Masquerade Ball
Ellen March
Choose from **13 characters and create a festive mask** to wear on Halloween. Make a matching tail or embellish a sweatshirt to wear with the mask to complete the quick-and-easy costume. **No runny makeup, awkward pattern pieces or late-night sewing required!**
ALLIGATOR

Supplies
- Two 9"x12" rectangles of green felt
- Scraps of white & black felt
- 9"x12" rectangle of fleece interfacing
- Sheet of white craft foam
- Matching thread
- 10" piece of 1/4"-wide elastic

Cut
Download the Alligator Mask pattern.
Using the pattern, cut out one main mask from the fleece. Cut out two main masks from the green felt.
Cut out two sets of outer eyes from the white felt, the inner eyes from the black felt and the teeth from the white foam.
Cut out the eyeholes on each main mask piece.
Trim 1/4" from the fleece mask perimeter and beyond the eyeholes.
Construct
Follow the pattern, or refer to the photo, to position each Alligator inner eye over one outer eye set; topstitch. Position the remaining outer eye set under the topstitched outer eye to conceal the stitching. Position the outer eye set lower edge right side facing the mask wrong side, with each eye extending beyond the mask upper edge. Position the foam teeth upper edge right side along the mask wrong side, with the teeth extending beyond the mask lower edge. Pin each pattern piece to secure.
Position the elastic ends along the elastic placement marks along the reserved mask piece wrong side, with the elastic length extending around the mask right side; pin.
Center the fleece mask along the reserved mask wrong side. With the right side facing up, place the embellished mask over the fleece mask; generously pin the perimeter.
Edgestitch the main mask and each eyehole perimeter, sandwiching the fleece and elastic ends.

BAT

Supplies

- Two 9"x12" rectangles of black felt
- Scrap of white & dark brown felt
- 9"x12" rectangle of fleece interfacing
- Matching thread
- 10" piece of 1/4"-wide elastic

Cut

Download the Bat Mask pattern.

Using the pattern, cut out one main mask from the fleece. Cut out two main masks and two outer ears from the black felt. Cut out the inner ears from the dark brown felt. Cut out the teeth from the white felt.

Cut out the eyeholes on each main mask piece.

Trim 1/4" from the fleece mask perimeter and beyond the eyeholes.

Construct

Follow the pattern, or refer to the photo, to center each inner ear over each outer ear; pin, and then topstitch. Fold the center of the ear over itself 1/4" to create a tuck; baste 1/8" from the edge. Position each outer ear lower edge right side facing one mask wrong-side upper edge; pin. Position the teeth over the mask wrong side lower-edge; pin.

Position the elastic ends along the elastic placement marks on the reserved mask wrong side, with the elastic length extending around the mask right side; pin.

Center the fleece mask along the reserved mask wrong side. With the right side facing up, place the embellished mask over the fleece mask; generously pin the perimeter. **Edgestitch the main mask** and each eyehole perimeter, sandwiching the fleece and elastic ends.

BEAR

Supplies

- Two 9"x12" rectangles of brown felt
- Scrap of light brown felt
- 9"x12" rectangle of fleece interfacing
- Matching thread
- 10" piece of 1/4"-wide elastic

Cut

Download the Bear Mask pattern.

Using the pattern, cut out one main mask from the fleece. Cut out two main masks and two outer ears from the brown felt. Cut out the inner ears and nose from the light brown felt.

Cut out the eyeholes on each main mask piece.

Trim 1/4" from the fleece mask perimeter and beyond the eyeholes.

Construct

Follow the pattern, or refer to the photo, to center each inner ear over each outer ear; pin, and then topstitch. Position each outer ear lower edge right side facing one mask wrong-side upper edge; pin. Position the nose over the mask wrong side lower-edge center; pin, and then topstitch the nose upper edge.

Position the elastic ends along the elastic placement marks on the reserved mask wrong side, with the elastic length extending around the mask right side; pin.

Center the fleece mask along the reserved mask wrong side. With the right side facing up, place the embellished mask over the fleece mask; generously pin the perimeter.

Edgestitch the main mask and each eyehole perimeter, sandwiching the fleece and elastic ends.

BEAR TAIL

Supplies

- 9"x12" rectangle of brown felt
- Polyester fiberfill
- Matching thread

Download the Bear Tail pattern. Cut out two tails from the brown felt.

Align the tails with right sides together. Stitch the tail perimeter, using a 1/4" seam allowance. Leave the tail straight edge free for turning.

Turn the tail right side out through the opening.
Carefully stuff the tail until the cavity is loosely full. Edgestitch the tail opening. Fold the straight edge in half widthwise; pin, and then stitch along the previous stitching line.

