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Letter from the Editor

Hello Happy Halloweeners,

Boo! It will frighten you how amazing this collection of Halloween crafts for kids is, so be prepared to be spooked, startled, and satisfied. The last evening in October is a night of tricks and treats, but this guide to a haunting Halloween is all treat.

Get in the spooky spirit by beginning to prepare for Halloween weeks in advance. To make the most of Halloween, deck your home in creepy crafts, petrifying projects, and daunting décor, using this eBook as your guide. We have included the perfect roundup of costume and décor ideas to make your Halloween happy.

The best part of a homemade Halloween is that your money stays in your pocket. This entire group of projects is budget friendly, leaving you with much more dough than a store-bought ensemble. Besides, what's better than winning the costume contest with a getup you made yourself? There are incredibly unique and insanely clever concepts for costumes in this collection, so all that's left for you to do is create.

Attract trick-or-treaters from near and far with your prettied pumpkins, scary spiders, and menacing monsters, and be rewarded with extra candy bars for your clever costume. With the help of these Halloween crafts for kids, this October 31st will be a night to remember.

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Homemade Halloween Costume Ideas

Wild Tiger Tail

By: [Brittany from One Charming Party](#)



Kids can become fierce jungle cats when they don this Wild Tiger Tail made from a striped sock. With this fun tail, anyone can create amazing homemade Halloween costumes for kids or play as tigers in the backyard. This is also a great beginner sewing pattern for kids. This can be used as a fun zoo animal costume or to wear when the kids are playing pretend in the backyard. Easy animal crafts like this make play time that much more fun and realistic for them, and they'll be wanting to play all day long.

Materials:

- Adult-size sock, preferably orange and black striped
- Cotton batting
- Needle
- Thread

Instructions:

- 1.) Take an adult-size sock and turn it inside out.
- 2.) To create a tube shape, eliminate the heel by sewing a line across it (see photo below).
- 3.) Stuff the sock with cotton batting.
- 4.) Sew across the top of the sock to enclose the batting and complete the tail (see picture above).



Knightly Shields and Helmets

By: [Heather from Cultivated Lives](#)



Knightly Shields and Helmets befit the bravest and most valiant of warriors! Cardboard crafts for kids like this amazing armor will quickly become kids' favorite toys and outfits for dress-up games and kids' Halloween costumes. Your kids can become really knights in shining armor with this fun costume craft. All you need is some cardboard and duct tape, and the kids will be instantly transported to the Dark Ages of knights, princesses, and dragons. Duct tape crafts for kids are always a big hit, and they can easily make their own shield and helmet because duct tape crafting doesn't have too much technique to it. You definitely won't be disappointed in the results of this adorable costume idea.

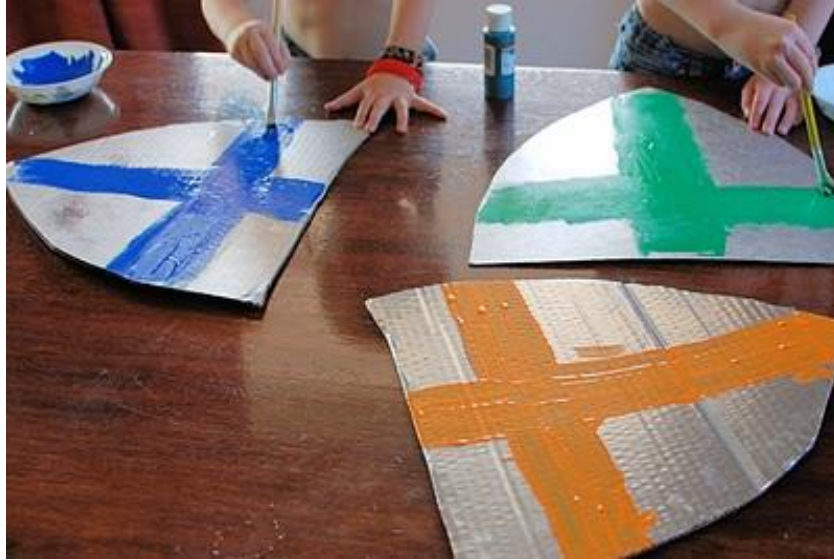
Materials:

- Large piece of cardboard
- Cardboard scraps
- Silver spray paint
- Acrylic paint, any color you choose
- Scissors
- Old newspaper
- Flour
- Water
- Balloon
- Paper cup
- Duct tape
- Feathers
- Bowl
- White craft glue

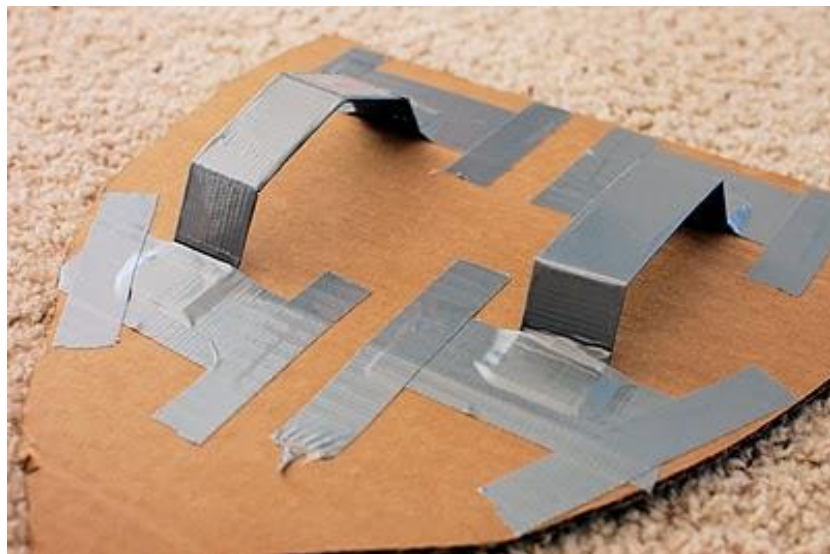
Instructions:

1.) Cut the large piece of cardboard into a shield shape. Spray paint the shield silver.

