* Measure templates before cutting to confirm printing at 100%\*\*\*