

ALL ITEMS ARE NON-TOXIC. DO NOT EAT.

Makerspace

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Materials

- Poly-fil
- Flannel fabric 7.5'x16'
- Thread and needle
- Felt leaves
- Piece of wooden stick
- Twine
- Ribbon
- All-purpose glue (Not included)
- Scissors (Not included)

Mini Plush Pumpkin

Instructions:

1. Make sure the nice side of the fabric is facing in. Seams should be on the outside.
2. Thread the needle with the orange thread and make a knot with both ends.
3. Start passing your needle through the edge of the fabric (Approximately $\frac{1}{4}$ of an inch from the raw edge). Go over and under all around the fabric until you reach your starting point and then pull to make it tight. This will cause the fabric to ruche.



4. Now wrap the thread around about 5 times to secure it.



5. After wrapping the thread around, make a knot at the end by passing the needle through the fabric and stopping before the whole thread passes by. This will create a loop, and then pass the needle through the loop and pull. You can do this step twice to make sure it is secured.
6. Turn the fabric inside out so the seams are inside now.



7. Fill the inside with the poly-fil but leave space in the middle. It's easier if you start by adding little chunks of poly-fil on the sides.



8. Thread the needle again and tie the ends of the thread. Make sure to get enough thread this time since we will be closing the top and creating the pleats around the pumpkin to give its shape.
9. Close the top of the pumpkin by passing your needle with double thread under and over all around the top. This time, pass the needle closer to the edge but not too close that causes the flannel to fray. When you reach the starting point, make a knot again by passing the needle through and leaving a little loop to pass the needle through. Do not cut the thread.



10. From the same spot, pass the needle and thread through the center top and through the center bottom. Once the needle is out, get the thread around the side of the pumpkin and through the center top and bottom again. Pull tightly and this will create a pleat. Continue this step until you go around 8 times and you have a shape like a pumpkin.



11. Make a knot with the needle and thread when you finish making all your passes around the pumpkin (make sure to pull tight or the thread will be loose).
12. Using glue or a hot glue gun if you have access to one, glue the twine around the piece of wood stick until you have filled the whole thing. Let it dry.



13. Wrap a ribbon around the stem piece and make a bow.



14. Stick the stem in the center of the pumpkin or glue it down.
15. Lay down the felt leaf or glue it next to the stem and the project will be complete!

