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History Of Halloween

Many people think that Halloween is a “devil worshipping” holiday celebrated by people who don’t believe in God, but the truth is that Halloween really has its basic origins in the Catholic Church. Halloween means “All Saints Eve” or “All Hallows Eve”.

All Saints Day is a religious holiday observed by the Catholic Church and set aside for worship of all the saints in heaven. They used to consider it with all solemnity as one of the most significant observances of the Church year

The American origin of Halloween extends further from the Celts celebration of Samhain (pronounced sow – in) which is a Druidic festival made to celebrate the end of the harvest. As with a lot of Celtic lore, faeries were thought to be extremely active at this time as they ushered in the winter.

Celts believed that on the night before the “new year”, the boundary between the worlds of the living and the dead became blurred. On the night of October 31, they celebrate Samhain. It was on this day that they believe the ghosts of the dead returned to Earth causing trouble and damaging crops.

Celts felt that the presence of the otherworldly spirits made it easier for the Druids – Celtic priests – to make predictions about the future. For a people entirely dependent on the natural world, which could be quite volatile, these prophecies were an important source of comfort and direction during the long, dark winter.

During the celebration, the Celts wore costumes – typically consisting of animal heads and skins – and they tried to tell each other’s fortunes. They would build huge sacred bonfires where people gathered to burn crops and animals as sacrifices to the Celtic deities.

When the celebration was over, they re-lit the fires in their hearths which they had put out earlier that evening. The fires would be re-lit with flame from the sacred bonfire to help protect them during the coming winter.

Halloween Around The World

Ireland

The belief is that Halloween originated in Ireland and, as we've said previously, was known as "Samhain Night". This festival celebrated the end of the harvest season and ushered in the winter.

They spent the evening of October 31st dressed in costume celebrating around bonfires and paying homage to the Druid Gods that were hoped to keep them safe throughout the long winter.

Today, in Ireland, adults and children dress up as creatures from the underworld. The costumes range from ghosts, ghouls, zombies, witches, and goblins. They light bonfires and enjoy spectacular fireworks displays even if in some places fireworks are illegal.

The children walk around knocking on the doors of neighbors to gather fruit, nuts, and sweets for the Halloween festival. At one time, salt was sprinkled in the hair of the children by their neighbors in order to protect them from evil spirits.

Houses are decorated with carved pumpkins or turnips that sports scary faces and a candle is placed inside the hollowed out fruit to light and decorate. The Irish also decorate their homes to celebrate this holiday.

Many people still bake a traditional Halloween cake called a barmbrack which is fruit bread. Each member of the family gets a slice of the cake. Great interest is taken in this tradition as there is a piece of rag, a coin, and a ring in each cake.

If you get the rag, then your financial future is doubtful. If you get the coin, you can look forward to a prosperous year. Finally, if you are lucky enough to get the ring, it is a sure sign of impending romance or continued happiness.

Halloween Crafts

Even if you've never been much of a crafter, you can still make some great Halloween crafts that you can use to decorate your home and make the holiday festive. Halloween evokes images of spooky ghosts, black cats, evil witches, and flying bats. You can recreate many of these images with fun and easy crafts.

The best part about making Halloween crafts is that it is something that the whole family can do and it can give you some time to spend together. Many Halloween crafts can be made by almost any age child. Even your toddler can help out and learn new skills like cutting, drawing, and coloring.

We are going to give you a whole bunch of ideas for Halloween crafts. Many of them can be made out of common household items which means you won't have to spend a lot of money on craft supplies. Believe it or not, you can turn an ordinary plastic grocery bag into a spooky ghost and an egg carton into an ominous bat.

Of course, you will need a few crafting supplies from the store. We suggest keeping some on hand for future craft projects as well. Here is a list of basic craft items that are good to keep a supply of:

- Various colors craft paint – black, white, green, orange, etc.
- Pipe cleaners
- Googly eyes
- Hole punch

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- Fun foam in various colors

Of course, most households will have standard craft supplies like scissors, tape, and glue. If you don't have these, though, you will need them as well. If you find that you will really get into crafting, this list will grow, but this is enough to get your started.