2.) Paint cardboard with your favorite design using acrylic paint. Allow to dry.



3.) Cut two strips of cardboard to make handles. Duct tape strips to the back of cardboard shield.



4.) To make the helmet, mix together flour and water in a large bowl.

5.) Rip up newspaper into little strips.

6.) Blow up balloon larger than a child's head. Dip newspaper into mixture and place over balloon.

Repeat until the entire surface is covered.



7.) Let balloon dry overnight. Pop in morning when papier maché is set.

8.) Cut inch-long strips on the top of paper cup and tape them on helmet so they lay flush (see picture below).



9.) Cut half-moon shape on one side of helmet to fit over a child's head.

10.) Spray paint helmet silver. Allow to dry. Glue feathers to cup.

Fairy Princess Wand and Tutu

By: [Jamie from The Creative Imperative](#)



Cast a spell with a lovely Fairy Princess Wand and Tutu! Little princesses will love playing pretend fairy games with wonderful homemade costume ideas like this wand and fluffy skirt. Make a few for party favors, homemade toys, or kids' Halloween costumes and experience the magic! This is a great little girl's Halloween costume that she is sure to be excited to wear trick-or-treating. In fact, she may want to wear this adorable number all the time. No matter the time of year, she's sure to love that you made it for her yourself.

Materials:

- Wooden dowel
- Roll of tulle
- Hot glue gun
- Extra accessory like beads, appliqué, or shiny fabric
- Strip of elastic the size of a child's waist
- 2-3 rolls of colorful tulle
- Scissors
- Colorful strips of fabric
- Needle
- Thread

Instructions:

- 1.) To make the wand, put a dab of hot glue on the end of the wooden dowel. Start wrapping tulle around the dowel. Put a few dabs of hot glue along the way as you're wrapping to make sure it stays in place. Wrap tulle to the end.



- 2.) At the end, tie the tulle in a knot and glue it well. Leave a train of tulle at whatever length you desire.
- 3.) Tie and glue a few more pieces of tulle or ribbon to the end.



4.) Use beads, appliqué, or shiny fabric to decorate the wand. Glue them at the top to cover where the ribbons were tied.



5.) To make the tutu, sew a loop of elastic the size of a child's waist.

6.) Cut equal lengths of tulle about three feet long.

7.) Take each strip of tulle and fold it in half.



8.) Start tying them to the elastic by sending the ends through the loop like below.



9.) After threading the end through the loop, pull down tight to make sure tulle stays in place.

10.) Repeat until tutu is full of tulle.

11.) Repeat with ribbon to add extra color and sparkle.



No Sew Monster Costume

By: [Sara from My Merry Messy Life](#)



'Boo' it yourself homemade Halloween costumes are great for families on a budget, but if you're also short on time this No Sew Monster Costume is the perfect choice. The craft supplies you need are cheap and easy to find, and since the costume is made from a sweat suit, you'll be warm and comfy all night long. When you're done gluing your scary spots onto your No Sew Monster Costume, finish with fur for a roar-worthy rugged touch. Mom will love how simple this homemade Halloween costume is to make.

Materials:

- Craft fur boa
- 1 sheet craft fur
- 4-6 sheets of felt in the colors of your choice
- Sweat suit – top and bottom pieces
- Permanent fabric glue
- Circular object to trace (bottle cap lids or other objects)
- Pencil
- Sharp craft scissors

Instructions:

- 1.) Cut out the craft fur into an oval shape for the furry belly, then have your little helper spread the glue and glue it onto the top piece of the sweat suit.
- 2.) Trace circles onto the felt, using a pencil.
- 3.) Cut out the felt circles and have your little helper arrange them by color, identify the colors, and count them for more learning fun (it's a preschool lesson and costume-making all in one!) Glue spots to random spots of the sweat suit.
- 4.) Glue the craft boa onto the sleeves, cuffs, or back of the sweat suit. The design is ultimately up to you!



Easy Superhero Capes

By: [Cheryl from A Pretty Cool Life](#)