CAT

Supplies

- Two 9"x12" rectangles of black felt
- 9"x12" rectangle of fleece interfacing
- Scrap of pink felt
- Matching thread
- 10" piece of 1/4"-wide elastic

Cut
Download the Cat Mask pattern.
Using the pattern, cut out one main mask from the fleece. Cut out two main masks and four outer ears from the black felt. Cut out the inner ears and nose from the pink felt.
Cut out the eyeholes and nostrils on each main mask and inner mask piece.
Trim 1/4" from the fleece mask perimeter and beyond the eyeholes and nostrils.
Construct
Follow the pattern, or refer to the photo, to center one inner ear over one outer ear; pin, and then topstitch. Position the remaining inner ear over the opposite outer ear; pin, and then topstitch. Position each corresponding outer ear over each topstitched outer ear wrong side; edgestitch. Position each outer ear lower edge right side facing one mask wrong-side upper edge. Position the nose upper edge right side facing the mask lower-edge center; pin.
Position the elastic ends along the elastic placement marks along the reserved mask piece wrong side, with the elastic length extending around the mask right side; pin.
Center the fleece mask along the reserved mask wrong side. With the right side facing up, place the embellished mask over the fleece mask; generously pin the perimeter. **Edgestitch the main mask** and each eyehole perimeter, sandwiching the fleece, nose upper edge and elastic ends.
CAT TAIL
Supplies

- 8"x20" rectangle of black felt
- Polyester fiberfill
- Matching thread

Download the Cat Tail pattern. Cut out one tail from the black felt.

Fold the tail in half along the lengthwise center. Stitch the open edges, using a 1/2" seam allowance and leaving a 4" opening as marked on the pattern.
Turn the tail right side out through the opening, using a chopstick or knitting needle to push out the corners and end.
Stuff the tail until the cavity is full. Slipstitch the opening closed, and then center the seam on the tail lower edge.

DOG

Supplies

- Two 9"x12" rectangles of light brown felt
- Two 9"x12" rectangles of dark brown felt
- 9"x12" rectangle each of fleece interfacing & peach felt
- Matching thread
- 10" piece of 1/4"-wide elastic

Cut
Download the Dog Mask pattern.
Using the pattern, cut out one main mask from the fleece. Cut out two main masks and four outer ears from the dark brown felt. Cut out one inner mask from the light brown felt. Cut out one nose and two inner ears from the peach felt.
Cut out the eyeholes on each main mask and inner mask piece.
Trim 1/4" from the fleece mask perimeter and beyond the eyeholes.
Construct
Follow the pattern, or refer to the photo, to center one inner ear over one outer ear; pin, and then topstitch. Position the remaining inner ear over the opposite outer ear; pin, and then topstitch. Position each corresponding outer ear over each topstitched outer ear wrong side; edgestitch. Position each corresponding outer ear edge wrong side facing one mask wrong side along each side edge.
Position the nose upper-edge wrong side along the mask lower-edge center wrong side; topstitch the nose upper edge. Position the inner mask wrong side over the mask right side, aligning the lower edges; topstitch.
Position the elastic ends along the elastic placement marks along the reserved mask wrong side, with the elastic length extending around the mask right side; pin.

Center the fleece mask along the reserved mask wrong side. With the right side facing up, place the embellished mask over the fleece mask; generously pin the perimeter. **Edgestitch the main mask** and each eyehole perimeter, sandwiching the fleece and elastic ends.

DOG TAIL

Supplies

- One 9"x12" rectangle of brown felt
- Polyester fiberfill
- Matching thread

Download the Dog Tail pattern. Cut out two tails from the brown felt.

Align the tails with right sides together. Stitch the tail perimeter, using a 1/4" seam allowance. Leave the tail straight edge free for turning.

Turn the tail right side out through the opening, using a chopstick or knitting needle to push out the tail end.

Stuff the tail until the cavity is full. Edgestitch the tail opening.

DUCK

Supplies

- Two 7"x10" rectangles of dark green felt
- 7"x10" rectangle of fleece interfacing
- Yellow craft-foam sheet (duckbill)
- 2 feather brooches (See "Sources.")
- Matching thread
- 10" piece of 1/4"-wide elastic

Cut

Download the Duck Mask pattern.

Using the pattern, cut out one main mask from the fleece. Cut out two main masks from the green felt.

Cut out the duckbill from the yellow foam sheet. Cut out the nostrils and cut a slit along the duckbill upper-edge center, following the pattern marks.