One thing we want to tell you about crafting with kids is to be patient with them and don't expect perfection from their work. The whole idea of crafting with kids is to spend time with them and have fun.

Bats And Spiders And Such

Egg Carton Bat

For this craft, you will need a clean egg carton. You can use either a Styrofoam or a cardboard one, but if you want to hang your bats outside from the trees, the Styrofoam ones will be better.

Cut out three of the egg cups keeping them attached together. Cut out the front and back of the two outside cups. This will form your bat's wings. Paint your bat black with craft paint. Again, if you want to hang them outside, you will want to use waterproof paint. Once the paint is dry, you can paint on a scary face with white paint or glue on googly eyes.

Use a pair of scissors to poke a hole in the top of the middle cup. Take a piece of string and make a knot large enough that it won't pull through the hole and put the string in the hole. Now you have your egg carton bat ready to be hung from wherever you want. Make several of these for maximum spookiness!

Egg Carton Spider

You can also use an egg carton to make a spider. For this craft, you just need to cut out one of the egg cups from the carton. Paint your spider black and wait for it to dry. Paint on eyes or glue googly eyes on him.

Use the tip of pointed scissors to make four small holes on each side of the egg cup. Insert a pipe cleaner in each of the holes and twist the pipe cleaners from the inside to form a knot of sorts so the pipe cleaners do not come out of the holes. Then bend the legs so your spider will stand on his own.

Spooky Ghosts

Balloon Ghost

For this easy craft, you need two plastic grocery bags, a white balloon, and some tape (we prefer black duct tape because it holds better!) First, take and blow up the balloon tying a knot in the end of it.

Cut off the handles of the grocery bags and any writing on the bag. Starting at the open end of the bag, cut into one inch strip up to about an inch away from the bottom of the bag where the seam is.

With the knot of the balloon at the top, tape one of the bags to the front of the ghost and one to the back. Draw a spooky face on your ghost. Use a length of string to tie around the knot for hanging. You can also use a rubber band that is cut in half for hanging as well.

Garbage Bag Ghosts

Use balloons, white garbage bags (rectangle or square shaped), duct tape, and fishing line or thread. Blow up the balloon to about 6 inches. Figure out where you want your ghost to hang and cut 3 appropriate lengths of fishing line (leave yourself a little extra to play with).

Attach a piece of fishing line or thread to the top, rounded part of the balloon using plenty of duct tape. Make sure it is secure. Open the garbage bag and roll down the sides so the inside, bottom is exposed. Make a hole in the center of the bottom of the garbage bag just big enough for the fishing line or thread to fit through.

Grab the end of the fishing line that is attached to your balloon, and thread it through the hole. Pull it all the way through the hole so the bottom of the garbage bag rests against the balloon. Roll the sides back down so the balloon is in your garbage bag. Cut a smaller piece of fishing line or thread and loosely tie it around the bag where the balloon is to hold it in place. Don't pull it tight! Use a magic marker to make a face on the bag where the balloon is. I have also cut eye and mouth shapes out of construction paper and glued them in place. Tie or tape the other pieces of fishing line to the bottom corners of your garbage bag. These will be the ghost's arms. Hang your ghost by tying up the loose ends of the 3 pieces of fishing line!

Outside Decorations

Tombstones

These can be made in a couple of ways. You could get some wood and use a jigsaw to cut them into the shape of a rounded tombstone. Then get some black and gray paint to paint them. Use white or black paint – depending on which you used to paint: white for black background and black for gray background – and write funny sayings about your family.

You can also just put your family's individual names and R.I.P. (rest in peace) or something like that. Use your imagination and be creative. To insert them in the ground, all you need to do is get long screws and screw them into the bottom of the tombstone leaving a large part of it sticking out. Then they can go into the ground and not fall over.