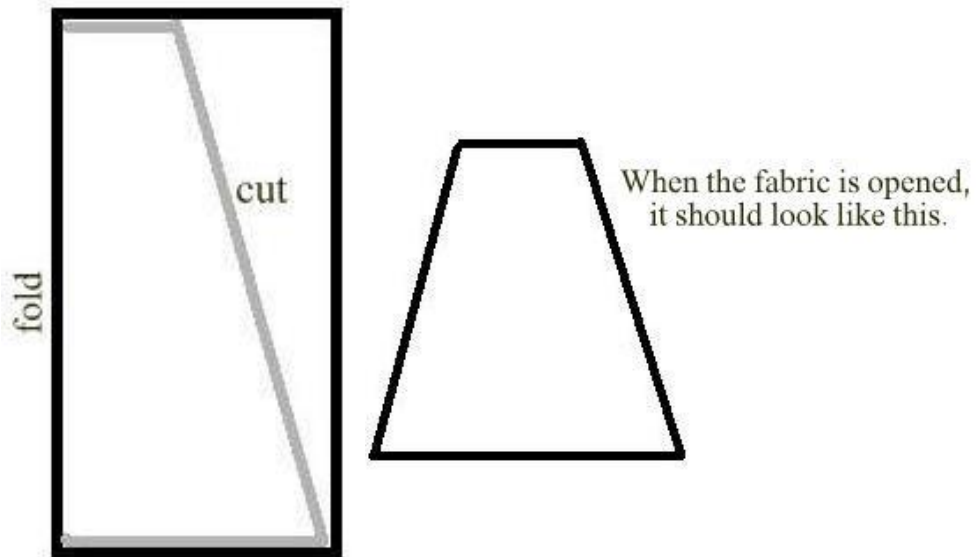
Superheroes unite! Exciting fabric crafts for kids like these Easy Superhero Capes are the perfect costumes for pretend play and kids' game crafts. Kids will love making these fun capes and flying around town, fighting crime, and defending the weak. This is a super quick sewing project that you'll enjoy make for your little ones this Halloween. There's even opportunity to personalize the capes with your child's initial just like Superman's cape. You won't be able to find a personalized cape like that for a decent price so making it yourself is just a grand idea!

Materials:

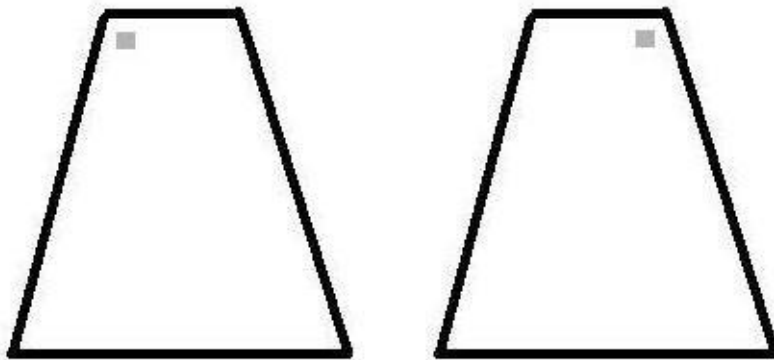
- 24"x30" piece of colored fleece (for age 6)
- 6"x6" piece of fleece in a contrasting color
- Sew-on Velcro; for no-sew version, sticky back Velcro and fusible web
- Pins

Instructions:

1.) Fold the fleece in half the hot dog way. Measure 10" across the top and make a dot. Measure 15" across the bottom and make a dot. Connect dots and cut along the line.



2.) Open fabric. Sew one Velcro piece to the top of the cape. Flip the cape over and sew the other piece of Velcro on the opposite side. The two pieces will Velcro together around child's neck.



Step two:

Sew on Velcro pair.

Sew one to the top of the cape.

Flip the cape over and sew the other piece on the opposite side.

- 3.) Cut extra piece of fleece into a star.
- 4.) Pin and sew star on the cape.



For a no-sew version:

- 1.) Place sticky back Velcro piece on the top of the cape. Flip the cape over and stick the other piece of Velcro on the opposite side.
- 2.) Pin and use fusible web to attach fleece star.



Spectral Skeleton Masks

By: [Jessica from Scrumdilly-do](#)



Keep Halloween's spooky spirit alive with Spectral Skeleton Masks. Use the mask as part of your costume, or mount it in your window as a frightening decoration. This paper plate craft is extremely easy and inexpensive, making it the ideal Halloween craft for kids of all ages. This craft is a great way to introduce your children to Halloween in other cultures because of its clear connection with the Day of the Dead in Mexico and Central America. Who knew Halloween crafts could also be really great learning opportunities as well?

Materials:

- Paper plate
- Scissors
- 2 popsicle sticks
- Colorful markers
- Black construction paper
- Tape
- Glitter/shiny bits (optional)
- Pencil

Instructions:

1.) Grab a plate and pencil. Estimate the center of the plate and mark it with your pencil.



2.) Using the center dot as your guide, draw two lines intersecting at the center. One line should be vertical and the other horizontal, like a cross.



3.) Draw two more lines marking an 'X' on your plate to divide up the spaces into eighths.



4.) Hold the plate up and position it in front of you so the lines you just drew look like an 'X'. Find the center points on the other side of the diagonal line on the bottom half of the plate. Mark them with your pencil and then draw an arc from point to point to make cheeks.



5.) From the top of each cheek, follow the curve of the paper plate to draw the rest of your skull. Cut it out.



6.) To make the eyes and nose, cut out two large ovals and an upside down heart from black construction paper, or draw them on. Mark the mouth by drawing five lines along the vertical ridges of the bottom of the skull.

7.) Decorate your skull any way you choose.



8.) Make sure your mask is dry. Place two popsicle sticks on the back side of the mask and use two pieces of tape to stick it down.



9.) If you choose, cut out the eyes in your mask to look through it.

