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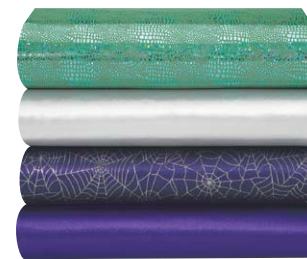
**BASIC FABRICS:** You can achieve many interesting textures with basic fabrics like velvet, fur, tissue lame, satin, felt, organza, chiffon, fleece, lace, tulle or Softy & Comfy.

**SPECIALTY FABRICS** for costumes & decorations.

- Metallic knits & festive foils
- Metallic mesh
- Printed & glitter satins with Halloween motifs
- Netting with flocking or glitter
- Knits with sequined embellishment
- Monster melt
- Costume suedecloth & pleather

**KNIT, WOVEN & NON-WOVEN FABRICS:** Follow the fabric guidelines.

**KNITS** stretch for comfort & conform to the body. Unfinished ends won't ravel. Knits are a good choice for leggings & fitted looks. Use a universal, ballpoint or stretch needle in the sewing machine.



**WOVENS**, like satin and organza, will ravel, so edges & hems must be finished. Use a universal or sharp needle in the sewing machine. To control fabric fraying, make a small hem along all edges, put a line of glue or Fray Check™ along the raw edge of the fabric, or make a serger edge.

**NON-WOVENS**, such as felt, will not ravel, so edges & hems can be unfinished. Non-Wovens are often stiffer fabrics, so they work well for accessories.

**SEWING TIPS:** Halloween brings out creativity and breaks the sewing rules. Halloween costumes do not require perfect construction, so don't worry about your sewing skills. Just have fun!

1. For smooth seams on slippery fabrics, like lame and satin, swipe a glue stick along the seam allowances to hold the layers together without pinning.
2. When working with sheers, use a regular serged edge or narrow rolled serger hem to save time.
3. In colder climates, allow for layers of clothing under the costume. Use warm fabrics, like fleece or corduroy. Allow extra room for outerwear to fit under your costume.

## NO-SEW KING OR QUEEN COSTUME

### SUPPLIES & TOOLS:

- 3 yds 45" metallic knit-backed fabric
- 3 yds 1" satin ribbon
- 1/4 yd metallic knit
- 1 yd nylon net
- Fabric scissors
- Tape measure
- Safety pin
- Foamies® craft foam crown
- Gems
- Tacky glue



### DIRECTIONS:

1. Neatly cut selvage from 1 edge of entire 3 yards. This is the hem.
2. Lay the 3 yards right-side-down. Fold over 12" on each 45" end to form the robe's front edges.
3. Fold remaining selvage edge over 8" to form collar. Piece should measure 36"x84".
4. Cut an odd number of 1" vertical slits 5" from the top edge through both layers of the collar. Mark a 5" line from top & place slits 4" apart.
5. Weave ribbon in & out of slits. Secure at middle of back with safety pin.
6. Roll or fold net & insert inside collar to add body.
7. Tie metallic knit around waist.
8. Glue gems on crown.

### LOW-SEW COSTUME: WITCH

Simplicity® 5927. Follow directions. Cape & robe have simple unfinished edges & glued-on trim.

### SEWING COSTUME: DRACULA

Simplicity® 3595. Follow directions.

Front Cover (l-r): King, Witch & Vampire costumes

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## COSTUME CONSTRUCTION

**NO-SEW OPTIONS:** Halloween costumes are a great place to experiment with No-sew Notions. These products are great timesavers.

Seams:

- Stitch Witchery™, HeatnBond®, Velcro® Fabric Fusion fusible webbings & tapes
- Fabri-Tac® & Liquid Stitch® fabric adhesives

Trim:

- Stitch Witchery™, HeatnBond®, Velcro® Fabric Fusion fusible webbings & tapes
- Fabri-Tac® & Liquid Stitch® fabric adhesives
- Glue gun and glue sticks

Closures:

- Safety pins: nickel-plated or colors
- Velcro® brand fusible hook-&-loop tape

**LOW-SEW OPTIONS:** Use a sweat suit as the base for your costume and half the work is complete! Just hand-sew some trim & embellishments, or run a simple machine hem. These products will help.

Seams:

- Water-soluble basting thread
- Stitch Witchery™, HeatnBond®
- Fabri-Tac® & Liquid Stitch® fabric adhesives
- Elastic for easy-fit waistlines

Trim:

- Stitch Witchery™, HeatnBond®, Velcro® Fabric Fusion fusible webbings & tapes
- Fabri-Tac® & Liquid Stitch® fabric adhesives
- Hand sewing or machine sewing

Closures:

- Safety pins: nickel-plated or colors
- Velcro® brand hook-&-loop tape: fusible or sew-on
- Snaps
- Ribbon ties



SEWERS will find all of the products helpful, plus basic sewing supplies and a serger or decorative sewing machine. Check out Jo-Ann's extensive choice of patterns & idea books. Or gather ideas from your favorite television shows, movies or comic strips.



**DECORATIVE TIPS:** Decorative details personalize a Halloween costume.

- Paints: fabric glitter paint, dimensional fabric paint, acrylic paint, spray paint
- Fabric dyes
- Gems, sequins, beads: sew-on, iron-on, glue-on

1. Stiffen collars, hats or wings with quilter's template plastic, plastic canvas or poster board.
2. Masks add extra appeal to many Halloween costumes. They are easy to make. Use tacky glue or a hot glue gun to embellish with feathers, ribbons, lace, buttons, silk flowers, fabrics, craft foam, yarn, netting, rope, wiggle eyes, gems, sequins, crystal beads or glitter.
3. Spray paint old shoes, belts & hats. Apply paint outside in a well-ventilated area.



**SAFETY TIPS:**

1. For children to be seen more easily in the dark, apply these reflective & glow-in-the-dark products to the costume, or trim shoes, hat, buckle and treat bag:
  - Glow-in-the-dark fabric paints & paint markers
  - Reflective flashing clip, sew-in piping or iron-on tape or ribbon
  - Glow-in-the-dark thread
  - Glow-in-the-dark pony beads, craft foam stickers, polymer clay
2. Oversized costumes & long pant legs can cause tripping, so fit the costume properly and allow for the free movement of arms and legs. Use Res-Q™ tape to hold hems in place for an evening.
3. Masks and head coverings should not cover the mouth or the nose. This can make speaking and breathing difficult.
4. Most fabrics are not flame retardant. Use LED lights rather than candles.
5. Read instructions on over-the-counter make-up & paints. Test for sensitivity beforehand. Dab make-up on the inside of the arm and leave it on for at least 1 hour. These products can be difficult to remove, so apply a foundation of cold cream under the make-up or face paint.



**HELPFUL TIPS:**

1. Sketch the costume idea before starting. Design the costume for easy dressing & undressing.
2. Make a complete shopping list before going to the store with all the supplies needed including glue, scissors, fusible adhesives, patterns, fabric, fabric dye, thread, embellishments and reflective trim.
3. Always test a scrap of fabric before ironing the entire costume. Use a press cloth when ironing.
4. Sweat shirts, sweat pants & T-shirts are a good base for a costume. You can dye the pieces to the colors you need.

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