You can also do the same thing with heavy duty cardboard and make them the same way. If you use heavy duty cardboard, make sure you spray them with a sealant to keep them from collapsing in wet weather.

To put in the ground, all you need to do is cut a wire hanger into pieces and insert into the cardboard leaving a portion of the wire sticking out. Then push them into the ground to secure.

You can also experiment around with other materials like Styrofoam, moldable plastic, and anything else you think might work. It's all up to you since these are easy and fun to have in the yard.

Some ways to make your tombstones look like they are in a graveyard are easily made with things you can find around the yard. Of course, you could make a small mound of dirt in front of the tombstone. You can also use some mulch spread out over a large black trash bag which will provide a nice, musty smell to go along with the Halloween sights and sounds.

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Lighting of your tombstones can make a big difference. You want passers-by to see your graveyard, so put out a few lights to highlight your creativity. Insert a directional light fixture (with a blue light) 8 -12 inches in front of the tombstone. Cover the back of the light fixture with aluminum foil so that it won't reflect back on the viewers. The aluminum foil is spray painted brown and covered with mulch to hide the fixture.

Adorn the grave with dead flowers, fake hands, spiders, monster masks on wig heads or other spooky items. Be sure to have some spider webs around the tombstones. You can buy these in spray form at many discount stores. In fact, dead flowers can really make your “graveyard” special, so be on the lookout in your own yard as well as others for flowers that have withered and died.

Make sure you get permission to take the flowers. You can also check with local florists to see if they have any dying flowers they want to get rid of.

If you are really brave, you can dumpster dive for these flowers, but don't get caught. This is illegal, so we don't condone this. But, on the down low, it's a great way to get some really great dying flowers to really give your graveyard the authenticity it deserves!

Edible Crafts

Edible Fingers

- 5 hot dogs
- 1 package refrigerated biscuit dough
- 10 sliced almonds

Preheat oven to the temperature on the biscuit package. Separate biscuit dough into individual pieces. Roll and stretch a biscuit until flat.

Cut each hot dog in half. Lay a half of hot dog in the center of a flattened biscuit and roll dough around the hot dog until it is enclosed in the biscuit. Place wrapped hot dot on a cookie sheet. Repeat these steps until you have 10 wrapped hot dogs, aka "fingers".

Place a sliced almond at one end of each wrapped hot dog so it looks like a fingernail. You can also use a toothpick to make knuckle lines. Bake your fingers for about 10 minutes or until golden brown. Serve warm with some ketchup (blood) at the severed end.

Squashed Frogs

- 1 Stick margarine
- 40 Large marshmallows (10 oz. bag)
- 5 Cups corn flakes cereal
- 1/2 Teaspoon vanilla (optional)
- 2 Teaspoons green food coloring
- M&Ms. Plain Chocolate Candy

Melt margarine in large saucepan. Add marshmallows and cook over low heat, stirring constantly until melted and mixture is syrupy. Remove from heat. Add vanilla and food color. Mix. Add corn flakes and M&Ms and mix until well coated and bright green. Drop from a tablespoon on a piece of wax paper and cool the globs.

Paper Plate Mask

Halloween season is all about children. Bring a smile to your child's face with a spooky mask in tandem with his disguise. Halloween crafts are indeed fun to make and the best part is that these can be made using simple and easily found material. For instance, try making paper plate masks this time.

Just a little thoughtfulness, creativity, imagination and craft can help you make all sorts of masks, you can think of with way to easy material. This includes the following:

1. White paper plates
2. Construction paper
3. Paint
4. Crayons
5. Scissors
6. Stapler
7. Glue
8. Markers
9. Tinkers like small pom poms (optional)
10. Elastic or string

Envision your child like any animal such as tiger, rat, cat, bat, etc. Then go ahead with an easy mask.

Given below are the tips to make rabbit and pumpkin masks out of paper plates.