Menacing Monster Gloves

By: [Kathy from Art Projects for Kids](#)



Menacing Monster Gloves are fun homemade Halloween costumes for kids to make if they want to dress like a scary monster. Don't worry, these Halloween kids crafts aren't too scary, but they do look very menacing. This is an inexpensive way to get a really scary costume for the kids this Halloween. Just dig out an old pair of gloves to sew some fur and claws to, and you'll be set! This is also a recycling craft if you have extra gloves you were planning on getting rid on. Instead of throwing them out, you've turned them into an adorable monster costume for your kids to trick-or-treat in.

Materials:

- Fake fur
- Winter gloves
- Needle
- Thread
- Stiff craft felt
- Scissors
- Glue

Instructions:

- 1.) Cut the fake fur to fit on the top of the glove. Hand stitch it into place.
- 2.) Cut out a small strip of fake fur for the thumb. Hand stitch it into place.
- 3.) Cut out five triangular-shaped pieces from the stiff felt craft. Glue the pieces onto each finger.

Foam Animal Masks

By: [Meg from Revamp Homegoods](#)



Bring playtime to life by making these fun Foam Animal Masks! With these fantastic animal crafts for kids, you can brave the jungle as a fierce tiger, or you can head down to the farm as a pig. Let your imagination run wild with animal craft ideas. Kids love to make things from craft foam, and they'll enjoy seeing what different animal faces they can make out of the foam. This craft can be used for multiple occasions even after Halloween and would make a fun birthday party craft for a zoo themed-party.

Materials:

- Cardstock for template
- Foam sheets (2mm thick)
 - Black, white, dark green, light green, gray, pink, peach, orange
- Craft glue
- Black yarn
- Scissors

Instructions:

- 1.) Create a face template from cardstock for whichever animal you choose. The face should be a rounded heart with ears specific to the animal. Trace your template onto appropriately colored craft foam. Cut out the face from craft foam, and remember to cut eye holes.
- 2.) Cut animal features like stripes, nose, hair, ear, etc. Glue features to the foam face.
- 3) Poke holes in each side of the face and tie a piece of black yarn in each hole. The strap should be big enough to go around a child's head.



Starry Superhero Masks

By: [Jacqueline from Hazelnuts](#)



Starry Superhero Masks are a great accessory for every superhero! Whether you have a crime-fighting chica or a daring dude, these felt superhero masks are the perfect superhero costumes for a comic book fan or aspiring hero. The kids can get creative and invent their own superhero that they'd like to be. That's what's so great about these masks because they can easily be personalized. Each mask is made from whatever colored felt the kids want to use, and if they're old enough, you could teach them how to sew one for themselves. I'll be none of the friends they go trick-or-treating with will have made their own costumes.

Materials:

- Two pieces of colored felt 8"x3.5"
- 1 piece of WonderUnder (optional)
- 37cm of elastic
- Thread
- Needle
- [Mask template](#)

Instructions:

- 1.) Print out the [starry superhero mask template](#) here and test it out on your child to see if it fits.
- 2.) Cut out felt approximately 5mm larger than the pattern all the way around, curving it in at the temples to match the pattern. Don't cut the eyes out yet.
- 3.) Cut out the smaller piece of felt following the pattern exactly.
- 4.) If using WonderUnder, iron it to the whole piece following the manufacturer's instructions. Then cut out the pattern. Cut out the eyes
- 5.) Position the two layers of felt together and fuse well.

6.) Cut out the eyes through both layers and check for size.



7.) Sew around the outer edge of the inner piece using a decorative stitch. Sew around the eyes as well.

8.) Sew elastic in place on one side, adjust the length to suit the desired head size and sew the other side in a similar manner.



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Adventurous Viking Costumes

By: [Kellie from Eclectic Chica](#)



Yarr! These Adventurous Viking Costumes are great for a whole family to make together and wear. Kids can dress up as Lief Ericson or Hiccup from *How to Train Your Dragon* for their homemade Halloween costumes. This is even a great recycled craft that you can do to reuse all those old newspapers you've been meaning to get rid of. Papier mache is al a kid's favorite activity because it's messy, and they get to make something fun out of it. None of their friends will have a Halloween costume quite as cool as this one.

Materials:

- Newspaper
- Water
- Flour
- Large bowl
- Balloon
- Assorted paints
- Paintbrush
- Fake white fur
- Large wooden circles
- Faux leather
- Glue
- Assorted pieces of wood

Instructions:

1.) Create Viking helmets by mixing water and flour in a large bowl to make a papier maché paste. Rip up pieces of newspaper and papier maché a balloon. Let dry overnight.

2.) Repeat with as many layers as you want. Cover with duct tape when dry. Cut strips of white fake fur and glue onto helmet.



3.) Create swords and shields out of wood. Paint each with a base coat of gray paint. Let dry. Use different colors to decorate. Wrap the sword handle with faux leather and add embellishments.



Spooky Halloween Decoration Crafts

Trick-or-Treat Party Poppers

By: [Jess from Linen, Lace, and Love](#)



Whether you need a fun party favor for your Halloween bash or simply want to impress the neighborhood trick-or-treaters, this project will tickle your fancy. The Trick-or-Treat Party Poppers are great for any occasion, and they're easy Halloween treats that make a big impression. You can recycle your toilet paper rolls for this budget-friendly Halloween craft. Then all you need is the tissue paper and the candy. Fill these with a treat...or a trick. Either way, the Trick-or-Treat Party Poppers will add a frightening amount of fun to Halloween night.

