

HALLOWEEN HINTS

Sew Up Halloween In Patriotic Fashion

(NAPSA)—Halloween has always been a time when people reach into their closets and clear the cobwebs from their sewing machines. This year, Americans who are ever eager to declare their patriotism will sew up Halloween with a red, white and blue flair. For those thinking of stitching up a Halloween of patriotic proportions, Husqvarna Viking offers these suggestions:

- Make your toddler Little Miss Liberty with a simple circle of Liberty Green soft, drapey fabric like satin or lamé. Fold one-and-a-half yards of fabric in quarters.

With a fabric compass or string attached to a pencil, place the point or end of your string at the folded corner. Draw a curved line at the raw edge of your folded fabric. Cut the bottom of your circle using a wide three-thread serger stitch. A serger, like the Husqvarna Viking Huskylock, seams, trims and finishes fabric twice as fast as a traditional sewing machine. Top your little Miss with a crown and she's ready to stand tall and proud while trick or treating.

- Patriotic fabrics abound and it's the perfect time to use these spirited prints to create trick or treat bags. Embellish the bag with embroidered motifs using one of today's sewing and embroidery machines like the Husqvarna Viking Iris. The sensibly-priced Iris comes ready to embroider with just a touch. Embroider random red, white and blue stars, or monogram USA using Nitelite



SEW UP HALLOWEEN with a red, white and blue flair from Simplicity Pattern Company.

“Glow in the Dark” Thread that actually glows in the dark for eight hours. That way you can create the perfect accessory for your patriotic costume while providing built-in safety.

Finally, instead of dressing your scarecrow in the traditional greens and golds, dress him up in red, white and blue. Simple instructions for making a patriotic scarecrow are available at www.husqvarnaviking.com.

By giving rise to the pioneer spirit and sewing, Halloween becomes a time to connect and to contemplate what makes this country so great.