

## Quilted Spider Web Trick-or-Treat Drawstring

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Make a quick and easy candy collecting tote bag for trick-or-treating that can be used for years in just a few hours! The Janome Horizon Memory Craft 8900QCP Special Edition is ideal for quilting the top of the bag and assembling it. Utilize the free motion capabilities and easily switch back to standard sewing stitches in seconds.

**Skill Level:** Beginner to Intermediate

**Sewing Time:** 3 Hours

**Finished Size:** 13 1/2" x 14 1/2"

### Janome Supplies Required:

- Horizon Memory Craft 8900QCP Special Edition
- Standard Sewing Foot A
- QBS foot for free motion quilting
- Red Tip Needle
- Pre-wound bobbin
- Empty bobbin

### Fabric/Notions Required:

- 1/2 yard of solid cotton fabric sub cut into: (2) 16" x 18"
- 1 fat quarter of contrasting (or coordinating) fabric sub cut into: (1) 14" x 16"
- 16" x 18" piece of batting (Tip: If using black fabric, you can use black batting to reduce the white lint.)
- Coordinating all-purpose sewing thread
- 1 spool of high contrast quilting thread (contrast with solid fabric)
- 42" ribbon, no wider than 1/2"
- Bodkin or safety pin

### Student Supplies Required:

- Marking pen and tailors chalk
- Rotary cutter, ruler and mat
- Safety pins and spray baste
- Supreme slider
- Iron
- Spray starch, if desired



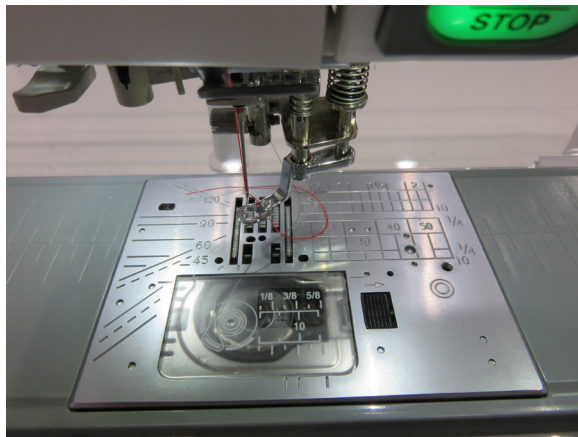
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### Quilting:

1. Make a quilt sandwich out of the two pieces of solid fabric that are cut to 16" x 18" and your batting. Place one piece of fabric wrong side up and place the batting on top of that. After that is done, place the final piece of fabric wrong side down on top of the batting.
2. Secure the layers with safety pins or spray baste.



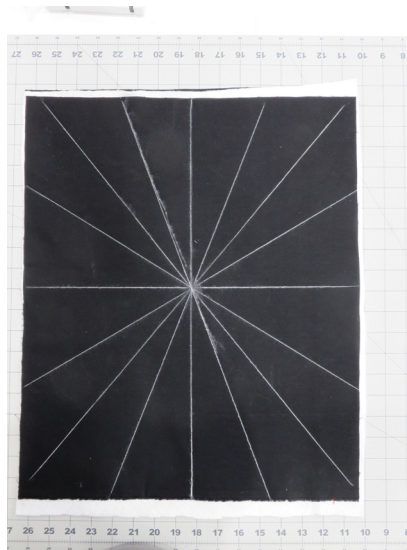
3. Attach QBS foot or free motion. Lower the feed dogs and adjust the presser foot pressure to "5" and set the machine to "D4" "D4S".



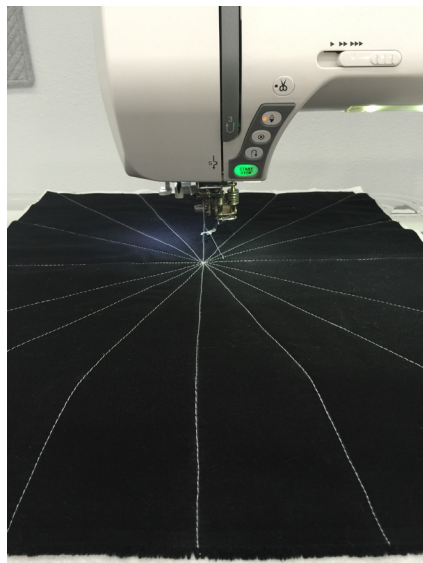
4. Wind the bobbin with quilting thread that highly contrasts with the solid fabric you selected. Thread the machine with matching thread. The fabric Joanna selected was solid black and she also selected a light silver thread to quilt the spider web.