Materials:

- Kraft stuffing
- Candy (and/or little toys like bouncy balls or spider rings)
- 3 "Trick or Treat" labels (printed on your computer)
- Scissors
- Double-sided tape
- Black and White striped bakers twine
- 3 cardboard toilet paper rolls
- 1 piece of orange tissue paper

Instructions:

1. Cut out a piece of tissue paper, and place a piece of double-sided tape on the bottom of the tissue paper (as indicated in the picture).



2. Place another piece of double-sided tape on the top of the tissue paper (as indicated in the picture). Next, place the toilet paper roll on the bottom piece of double-sided tape.



3. Roll the toilet paper roll upwards until the roll is completely covered in tissue paper and the tape is secure.



4. Using the bakers twine, tie one side of the popper with a bow.



5. Fill the popper with kraft stuffing and candy.



6. Tie the other end of the popper with bakers twine.



7. Take your "Trick or Treat" label and stick two pieces of double-sided tape on the back (as indicated in the picture).



8. Secure your label, and your popper is ready for the party!



Three-Dimensional Monster Hands

By: [Jessica from Scrumdilly-do](#)



Halloween kids' crafts are always a pleasure to create, especially if the kids can handle some spooks and scares. Make this Three-Dimensional Monster Hands to decorate your house for the holiday. Let the little ones decide where to put the project. Newspaper projects are so much fun for the kids, especially because they get to paint them whenever the glue dries. These spooky hand make great Halloween decorations. They'll enjoy hiding them around the house to try and surprise each other, or they can stick them in the front yard to make it look like monsters are coming from the ground. Yikes!

Materials:

- Two sheets of newspaper or a paper lunch sack
- Pencil
- Glue
- Scissors
- Paper clip or clothespin (optional)
- Wax paper
- Paint
- Glitter (optional)
- Plastic bags or cotton balls
- Black construction paper

Instructions:

- 1.) Trace your hand onto a sheet of paper or paper lunch sack.
- 2.) If using a paper lunch sack, cut out the hand shape so that you have two hands. If using paper, use a paper clip or clothespin to anchor two sheets together and cut out two hands.
- 3.) Remove the top hand and place the other hand on a sheet of wax paper. Draw a line of glue around the edge of the other hand, keeping the wrist area glue-free.



- 4.) Place the other hand on top. Use clothespin or paperclip to keep the pieces together. Allow to dry.



5.) Once dry, gently stuff the hand with a plastic bag or cotton balls. Draw a line of glue across the opening and anchor closed.



6.) Paint, color, and glitter the monster hand any way you choose. Allow to dry.



7.) Cut out five triangular-shaped claws from black construction paper and glue on to each finger.

Rumpled Halloween Wreath

By: [Jessica from Scrumdilly-do](#)



Kids love to paint and use glue, especially if the projects involve Halloween-themed paper. Deck your home out this fall to attract trick-or-treaters from near and far. Make this Rumpled Halloween Wreath and everyone will know exactly where the good candy is. This Halloween kids' craft will get you into the spooky spirit. This craft is perfect for your younger ones to make because of the painting and crumpled paper. Plus, they'll be so proud to see a wreath that they made hanging on the front door, so make this fun Halloween decoration with the kids this year.

Materials:

- Cardboard
- Old phonebook or newspaper
- Glue
- Paint, preferably orange, yellow, or black
- Sponge
- Paintbrush
- Scissors
- Hanging device like pipe cleaners
- Large bowl or plate
- Small bowl or plate
- Pen
- Extra embellishment like beads or bows

Instructions:

1.) Turn the large bowl or plate over and trace it onto the cardboard with a pen. Turn the small bowl or plate over and trace it inside the circle you just drew. Cut out your template.



2.) Lay phonebook pages or newspaper down on the table. Paint using a sponge or paintbrush. Allow to dry.



- 3.) Once dry, tear up the paper or use scissors to cut it into strips.
- 4.) Spread glue over the cardboard template. Stick the painted strips of paper onto the cardboard, making sure not to glue any to your work area



- 5.) Add hanging device to the back of the wreath. Add extra embellishments.

Beaded Jack-O-Lantern Ornaments

By: [Candace from Naturally Educational](#)



Pony beads and pipe cleaners transform into Beaded Jack-o-Lantern Ornaments on Halloween. Decorate your house with these fun kids' Halloween crafts for a frightfully festive activity. Children of all ages will love making these easy Halloween decorations. These are perfect for a children's Halloween party whether it's in the classroom or with friends and family at home. You can turn this pumpkin craft into a keychain or hang them in the kids' windows. These are super easy to make, and it's a quick, budget-friendly craft to keep the kids busy this October.

Materials:

- Orange and black beads
- Pipe cleaners, 2 orange, 1 green
- Fishing wire (optional)
- Scissors

Instructions:

- 1.) String orange beads onto an orange pipe cleaner. Twist the ends of the stem together and shape it into a pumpkin.
- 2.) Cut the green pipe cleaner in half. Wrap the middle of it around the top of the orange pumpkin to make a stem. Take one end and twist it around a pencil to create a curvy vine.



3.) Take an orange pipe cleaner and twist to attach it to one side of the beaded pumpkin shape near the top. String two black beads for the eyes. Bring the stem across to the other side of the beaded pumpkin shape and twist.



4.) Add another black bead for the nose. Bring the stem across the pumpkin diagonally and connect on the other side.

5.) String five more black beads and shape them into a smiling mouth. Twist the rest of the stem to hide the end.

6.) Use fishing wire to hang the ornaments.