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1. *Rabbit Mask*

Take two white paper plates, a pink construction paper, and a small pink pom pom.

To make its ears, color one paper plate from inside or just glue the pink construction sheet at the inside.

Cut it in to two halves.

Now take another paper plate to make the face. Cut a ¼" wedge from one side. This is where the child's mouth would come.

Further, staple the ears at the top of plate or the mask that is the part opposite to the wedge. Watch that you place the straight edges facing inside.

Now, cut two eyes on the face. Place these just below the rabbit ears.

For either paint one, or stick on the small pink pom pom right under the eyes. Finally, decorate the mask with crayons and markers. Make whiskers and color just as per your imagination.

To wear the mask, either staple an apt piece of elastic on both sides of the mask. Or you may choose to punch in holes on either sides and tie a string through them.

2. *Pumpkin Mask*

Draw a scary pumpkin face on the outer side on the paper plate. Cut the eyes, mouth and nose with the help of the scissors.

Now color the whole thing orange with decorations of your choice.

Finally, make it wearable with an elastic staple on either sides of the mask, or punching holes and fastening a string through them.

Try thinking "out of the box" and let your creative senses go wild. You shall have numerous options to work on in this art!

Happy Halloween!

Halloween Scrapbook Supplies

I always perceived that the only places to pick out good variety of Halloween scrapbook supplies are the local scrapbook supply stores or some online stores. Well, with some research and findings I have surely been proved wrong!

Actually there are a lot many resources to choose from. As making Halloween scrapbooks is becoming a common & growing trend among people of all ages, their supplies are indeed increasing for good.

These new found resources can also help you be really creative and innovative with your scrapbook's pages. Here are a few of these for your benefit:

1. The traditional choices

Halloween scrapbook supplies traditionally continue to come in bulk from the scrapbook supply stores and the online stores.

2. Discount Stores or Deals

Many discount stores these days deal in the scrap booking supplies. Varied cities across the country have bulk of these stores with different names. In my part of the world, we call them Deals. Two very famous chains in my city are –

i. Nothing Over a Dollar

ii. The Dollar Tree

These 'deals' sell quite extensive collection of Halloween scrapbook supplies at very cheap price range. They also excel in their collection for the general scrapbook supplies.

3. Online Stores run by Scrap bookers

Many scrap bookers now-a-days have established their own online stores for the supplies. They purchase the material in bulk and sell the same at wholesale prices. At times, here the stuff might be expensive than usual, but they are worth owing to the exclusivity. As it has been the operator's hobby for years together, they pick out the best stuff from the lot and hence shall guarantee your scrapbook pages to be unique.

4. E-bay

This is an interesting online shopping portal where with some activeness and quick action you can win the best of deals in very low prices. This is because they operate through biddings and you might be fortunate enough to win the right economical auction! People dealing here often operate their own online scrapbook supply stores in tandem, but yet not all of them are involved in the parallel business. Another advantage of using e-bay is that the shipping costs are very less than the other options.

5. General Internet Search

Try being patient enough to search the internet thoroughly using different key words and various search engines. You shall come across several sites that would give you downloads for FREE! Find different papers, layouts and other components for the page and print them directly through your personal printer. In case you own a good quality printer, this is probably the best option for you to look up at! Watch it that these downloads require a lot of ink. Hence, consider a little investment in refilling your ink cartridge kit and save the fortune you would have spent otherwise.

Halloween Paper Crafts For Kids

Halloween is all about having fun with your friends and family. Among the best parts of Halloween are decorating the house with crafts. And when these crafts are all hand made, the more the merrier! Coming to its expenditure part, the amazing fact is that this sort of craft work can easily be done using anything you get your hands on at home. Using old paper or simple construction paper many decorative can be made to make your Halloween special and spooky.

Now I'm sure, you all must be looking for some free Halloween crafts that are easy enough for you to follow!