Cut out the eyeholes on each main mask piece.

Trim 1/4" from the fleece mask perimeter and beyond the eyeholes.
Construct
Overlap one duckbill slit edge over the opposite slit edge; baste the upper edge to secure.
Follow the pattern, or refer to the photo, to position the duckbill upper edge right side facing the mask wrong-side lower-edge center; pin.
Position the elastic ends along the elastic placement marks along the reserved mask piece wrong side, with the elastic length extending around the mask right side; pin.
Center the fleece mask along the reserved mask wrong side. With the right side facing up, place the embellished mask over the fleece mask; generously pin the perimeter.
Edgestitch the main mask and each eyehole perimeter, sandwiching the fleece and elastic ends.
Use the remaining feather brooch as a tail.

ELEPHANT

Supplies
- Two 24"x26" rectangles of gray felt
- Two 12" squares each of light pink felt and heavyweight interfacing (such as Timtex)
- 9"x12" rectangle of fleece interfacing
- Polyester fiberfill
- 60" length of 18-guage fabric-coated craft wire
- Matching thread
- 10" piece of 1/4"-wide elastic

Cut
Download the Elephant Mask pattern and **Elephant Tail pattern.**
Using the pattern, cut out one main mask from the fleece. Cut out two main masks, two nostrils and four outer ears from the gray felt. Cut out two inner ears each from the heavyweight interfacing and pink felt. Trim the interfacing 1/4" from the perimeter.
From the gray felt, cut out one trunk. From the pink felt, cut out one nose.
Cut out the eyeholes on each main mask piece.
Trim 1/4" from the fleece mask perimeter and beyond the eyeholes.
Construct
Position one interfacing inner ear over one corresponding pink inner ear wrong side. Glue or pin the interfacing perimeter. Repeat to add interfacing to the opposite inner ear.
Center one inner ear wrong side facing one corresponding outer ear right side; topstitch. Repeat to topstitch the opposite inner ear to another outer ear. Position the remaining outer ear wrong side facing the embellished ear wrong side; topstitch.

Position the nostrils over the nose; glue or hand sew to secure.
Follow the pattern, or refer to the photo, to position each ear right side facing one mask wrong side upper edge, with each ear body extending beyond the mask; pin.
With the right sides facing, fold the trunk in half lengthwise. Position one 17" length of wire 1/2" from the long edge. Satin stitch over the wire to secure. Turn right side out and clip the excess wire.
Fold one trunk end 1/4" to the wrong side; finger-press.
Fold the nose perimeter 1/4" to the wrong side, clipping as necessary for a smooth edge. Position the nose along the trunk opposite end; slipstitch the nose fold to conceal the trunk raw end. Stuff the trunk cavity until full.
Position the elastic ends along the elastic placement marks along the reserved mask piece wrong side, with the elastic length extending around the mask right side; pin.
Center the fleece mask along the reserved mask wrong side. With the right side facing up, place the embellished mask over the fleece mask; generously pin the perimeter. Edgestitch the main mask and each eyehole perimeter, sandwiching the fleece and elastic ends.
Position the trunk folded end along the trunk placement line on the main mask right side. Slipstitch along the trunk fold to secure it to the mask.
Gently manipulate the wire along the trunk to change the trunk shape as desired.
ELEPHANT TAIL
Supplies

- 8"x17" rectangle of gray felt
- 12"x18" rectangle of black knit fusible interfacing
- Matching thread

Cut out two tails and one tail hair from the gray felt. Cut out two tail hairs from the fusible interfacing.
Follow the manufacturer's instructions to fuse the interfacing pieces to the tail hair felt top and bottom wrong sides. Fold the tail hair piece in half widthwise; press. Cut through both layers every 1/8" towards the fold, stopping 1/4" from the fold. Unfold the tail hair piece and press flat.
Position one tail right side down on a flat work surface. Center the tail hair piece 1/4" from the tail bottom. Position the second tail right side up over the tail hair piece and first tail; pin, and then edgestitch the perimeter, leaving the tail top free.
Stuff the tail until the cavity is full. Edgestitch the tail upper opening.

FRANKENSTEIN

Supplies

- Two 9"x12" rectangles of green felt (main mask)
- Scraps of red, black & silver felt
- 9"x12" rectangle of fleece interfacing
- Matching thread
- 10"-long piece of 1/4"-wide elastic

Cut

Download the Frankenstein Mask pattern.

Using the pattern, cut out one main mask from the fleece. Cut out two main masks from the green felt. Cut out the scar from the red felt, the hair from the black felt and the bolts from the silver felt.