Batty Halloween Treats Pot

By: [Sherrie Ragsdale for Plaid](#)



Display your Halloween treats in a batty way with the Batty Halloween Treats Pot. This adorable candy container is perfect for the spooky October holiday that boasts bats, boogeymen, and Butterfingers. Instead of a plain, old trick-or-treat bowl, use this fun pot to present your delicious Halloween treats to trick-or-treaters. Teachers can use this adorable pot to hand out Halloween candy to students as well. Halloween crafts for kids, like this festive pot, are great ways to get into the spooky spirit while exercising your creativity. Let your imagination fly with this fun candy craft for kids.

Materials:

- Apple Barrel® Colors - Petunia Purple, 2 oz.
- Apple Barrel® Colors - White, 2 oz.
- Apple Barrel® Colors - Black, 2 oz.
- Other Supplies
- 6" Clay Pot
- Black Permanent Marker
- 1 ¾" Spouncer
- 1 ¼" Spouncer
- Purple Foam Sheet
- Craft Glue
- Paint Brushes
- Scissors
- Pencil

Instructions:

- 1.) Base coat the pot with petunia purple and allow to dry.
- 2.) Add the eyes of the bat by dipping the spouncers into the white paint.
- 3.) Add the centers of the eyes by dipping the other end of the spouncer in black and adding black dots to the white circles.
- 4.) Add the mouth by using the black marker. Paint the triangles for the teeth with white. Allow to dry.
- 5.) Mark off a circle for the face and two triangles for the ears. Paint around the face with black. Allow to dry.
- 6.) Cut out two wings from the purple foam.
- 7.) Glue the wings to the side of the pot.
- 8.) Using the purple foam, cut out the feet from the purple foam.
- 9.) Glue feet to the bottom of the clay pot.

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Paper Mache Plastic Bag Pumpkin

By: [Kathy from Art Projects for Kids](#)



If you're looking for a fun recycled craft, then the Paper Mache Plastic Bag Pumpkin is perfect. Gather up all the plastic bags you have from the grocery store and stuff them to form the base of your pumpkin craft. Then use an old newspaper to shape this papier maché craft into a realistic pumpkin. Not only is this a fun Halloween craft, but it's also perfect for fall. Put this pumpkin in your front yard for all your neighbors to see or add a silly pumpkin face as a great alternative to carving pumpkins this year.

Materials:

- 40 plastic grocery bags
- Water
- Saran wrap
- Large bowl
- 3 large rubber bands
- Flour
- Newspaper
- Orange paint
- Paper towel

Instructions:

- 1.) Loosely stuff 40 plastic bags inside each other, one at a time. Compress lightly and tie bag shut with a slipknot at the top.
- 2.) To smooth the surface, wrap the outside of the bag with a few long pieces of Saran wrap. Overlap as necessary to keep edges lying flat.

3.) Take a rubber band and slip it around the center of the ball. Repeat with two more rubber bands.



4.) Adjust your rubber bands on top to be as close to the stem as possible, and the bottom to make a nicely centered criss-cross pattern.



5.) Create a papier maché paste using water and flour in a large bowl. Rip up newspaper into strips and cover the pumpkin with one layer. Be sure to run your fingers through the creases often so that they stay prominent. Let dry overnight.



6.) Repeat with another layer of papier maché. Let dry overnight.

7.) Cover the pumpkin with one layer of papier maché and paper towels. Let dry.



8.) Paint pumpkin orange. Let dry.



Spooky Clay Skeleton

By: [Kathy from Art Project for Kids](#)



Celebrate Halloween spooky style with the Spooky Clay Skeleton. This clay craft is perfect to get in the holiday spirit. Use your imagination to craft a spooky skeleton out of clay and keep him in his own traveling case. If you've been holding on to an old water color palette, then this recycled craft is perfect for you. This Halloween craft for kids would be perfect hanging up in your room for a scare. It would also make a good Halloween party activity where your child and his friends can make their own little skeleton crafts!

Materials:

- Water color tray
- Black spray paint
- Clay

Instructions:

- 1.) Remove the inner tray from the watercolor case and wipe clean.
- 2.) Spray paint inside and outside with black spray paint.

3.) Roll tubes of clay in assorted sizes. Roll out two large rolls and one small one for the hips. Make sure the rolls are not so thick that the lid won't shut.



4.) Roll out a large roll for the spine. Roll an oval ball and smush it somewhat flat. Then poke three holes for the eyes and nose to form the head.



5.) Add three skinny rolls for the ribs. Roll two medium rolls for the arms. The arms should go past the hips.



6.) Add skinny rolls for fingers and toes. Add small circles for knee caps.



7.) Let dry for a few days and glue into place.

Goofy Little Monster

By: [Linda from Little Family Fun](#)



If monsters scare you, then you can get over your fear by making the Goofy Little Monster craft during the Halloween season. This monster is completely made of paper, and once you put some funny eyes on him, you'll want to play instead of run away. Make a new friend with this paper craft for kids, perfect for toddlers and preschoolers. Use any color shredded paper you want for your cute little buddy, and he will instantly come to life in this Halloween craft idea for kids. The kids can have a friendly little monster on their nightstands to scare away the bigger monsters during the Halloween season!