Halloween paper crafts are real fun for kids. Try cutting out a ghost from white paper or make a detailed pumpkin window peek! The idea is to enjoy what ever you make! This way you would be able to use all your creativity.

Well, internet is a hub for several ideas. Once you have the ideas and tips and tricks, you can use your innovative skills to make the ideas even more interesting. Creativity and imagination is the key to make your decorations as exclusive and attractive and spooky as you wish to. Here are a few ideas to get started:

1. Pumpkin Lantern

Take some sheets of construction paper and gather the basic craft equipment like scissors and glue.

Fold the construction sheet in to half from the shorter side.

Now, with a ruler, measure 2 inches towards inside from the open edge. Next, draw a line 18 inch long across the paper. Further, 1 inch apart between the paper's fold and the 18 inch line draw lines.

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With the scissors, cut the shorter lines from the paper's folded edge and stop at the line.

Your strips are ready. Now, unfold the paper. Bend it in to a cylinder and paste together the sides.

To make the handle of the lantern, cut 1 ½ inch by 12 inch strip using green construction paper.

Forming an arc, staple the paper from top of the lantern.

Now, make the pumpkin's eyes, mouth, and nose with the help of construction papers of various shades. Use your imagination and choose from many colors available like black, yellow, red, etc. Display the lantern with pride!

2. Spider's Web

Hunt for a cob web's image. For this you can surf through internet, look into the magazines or borrow from a friend. Isn't the spider's web to intricate and fascinating?

For this you must have lot of black construction paper.

Now with regular white glue, mimic the web from your imagination or form the image you have got.

We advise you to start with the intersecting lines. Once you catch on the flow move to the curved ones between the intersections.

Now, sprinkle gold glitter on the web hence made and let it dry overnight.

With little imagination and patience, this comes out to be a great piece of art!

Halloween Haunted House - 3 Impressive Ghost Crafts

Halloween is all about having fun with your friends and family. Among the best parts of Halloween are decorating the house with hand made crafts. And when these crafts are all hand made, the more the merrier! Halloween festivity really gets enhanced when you walk in to a haunted house full of ghost crafts!

Now I'm sure, you all must be looking for some free Halloween crafts that are easy enough for you to follow and can surely impress your guests!

Well, internet is a hub for several ideas. Once you have the ideas and tips and tricks, you can use your innovative skills to make the ideas even more interesting. Creativity and imagination is the key to make your decorations as exclusive and attractive and spooky as you wish to. Here are a few ideas to get started:

1. Tissue Ghosts

This is perhaps the writer's favorite. Take a piece of Kleenex. Gather it together such that it forms a bulb at the top and the bottom should be splaying out. Shaped almost like a ghost! Now, with a rubber band twist and tie to maintain the shape of the bulb. You can also use a garbage bag for the same. This becomes the ghost's head. So just tie it as tight as possible! Now grab on a black magic marker to dot in the eyes, nose and mouth. The Kleenex ghost is ready to spook around. You can make loads of these and hang around the house. This would impress your friends & family and friends. You would be able to boast as a Halloween crafts pro!

2. Singing Ghosts

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You can make scary balloon ghosts to hang outside the house and add some spookiness to your Halloween. Take 2 white plastic bags. These are easily available at the near by grocery stores or Wal-Mart. Now cut the handles and the written part of these plastic bags. Now start shredding the bottom of the plastic bags leaving away the seams. Try to make 1 inch shreds. Beware that the cuts are around 1 inch away from the seams. Now blow up your balloon & make a knot so that it remains inflated. Along with the top knot, now tape 1 bag to the backside of the balloon & 1 bag towards the front. Preferably use black-duct tape as it has quite good grip. Now, draw a ghost face. Tie a string surrounding the knot. The ghost is ready to hang! It can be even more entertaining if you tie some bells at the bottom shreds of the ghost. Now you would hear it haunting in the breeze!

