

# Hallows Eve 88

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## HEADLESS HORSEMAN COSTUME

I figured I would post this as it was being constructed because I searched for hours on the internet to no avail when trying to figure out how to make this costume. If you make your version of this costume, I would love to see it!

We are involved in a haunted forest, so this costume is a little more elaborate than normal for trick-or-treating but would be excellent for a yard haunt.

This costume was based on my son who is 6'2", 230 pounds, but can be modified down to fit anyone smaller. I figure the finished size will be about 6'3 tall x 23" wide.

### Materials Used:

- 20" football shoulder pads
- One white twin pillowcase
- 1 yard of lace
- 1 yard of "curtain" tiebacks
- 4 yards of red fabric
- 5 yards of black fabric
- 4 buttons
- Velcro closures
- Quilt batting
- 1 yard of "see-through" black fabric (for the tie)
- 1 black hooded mask (see-through kind).....could also use the see-through fabric above
- Spray foam
- 1 white shirt (size 4XLT to go over the football pads)
- 1 white shirt to wear
- Black pants
- White gloves
- Store-bought light-up pumpkin

### Sewing Instructions

The most difficult part was the sewing as I did not have a pattern big enough for the vest. I was able to sew the cape using a Simplicity Pattern and cut the pattern about 4" bigger than the biggest size, but that is only if you are making this costume for someone

who is really big and/or tall. If you were able to find an off-the-shelf vest and cape, then that cuts down the sewing quite a bit.

I did make two "pillows" using a white pillowcase to lift the shoulders up a little bit more. I simply cut the pillowcase down the center to make two pillows of the same size and stuffed them with quilt batting and taped them on top of the football pads.

The fabric I used for the vest had the look of crushed velvet and was on the sale rack at Walmart (probably 2.00 a yard). The same with the black cape, and has a satin-type finish but is pretty heavy in weight so it drapes really well.

After the vest was sewn, I used cheap "enhancements" from the sewing department at Walmart. For the collar, I sewed on gold curtain rope and gold buttons. For the sleeves of the shirt, I used lace that is bought by the yard at Walmart too and sewed it around the sleeves.



Here you can see the top shirt which goes over the shoulder pads/pillows and the bottom shirt which has his arms coming through. I basically put the shirt on him and gauged where to cut the arm holes in the top shirt, which is right under the arm seam.



This shirt was a 4XLT (From JC Penneys) and was set over the top of the the shoulder pads/pillows. In order to see, I cut a hole out of the "top" shirt and sewed in the black see-through material from the mask (or any see-through material would work).

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All that is left is to add the neck, put on the cape and hold the pumpkin.

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The "neck" was created with spray foam. It was shaped over a hat on a wig head to get the curve in order to fit over his head. After it dried (about 24 hours), it was cut down to fit the neck hole in the shirt with an Exacto knife.



The neck was then painted a flesh color using acrylic paint and a mix of red, brown, and blue. After the paint was dry, we combined Elmer's glue and red paint and drizzled it over the top.

The neck was adhered to the shirt using Velcro so it could be removed easily and worked really well.

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