Materials:

- Shredded paper in any color
- 2 circles cut from white construction paper
- 2 smaller circles cut from black construction paper
- Piece of cardstock

Instructions:

- 1.) Purchase a package of shredded paper, or use a paper shredder and colored construction paper.
- 2.) Spread glue all over a piece of cardstock. Pick out a handful of shredded paper and plop it onto the glue.
- 3.) Glue the black circles inside the white circles to create eyes.
- 4.) Glue the eyes on your little monster.

Monster Snot

By: [Natasha from Amelie's House](#)



Yuck! This Monster Snot will provide endless hilarity and fun as a kids' Halloween craft. Thick, goopy gobs of monster boogers make silly homemade meringue treats and easy crafts for kids and adults alike. You can pretend to be monsters and then play good-natured tricks on your friends while they snack on this homemade Halloween candy. This is the perfect Halloween treat for a kids' Halloween party or just for an evening of goopy, gross cooking at home. Watch out though because this messy treat may turn into some fun pranking around the house this Halloween.

Materials:

*For quantities, use your favorite meringue recipe, or try [this one](#)

- Powdered egg whites
- Water
- Large bowl
- Whisk
- Sugar
- Food coloring
- Piping tube (can use plastic bag with corner cut)
- Cookie sheet
- Spoon

Instructions:

1.) Add powdered egg whites and water. Beat with whisk until they are stiff.



2.) Add sugar and beat with whisk until they are glossy.



3.) Add food coloring. Spoon the monster snot into a piping tube.

4.) Pipe monster snot onto a cookie tray and bake in the oven until crisp.



Haunting Halloween Luminaries

By: [Amanda Formaro from Crafts by Amanda](#)



Haunting Halloween Luminaries are fun Halloween decorations made from painted jars that illuminate the darkness with eerie candlelight. Make these fun Halloween crafts for kids from mason jars and paint for a fun project and a great idea for outdoor Halloween decorations. Line these adorable haunted lanterns along the sidewalk outside your house to encourage trick-or-treaters to stop by. These are even safer to make than carving pumpkins because the kids can just do the painting. These can be made from any type of jars, not just mason jars, which makes this craft a great recycling craft for kids as well.

Materials:

- Mason jars
- Acrylic craft paint (black, other colors of your choice)
- Permanent marker
- Krylon clear glaze spray paint
- Votive or LED candle

Instructions:

1.) Paint the outside of your mason jars with one coat of colored acrylic paint. If you choose to add a second later of paint, wait until the first coat is dry before painting the second coat.



2.) Once your mason jars are completely dry, use the permanent marker to draw faces on them. You can either draw your own designs or create your own stencils out of cardboard.



3.) Paint the rims of the jars black. Paint over the permanent marker designs in black paint. Let this dry for at least half an hour..



4.) Cover mason jars with two coats of clear glaze spray paint. Let them dry for at least a few hours.



5.) Add a light, and display your creations!

Witchy Pinecone Owls

By: [Kitty and Jennifer from Running with Sisters](#)



You'll be having a h-owl-ing good time this Halloween when you make this cute nature craft for kids. The Witchy Pinecone Owl is perfect to make as a home decor craft. You can place it on the mantle or use it as a centerpiece for your Halloween feast. Little ones will love that this pinecone really does look like an owl wearing a witch's hat. Make this easy Halloween craft to add to your collection of spooky and scary crafts. , or turn this into a Halloween party craft whether it's for the classroom or the neighborhood kids.

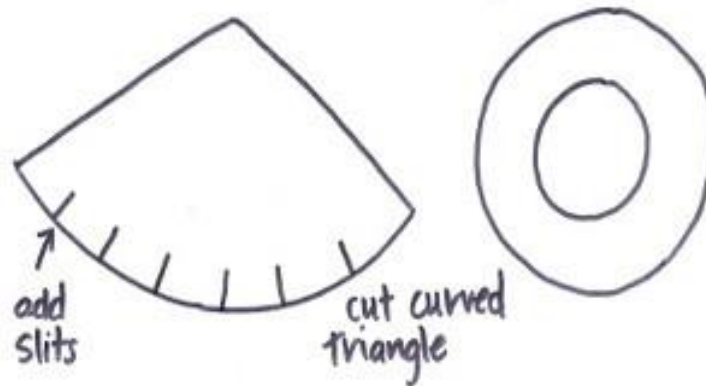
Materials:

- 1 pinecone
- Black craft felt
- Colored craft foam
- Scissors
- Glue
- Ribbon

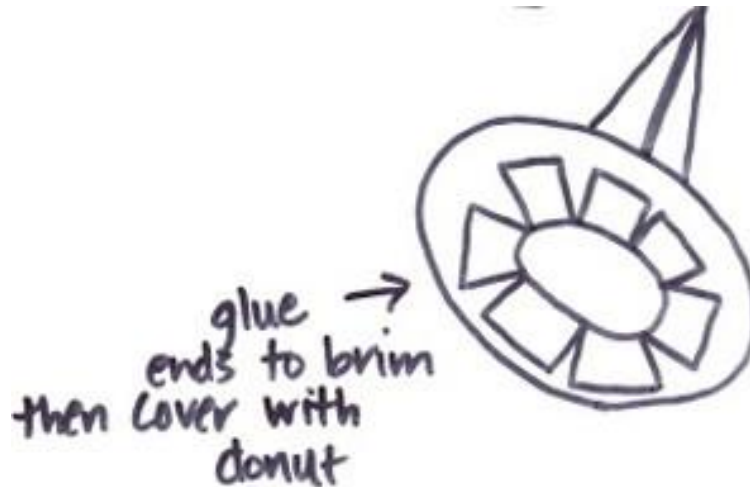
Instructions:

- 1.) Gather a pinecone from your yard.
- 2.) Cut out a triangular piece from the black craft foam. Round the edges.
- 3.) Cut slips in the piece on the rounded side.