3. Transparent Ghosts

Cut out the shape of the ghost from 2 sheets of wax paper. Now, cut out its eyes, a ghoulish mouth and other effects if you wish to, using construction paper. Next, pick out one of the wax paper ghosts. Lay it on the top of a newspaper. Place its eyes & mouth in the right place. Now sprinkle the remaining portions with glitter. Further, carefully place the remaining wax paper ply in line with the bottom edge of the prior (that is placed on the newspaper). Slowly overlap the lower wax paper ghost and further place a sheet of newspaper on them. Heat the iron at medium level. Run it over the ghost in order to meld the two wax paper ghosts. Finally, shred the extra sparkles from the ghost's body, and attach a string to the same. Hang this anywhere you feel like and have spooky fun!

So, with a little know-how you can make wonderful ghost crafts to make your Halloween special!

Halloween Food Crafts For Kids

Halloween parties can be utmost fun. While we all focus on the decorations and attire, food adds true life to the party. Good selection of items might not be enough. You can set the right Halloween mood with the apt Halloween dishes.

Yes! Halloween crafts can also be edible. So much so that even kids now-a-days love to make their own food crafts.

While, Internet is a real hub for loads of such recipes, we can give you a kick start to these spooky edibles:

1. Edible Dirt

Kids at the tender age love eating dirt – amazed? Yes, it's true! So, how about creating a Halloween food craft that looks just like dirt?

For this take clear & small plastic cups. Place scoops of chocolate ice cream at the bottom, one in each cup.

Now provide the kids with sealed zip-loc baggie filled with Oreos. Instruct the child to smash these cookies as much as they can. That is turning these cookies in to real small bits.

Now pour the cookie bits on the top of your ice cream.

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Further add some gummy worms.

Finally, dig in to hard with a spoon.

Yummy dirt is ready to eat!

2. Bloody Fingers

For this you need some cocktail wieners and one refrigerated biscuit dough can.

Now, around the bottom of the wiener, wrap the dough. Watch that you leave the tip showing.

From the tip of the wiener that we had left unwrapped, cut an oval piece. This would be the fingernail.

At a temperature of 350 degree Celsius, cook it in the oven. Check that the biscuits should get slightly browned.

Now, let them cool down.

Add some ketchup in place of the fingernail.

Your bloody fingers are ready to be the talk of the party!

3. Edible Eyeballs

Halloween food crafts for kids must look scary but at the same time should be simple to prepare, so that they are easy for the kids to follow.

This food craft is perhaps the simplest of all. Take deviled egg and add a black olive to show the eye black in the middle.

Now coming to the deviled eggs – they are quite easy.

Boil the eggs for around 5 minutes and remove them from the heat.

Let them be as it is the hot water for around 10 more minutes.

Now run these eggs under cold water and then refrigerate them. We must do this as cold eggs can be peeled of easily.

Once they cool down, peel the eggs. Cut each of them in half length-wise.

Remove the yolk or the yellow portion and collect it in a bowl.

With the help of a fork, "smoosh" these yolks in order to get a crumbly consistency.

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Now, add some mayonnaise. Make sure to put little quantity at a time so that the stuffing remains thick and has a creamy mixture. Excess of mayonnaise would make it quite running.

For some extra flavor add mustard.

Fill the yolk mixture in the egg white with a spoon.

Last, as said earlier, press in the black olives and the edible eyeballs are ready to scare!

Halloween Party Games For Kids - 3 Exciting Choices

Halloween holidays are about partying and excitement. Halloween crafts & games are especially inclined towards kids. It is their enjoying the festivity with good spirit. You need to be creative and innovative to invent new craft ideas to entertain the kids and decorating the house the Halloween way.

Many traditional Halloween games find their roots down in the old folklore. While for looking for these games, internet is the ultimate source, here are a few recommended choices for your next Halloween:

1. Bob the Apple

Here you need a lot of apples dipped in to silver tub. The tub is half filled with water. The game is to pick maximum number of apples in a given time frame with touching with hands. Yes, you pick them with your mouth. This is perhaps the most traditional and the most common yet real fun game for Halloweens.