Cut out the eyeholes on each main mask piece.

Trim 1/4" from the fleece mask perimeter and beyond the eyeholes.

Construct

Follow the pattern, or refer to the photo, to position the Frankenstein hair over the mask right side, aligning the upper edges. Position the bolts along the mask left and right edge, with each bolt right side facing the mask wrong side and extending beyond the mask edge. Position the scar diagonally along the mask upper right quadrant. Pin each pattern piece to secure.

Position the elastic ends along the elastic placement marks on the reserved mask piece wrong side, with the elastic length extending around the mask right side; pin.

Center the fleece mask along the reserved mask wrong side. With the right side facing up, place the embellished mask over the fleece mask; generously pin the perimeter.

Edgestitch the main mask and each eyehole perimeter, sandwiching the fleece and elastic ends.

Topstitch the hair lower edge and scar perimeter through all layers.

FROG

Supplies

- Two 9"x12" rectangles of green felt
- Scraps of white, black & red felt
- 9"x12" rectangle of fleece interfacing
- Matching thread
- Plastic fly
- 10" piece of 1/4"-wide elastic

Cut

Download the Frog Mask pattern.

Using the pattern, cut out one main mask from the fleece. Cut out two main masks from the green felt.

Cut out two sets of outer eyes from the white felt, the inner eyes from the black felt and two tongues from the red felt.

Cut out the eyeholes on each main mask piece.

Trim 1/4" from the fleece mask perimeter and beyond the eyeholes.

Construct

Follow the pattern, or refer to the photo, to position each Frog inner eye over one outer eye; topstitch. Position the corresponding outer eye over the topstitched outer eye wrong side to conceal the stitching; edgestitch. Repeat to create the remaining eye.

Position each outer eye lower edge right side facing the mask wrong side, with each eye extending beyond the mask upper edge; pin.

Position both tongues with wrong sides together. Stitch a long basting stitch along the tongue center. Position the tongue upper edge right side along the mask wrong side, with the tongue length extending beyond the mask lower edge; pin.

Position the elastic ends along the elastic placement marks along the reserved mask piece wrong side, with the elastic length extending around the mask right side; pin.

Center the fleece mask along the reserved mask wrong side. With the right side facing up, place the embellished mask over the fleece mask; generously pin the perimeter. **Edgestitch the main mask** and each eyehole perimeter, sandwiching the fleece and elastic ends.

LION

Supplies

- Two 9"x12" rectangles of light brown felt
- Two 14"x15" rectangles of textured felt
- Scraps of dark brown & tan felt
- 9"x12" rectangle of fleece interfacing
- 14"x 15" rectangle of heavyweight interfacing
- Matching thread
- 10" piece of 1/4"-wide elastic

Cut

Download the Lion Mask pattern.

Using the pattern, cut out one main mask from the fleece. Cut out two main masks from the light brown felt.

Cut out one mane from the heavyweight interfacing, two manes from the textured felt, one nose from the dark brown felt and the ears and cheeks from the tan felt.

Cut out the eyeholes on each main mask piece.

Trim 1/4" from the fleece mask perimeter and beyond the eyeholes.

Construct

Follow the pattern, or refer to the photo, to position each ear with wrong sides facing the mane right side. Position the cheeks wrong side facing the mane right side. Position the nose wrong side over the cheeks right side. Topstitch the ears. Position one main mask right side up over the mane. Pin the mask perimeter to secure all layers.

Turn over the mask. Position the interfacing mane over the mask wrong side, aligning all edges. Position the remaining mane over the interfacing mane with the right side facing up. Pin the mane perimeter from the right side.

Position the elastic ends along the elastic placement marks along the reserved mask piece wrong side, with the elastic length extending around the mask right side; pin.

Edgestitch the main mask and mane perimeter, sandwiching the fleece and elastic ends.

Satin stitch each eyehole perimeter. Straight stitch the mouth-opening perimeter.

MONKEY

Supplies

- Two 9"x12" rectangles of brown felt
- 9"x12" rectangle of fleece interfacing
- 4"x10" rectangle each of brown faux fur & peach felt
- Matching thread
- 10" piece of 1/4"-wide elastic

Cut

Download the Monkey Mask pattern.

Using the pattern, cut out one main mask from the fleece. Cut out two main masks and four outer ears from the brown felt. Cut out one fur piece from the faux fur. Cut out the inner mask and inner ears from the peach felt.

Cut out the eyeholes and nostrils on each main mask and inner mask piece.

Trim 1/4" from the fleece mask perimeter and beyond the eyeholes and nostrils.