4.) Cut out two doughnut-shaped circles from the black craft felt.



5.) Fold the triangle into a cone. Slide cone into one doughnut piece. Flip up the slits to the underside of the hat.



6.) Glue slits to the underside of the hat. Glue the second doughnut piece to cover up slits.

7.) Glue colored ribbon around the hat as desired.

8.) Cut out small diamond shape from craft foam in whatever color you like and glue it onto the pinecone.

9.) Cut out two black circles and two larger colored circles from craft foam.

10.) Glue smaller circles inside larger ones to create eyes and glue onto pinecone.

Kooky Candy Corn Softie

By: [Amanda Formaro from Crafts by Amanda](#)



Halloween may be spooky, but the Kooky Candy Corn Softie is frighteningly adorable. This fun plushie is the perfect beginning sewing project for kids of all ages, and it'll look cute no matter what. Set these quirky decorations in your window and trick-or-treaters will come rushing in. This would even be a fun bed decoration for the kids' rooms so that their new plush buddy will protect them from scary Halloween spooks. Even if the kids aren't a fan of actual candy corn, who could resist that adorable smiling Halloween grin?

Materials:

- [Softie template](#)
- Felt: orange, white and yellow
- Yarn: white and black
- Child-safe plastic sewing needle
- 2 large sew-on googly eyes
- Cotton batting
- Needle and thread
- Pins
- Felt glue
- Scissors

Instructions:

1.) To begin, layer two pieces of yellow felt, two pieces of white, and two pieces of orange. Then cut out the pattern pieces and pin them to the appropriate color felt.



2.) Cut around the pieces, leaving a little extra above the middle and bottom pieces.



3.) Remove the pins and separate the pieces. Flip one set over so that when you combine the pieces, one will be for the back and one for the front.



4.) Using felt glue, attach the center section to the bottom, covering the yellow overlap with the orange. Repeat for the white top section.



5.) While a child safe needle is easy to poke into felt, it takes a little coaxing to get the wide end of the eye through the felt. To make things easier on little ones, a grown up should create the sewing holes first. To do this, poke the child safe needle in until it stops at the eye, and then gently twist the needle while pulling and it will slide right through.



6.) Kids can sew the pieces together (using your guide holes if you created them) and the felt glue will help hold them together while they work.



7.) Once your child has finished sewing the sections, use the pattern as a guide to sew a black yarn smile onto one of the candy corns. Sew on the googly eyes.

8.) Lay the pieces together back to back and sew them together with your sewing machine to close bottom corner to bottom corner, leaving the flat bottom open.

9.) Turn inside out and fill with cotton batting then sew up the bottom.

Spooky Spun Spider Web

By: [Amanda Formaro from Crafts by Amanda](#)



What's creepy, crawly, and absolutely adorable? This Spooky Spun Spider Web is a silly decoration and a great idea for easy Halloween crafts for kids in fantastic Halloween colors. Kids can weave a spider web of yarn and make their own little spider to sit on top in no time. This craft can even help the kids get over their fear of spiders. This adorable eight-legged friend is the perfect craft to make with the kids this October, and they'll want to make a new spider friend each Halloween. There's no need to fear with fun crafting to do!

Materials:

- 3 craft sticks
- Purple paint
- Paintbrush
- Black yarn
- 1 medium light green pom-pom
- 1 light green chenille stem
- 2 purple wiggly eyes
- White craft glue
- Scissors

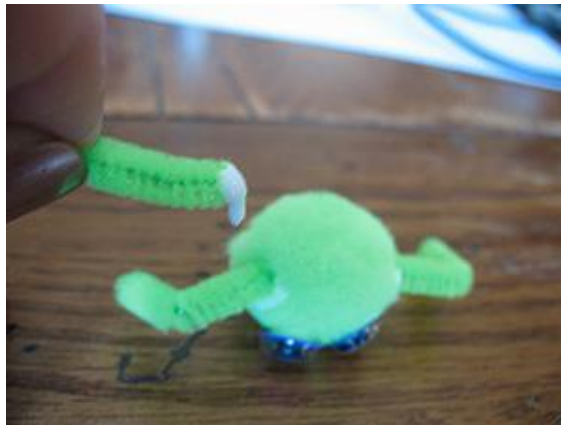
Instructions:

1.) Paint the craft sticks purple and let dry.



2.) Glue the wiggle eyes to the pom-pom.

3.) Cut the chenille stem into eight equal pieces. Bend each piece at a 90 degree angle. Glue the legs onto the pom-pom. Set the spider aside to dry.



4.) Meanwhile, glue the three craft sticks into a flower shape, crossing over each other.



5.) Glue the end of the yarn to one of the craft sticks. Holding that piece with your finger, turn the sticks over and begin wrapping the yarn from stick to stick, wrapping once around each stick as you work your way around in the “flower”. Once you get all the way around, adjust the yarn upward and continue going around again. Do this a third time to complete the web.



6.) Turn the sticks over to the backside and add glue to all the yarn intersections. Let dry.



7.) When dry, turn over and glue the spider to the web



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