



TRAFALGAR LAW HOODIE COSPLAY TUTORIAL





The overall approach is to take two hoodies and splice them together.

Law's hoodie has:

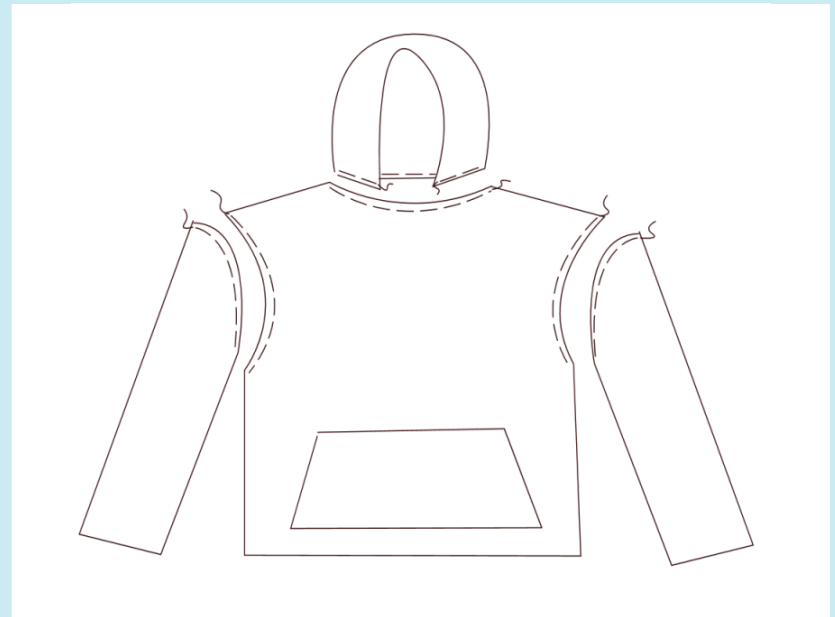
Black hood, sleeves, shoulders

Yellow body

White ties

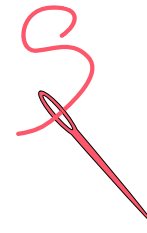
Use a seam ripper or pair of scissors to take the stitches out of the arms and hood.

DON'T CUT THE FABRIC

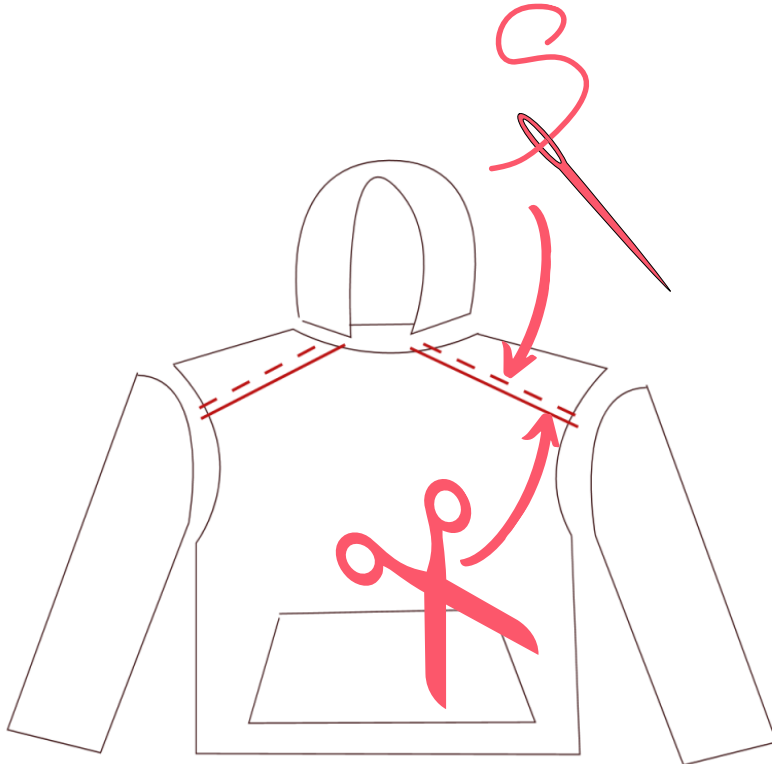


Mark a diagonal from the center front to midway on the arm hole. This will be the stitch line for the shoulder piece.

Mirror the stitch line on the other side of the front, then copy the lines onto the back. Then repeat these lines onto the other hoodie.



There should be seam lines for both shoulders, front and back, on both hoodies.

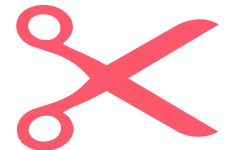


On the BLACK hoodie, measure 0.5" BELOW the seamline. This will be the cut line. '
(See image left)

On the YELLOW (or in my case white) hoodie, measure 0.5" ABOVE the seamline.

This will ensure there is seam allowance on opposite sides of the seam lines.

Cut on the cut lines.





Pin and stitch together the seams for the shoulder pieces, attaching the black pieces onto the white/yellow bodice.