Construct

Follow the pattern, or refer to the photo, to center one inner ear over one outer ear; pin, and then topstitch. Position the remaining inner ear over the opposite outer ear; pin, and then topstitch. Position each corresponding outer ear over each topstitched outer ear wrong side; edgestitch. Position each outer ear lower edge wrong side facing one mask right-side upper edge. Position the fur piece over the mask right side, aligning the edges and sandwiching each ear lower edge; pin the outer edge. Position the inner mask over the fur, aligning the lower edges; topstitch the inner mask outer edge.

Position the elastic ends along the elastic placement marks along the reserved mask piece wrong side, with the elastic length extending around the mask right side; pin.

Center the fleece mask along the reserved mask wrong side. With the right side facing up, place the embellished mask over the fleece mask; generously pin the perimeter. **Edgestitch the main mask,** nostril and each eyehole perimeter, sandwiching the fleece and elastic ends.

MONKEY TAIL

Supplies

- One 8"x20" rectangle of brown felt

- 18" length of 18-guage fabric-coated craft wire
- Polyester fiberfill
- Matching thread

Download the Monkey Tail pattern. Cut one tail from the brown felt.
Fold the tail in half along the lengthwise center. Stitch the open edges, using a 1/2" seam allowance and leaving a 4" opening as marked on the pattern.
Turn the tail right side out through the opening, using a chopstick or knitting needle to push out the corners and end.
Insert the wire through opening.
Stuff the tail until the cavity is full. Slipstitch the opening closed, and then center the seam on the tail lower edge.
Shape the tail end into a curved shape as desired.

MUMMY

Supplies

- Two 9"x12" rectangles of white felt
- 12"-square of white felt
- 9"x12" rectangle of fleece interfacing
- Matching thread
- 10" piece of 1/4"-wide elastic
- Brown fabric marker

Cut
Download the Mummy Mask pattern.
Using the pattern, cut out one main mask from the fleece. Cut out two main masks from the white felt.
Cut out the eyeholes on each main mask piece.
Trim 1/4" from the fleece mask perimeter and beyond the eyeholes.
Construct
Cut the white felt square into 8 strips of differing widths. Using the fabric marker, lightly color each strip long edge.
Position the elastic ends along the elastic placement marks along the reserved mask piece wrong side, with the elastic length extending around the mask right side; pin.
Center the fleece mask between both felt masks; generously pin the perimeter. **Edgestitch the main mask** and each eyehole perimeter, sandwiching the fleece and elastic ends.
Position the strips in a random lattice pattern over the mask right side. Stitch each strip in place through all layers.

PIG

Supplies

- Two 9"x12" rectangles of pink felt
- Scrap of light pink felt
- 9"x12" rectangle of fleece interfacing
- Matching thread
- 10" piece of 1/4"-wide elastic

Cut

Download the Pig Mask pattern.

Using the pattern, cut out one main mask from the fleece. Cut out two main masks from the pink felt.

Cut out the outer ears and nose from the light pink felt and the inner ears and nostrils from the remaining pink felt.

Cut out the eyeholes on each main mask piece.

Trim 1/4" from the fleece mask perimeter and beyond the eyeholes.

Construct

Follow the pattern, or refer to the photo, to center each inner ear over each outer ear; pin, and then topstitch. Position each outer ear lower edge right side facing the mask wrong-side upper edge; pin. Position the nostrils over the nose lower edge; pin, and then topstitch. Cut out the nostril holes through both layers. Position the nose upper edge right side facing the mask wrong side lower-edge center; pin.

Position the elastic ends along the elastic placement marks along the reserved mask wrong side, with the elastic length extending around the mask right side; pin.

Center the fleece mask along the reserved mask wrong side. With the right side facing up, place the embellished mask over the fleece mask; generously pin the perimeter. **Edgestitch the main mask** and each eyehole perimeter, sandwiching the fleece and elastic ends.

PIG TAIL

Supplies

- Scrap of pink felt
- 5" length of 18-guage fabric-coated craft wire
- Matching thread

Download the Pig Tail pattern. Cut out one tail form the pink felt.

With right sides facing, fold the tail in half lengthwise. Stitch the long edge 1/4" from the raw edge, leaving the tail end free. Trim the seam allowance to 1/8".

Insert a 5" length of wire into the tail end. Hand stitch the opening closed.

Twist the tail around a finger to create a spiral tail.

Sources

Craft Supplies for Less provided the Foamies 2mm craft foam sheets: craftsuppliesforless.com.

Fabric.com provided the felt, fleece, elastic and feather brooches: fabric.com.

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