

## Old Witch Mary.....

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Start with a denim shirt, add, “Old Witch Mary, some ruffles, some Rick Rack, some ribbon and some text and you have a “Halloween” shirt! Each year when October rolls around, you can bring out your “Old Witch Mary” shirt and know the Halloween season has begun.

### Sewing Supplies:

Husqvarna Viking Sewing/Embroidery Machine

Husqvarna Viking Huskylock Serger

Husqvarna Viking ER10 Needle Felting Machine (optional)

4D Embroidery Software (optional)

Purchased Denim Shirt

1/4 yard Orange for Ruffles

Three Cones Orange Serger Thread or Three Spools of Orange Sewing Thread

Assorted Trims and Ribbons including Mini Rick Rack

Robison Anton 40 wt. Embroidery Thread

Bobbin Thread

Braiding Foot #411 85 00-45

Gathering Foot #412 79 71-45

Button Foot with Placement Tool #412934545

Pictogram Pen

Orange Buttons

Roving

Inspira Cut-A-Way Stabilizer #141000802

Inspira Tear-A-Way Light Stabilizer # 141000820

Open Toe Foot #412 80 09-45



### Embroider:

1. Begin by looking at your shirt. Try it on, and using your Pictogram Pen, mark areas where you would like to embellish. We put our, “Old Witch Mary” on the back of the shirt, but you could put her on the front. Our shirt had vertical strips already topstitched, so we used those for our text. You can use the same layout as ours or create you own.
2. Download, “Old Witch Mary” from [www.husqvarnaviking.com](http://www.husqvarnaviking.com). She will be the free design for the months of October and November 2007, and will then be available for sale from [www.myembroideries.com](http://www.myembroideries.com).

3. Hoop your shirt with Inspira Cut-A-Way Stabilizer. (Old Witch Mary is rather dense, and really needs a Cut-A-Way Stabilizer). Thread with 40 wt. rayon embroidery thread on top and in the bobbin. Embroider “Old Witch Mary” on your shirt.

4. Open 4D Software. Select Ghoulish B font. Type in the following poem:

Old Witch Mary, quite contrary,  
How does your garden grow?  
With moss and slime  
And poisonous vine,  
And toadstools all in a row!

or search the internet for fun Halloween Sayings and find one you like. We also put “Free brooms with flying lessons!” down the front of the shirt under the pocket. When stitching near an edge or in a difficult place to hoop, hoop your Cut-A-Way stabilizer and touch FIX to baste your shirt to the stabilizer.

### Sew the Broom:


1. On the front on each side of the, “Free brooms with flying lessons”, we made a broom.


2. Begin by felting “tufts” of roving. Needle felt at the top, where it will attach to the broom leaving some of the “end” of the broom loose.


3. While you are at your Huskystar ER10, felt a little bit of roving onto the witches broom as well. It gives a nice bit of texture and dimension.

4. On your Husqvarna Viking Sewing Machine, select the widest 6mm pre-programmed satin stitch. Place a piece of Inspira Tear-A-Way Light Stabilizer underneath the fabric, and stitch the handle of the broom. We stopped and started on each side of the lettering.

5. To do this, select F1:16. Start at the broom and stitch up.

Before you begin stitching, touch the reverse symbol . This steps you past the first taper and begins the stitching with a square end. Stitch until you approach the lettering

and touch the reverse  again. This will begin the taper, and your machine will stop when the taper is

complete. Mirror image the stitch side to side . Begin on the other side of the lettering, and your machine will automatically stitch the taper and go into the satin stitch.



6. Thread with orange thread on top and bobbin. Select D1:5. Adjust the width to 0.5 and the length to 4.5. Stitch a few “bristles” in the broom. Repeat with the broom in your embroidered witch.

## Stitch your Ruffles:

1. Make the ruffles by cutting your orange fabric into 1” wide strips. Set your Huskylock for three thread Rolled Edge following your Sewing Advisor. Thread your Huskylock with orange cone thread or orange sewing thread. Stitch the strips end to end forming one long strip. Stitch a rolled hem on each raw edge.
2. On your sewing machine, thread with orange sewing thread top and bobbin. Snap on your Gathering Foot. Select a straight stitch length 6.0. Stitch down the center of the strip, gathering as you go.




3. Decide where you want to place your ruffled trim. We put it around the collar, around the pockets, down one side under the pocket and on the back yoke. You need to look at your shirt and decide where it will be flattering. Pin it, try on the shirt until you are happy with the placement. Snap on your Open Toe foot. Select a straight stitch, 2.5 stitch length. Stitch the ruffle in place.



4. Snap on your Braiding Foot. Thread mini Rick Rack through the opening from the top down and underneath the back of the foot. Thread with thread to match the mini Rick Rack, and stitch the Rick Rack down the middle of the ruffled trim.

5. Stitch Rick Rack around the pockets if desired.

6. On the front placket, place ribbon or trim. Thread with fuchsia thread top and bobbin. Select the Fur Stitch F1:14 . Adjust the stitch length to 35.0 and the stitch width to 5.0. Stitch the ribbon in place.

7. Remove the existing buttons. Snap on your Button Foot with Placement Tool. Thread with orange or fuchsia thread and sew on the orange buttons.



Put on your new shirt, and let the goblins in!