When sewing, use a 'stretchy' stitch like zig zag. A serger also works.

Attach the black hoodie and the black sleeves.

At the end you should have something that looks a bit like Traf!



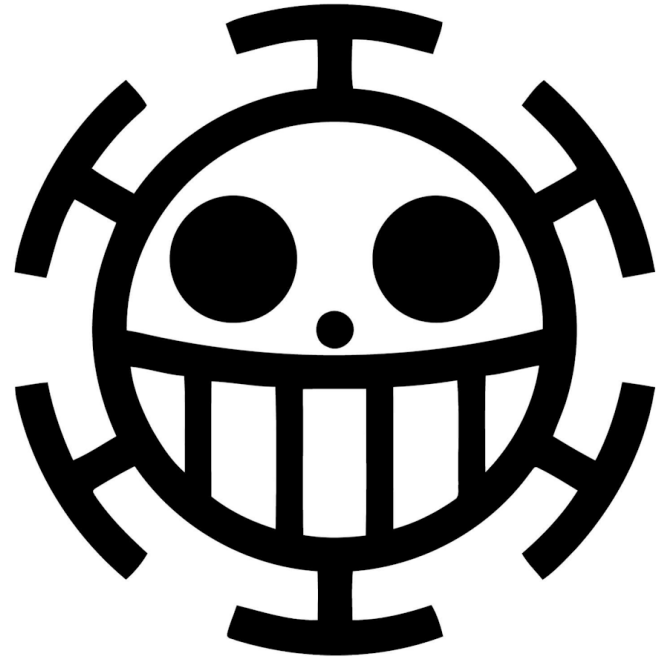


If you used a yellow hoodie, skip this part.

To dye my hoodie:

1. Checked the cotton / polyester amounts. My hoodie was 80% cotton, so I used a general purpose dye.
2. Followed instructions to use Rit - All Purpose Dye. I used the stove-top method.

The color is a bit lighter than I expected, but if I did it again, I'd mix a few colors together.

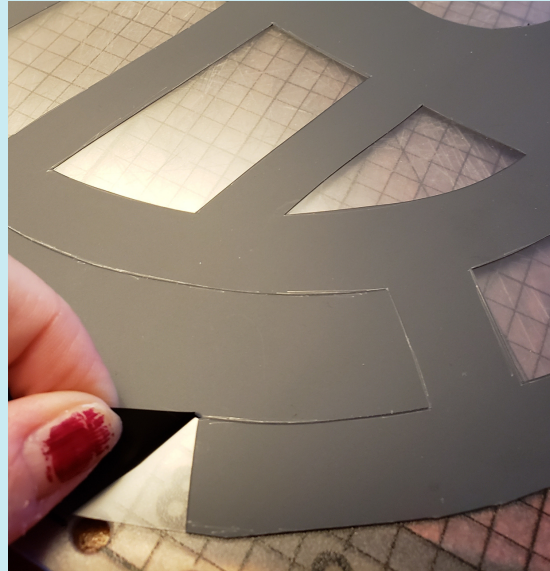


Make a stencil of the Hearts Pirates out of paper or cardstock.

On a large slim-fitted hoodie (about 34-36" chest), logo is 12" x 12".

Use an art program to prepare and print the image.

I used Corel Paintshop Pro to resize an image (72 dpi) and print on multiple pages (2x2).

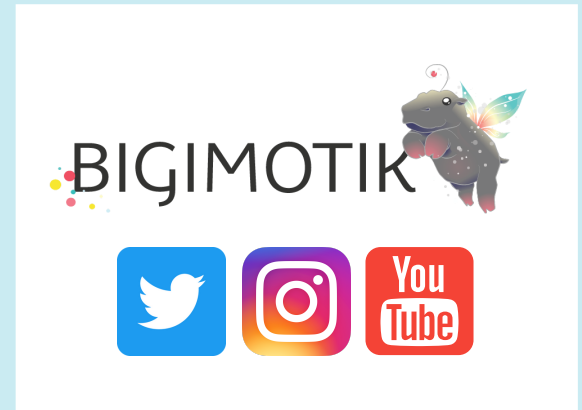


Trace the pattern onto the BACK of the HTV (Heat Transfer Vinyl). The image is symmetrical so we don't need to reverse it.

Cut along the lines. You will cut through the vinyl, but not the sticky plastic sheet beneath.

Carefully "weed" or peel away the parts of the design that you don't need.

This will leave behind the familiar Hearts Pirate crew symbol, mounted on a sticky plastic sheet.



Follow the instructions on the HTV to apply the vinyl onto the hoodie.
A few tips for doing this without special materials:

- Instead of an ironing board, using a sturdy surface like a table.
- Fold a towel several times and insert it INTO the garment.
- Use a cloth to protect your iron.
- Make sure your iron does not use steam. Empty out all the water.
- When ironing, leave the iron on a spot for 30 seconds.
- Look for the tiny bubbles that show the adhesion is working.