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- Using tailor's chalk or a marking tool of your choice and a ruler, mark lines on the top fabric. The first mark will divide the piece of fabric in half, the next into quarters and so on. Make the marks fairly even spaced and make at least 6 of the dividing marks.

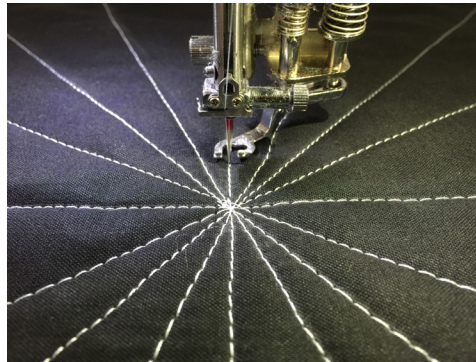


- Take the basted quilt sandwich to the sewing machine and quilt directly on top of the guidelines you drew. It isn't imperative that the lines be perfectly straight. The lines you're quilting right now are the guidelines for the rest of the spider web you'll be quilting.

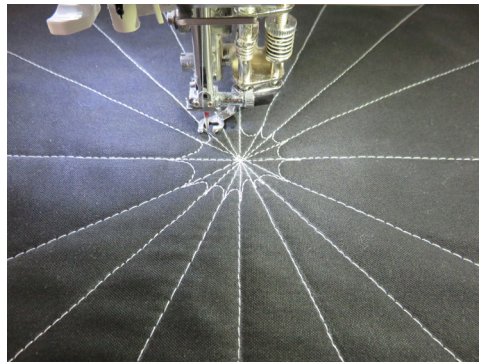


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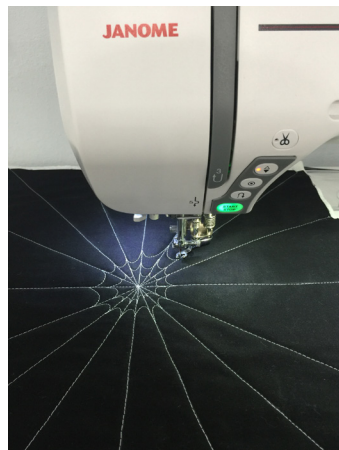
7. Quilt each line from side to side, stitching in place a few stitches to secure the quilting line.



8. Once each guideline has been quilted, you can remove the marks you made, if you choose. Starting at the center intersection of the quilted lines, make a line of stitching in the shape of the letter “U” to connect one line to the next.



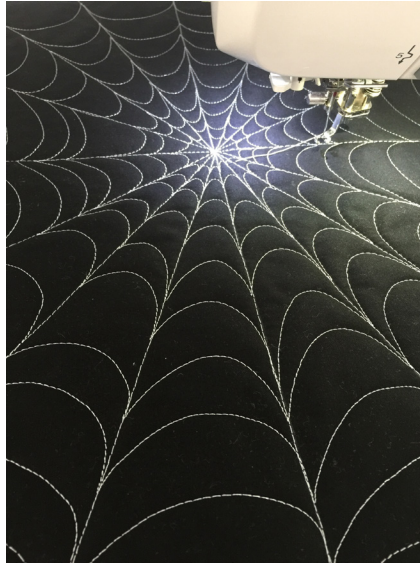
9. Continue connecting the straight lines in this way, making your “U” lines move outward after you connect each line.





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10. Quilt the “U” lines until you’ve filled in and connected all the way from the center intersection to the outer portion of the quilt sandwich.



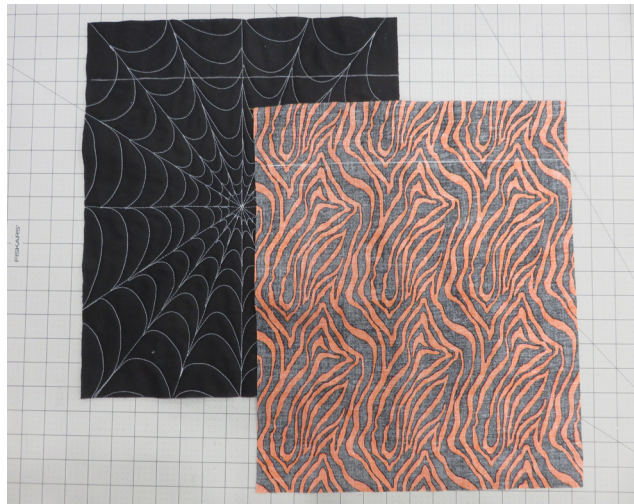
11. Take the completed quilt sandwich to the cutting station and square up to 14” x 16”.



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### Assemble the Drawstring Bag:

1. Take the remaining 14" x 16" piece of fabric, either coordinating or contrasting with the solid fabric (this will be the back of the drawstring bag).
2. Measure 2 1/2" from the top 14" edge of both the back of the drawstring bag and the quilted panel you just made. Mark both lines on the wrong side of the fabric.



3. Fold the raw edge down (wrong sides together) to meet the line you just marked and press in place. Complete this step with both the quilted panel and the other piece of fabric.



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4. Remove the QBS foot for free motion and attach the standard sewing foot A. Raise the feed dogs and set the machine to "DIS".



5. Sew a seam a 1/4" away from the raw edge of the fold. Do this for both the quilted panel and the contrasting fabric piece. This is making the opening for the ribbon that will later be fed through to create the drawstring closure.





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6. Take the quilted panel and the contrasting fabric piece and place them right sides together, matching the raw edges. Make sure the “top” of the bag, the pieces you just sewed the 1/4” seam on, are together and lined up. Pin in place along the 3 raw edges, but not the top folded edge.



7. Sew along the 3 raw edges, starting at the stitching line you sewed in the previous step (not the top 1” of the bag - leave this unsewn), backstitching to secure your stitches. Stop sewing once you approach the opposite stitching line, again leaving the last inch unsewn and backstitch to secure the stitches.



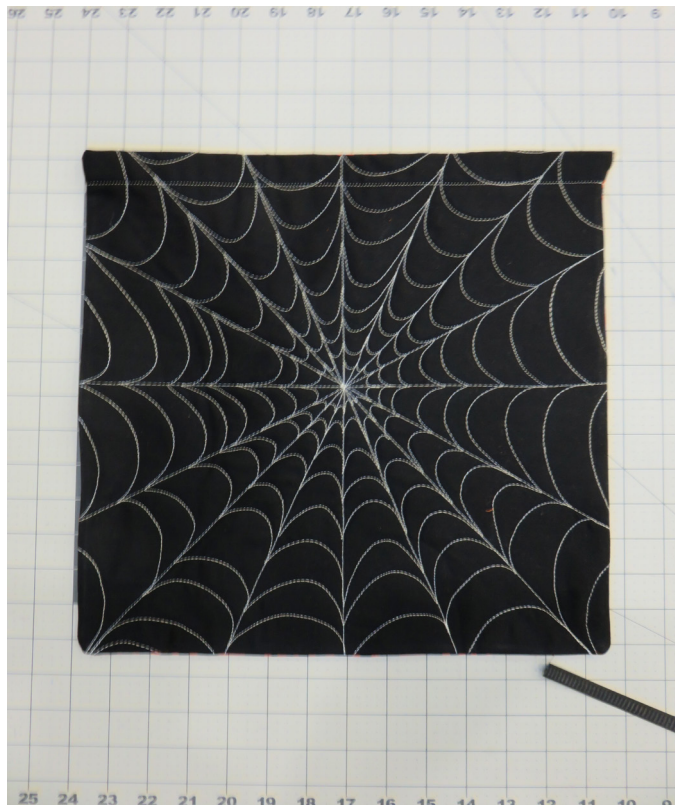


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8. Select stitch #9 (zig zag stitch) on the MC8900QCP SE and zig zag stitch the raw edges except for the areas you left open (the top inch on both sides).



9. Turn the bag right side out and press the seams. Use spray starch if desired and cut the 42" length of the ribbon.



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10. Take the 42" length of the ribbon and insert a safety pin through one end (bodkin can also be used).



Insert the safety pin through one of the openings you created, above the zig zag stitch, and use the safety pin to push the ribbon through to the other side. Then insert the safety pin through the opening on the other piece of the fabric and thread it through as well until the ribbon is threaded through both sides of the bag. Remove the safety pin.



11. Tie a knot in the two ends of the ribbon to secure the drawstring. Now this cute trick-or-treat bag is ready to be filled to the brim with candy.



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