The trick in this game is quite simple - trap the apple at the tub's bottom and bite it! It is quite quick and the apple won't drown away that easily.

2. Make your own treat.

This is based on dirty eating - that is edible dirt and worms.

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In clear plastic cups, add scoops of chocolate ice cream at the bottom, one scoop per child. Give each child their cups. Now give them a Zip-Loc baggie. Fill in this baggie with some Oreo cookies. Now instruct the kids to smash these cookies into bit and pieces. What next, pour the cookies in your ice cream. Add the gummy worms. And dig in hard with the spoons. Your personalized spooky ice cream treat is ready to eat.

3. Scary Pumpkin Windows

Get square pieces of orange construction sheets. Now let the kids draw some scary pumpkin faces on them. Further cut out these faces. Let the paper be square because as you may want to decorate the windows with this. Tape this to your windows and illuminate from behind using a lamp. Enjoy the sight of scary windows, the Halloween way!

The choices are surely endless. Just challenge your left brain harder and let your thoughts go wild. You shall be able to develop many other ideas to make your Halloween more exciting. And as we always say, never forget to log on to the internet for any and all sorts of searches and it is indeed the World Wide Web! Hope we have given a kick start to your imagination!

Halloween Crafts From Household Material - 2 Easy Tricks

Halloween is all about having fun with your friends and family. Among the best parts of Halloween are decorating the house with hand made crafts. And when these crafts are all hand made, the more the merrier! At times space constraints bar us from this pleasure.

Now I'm sure, you all must be looking for some free Halloween crafts that are easy enough for you to follow and can fit in little space!

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2. Egg Carton Bats

This idea is quite simple. Get some simple stuff like egg cartons, a pair of scissors (safety scissors in case the child is younger), and black paint. Cut out 3 egg cups from the egg carton and ensure that they remain attached. Check that the egg carton must be clean. Now the outside cups would turn in to two bat wings - simply cut their front and back. Now paint the whole thing in black. Attach goodly eyes for the real impact or simply paint the eyes using white paint. Here, the middle cup becomes the face. Now make a hole on the top of the middle cup and pass a string through it. Make a sturdy knot so that it doesn't slip through this hole. Now, put the string in this hole. Finally hang the bats where ever you feel like.

Try using a combination of waterproof paint and Styrofoam egg carton. These bats are perfect to decorate the trees outside the house.

Now on experiment with what ever wastes you get your hand on at home and develop your own spooky fun decorations for Halloween!

Halloween Coloring Pages

During Halloween, all mothers want to scratch out time to clean home and at the same time want to do the best of activities with their children. Halloween coloring pages are life savers in this regard. We all know that children love to indulge in such arts. Also, during the Halloween season, these art pages can be displayed at home giving a sense of pride and achievement to the child that "I made it."

As an art teacher, this would be a cherished activity you give to your students.

There are a plethora of websites that offer online Halloween sheets that you can print directly with your printer. The options are quite interesting - You can look for all sorts of Halloween images - like bats, witches, pumpkins, black cats and haunted houses.

Filling in these interesting images, your child would love to share a conversation with you. During the holiday seasons, occasionally you might place these sheets and a box of crayons in front of your child and get busy with your business. But doing the same regularly won't be a good idea. Halloween coloring pages, Halloween crafts, etc. are mere means to come close to your child, to spend some quality time with your child and to affix new found bonds with the child. You can make them learn many new skills during these sessions, thereby adding to your child's creative and innovative skills.

Now here are a few websites to get your free Halloween coloring sheets:

1. www.coloringpages.net

This website offers many Halloween coloring pages along with coloring sheets for varied other seasons. These are present in easy printable formats and also save them for the future use.

2. www.raisingourkids.com

Along with interesting Halloween coloring pages, this site is worth a visit as it contains quite informative articles, write-ups and advices on several important topics related to your kids. For instance raising the kids; home schooling; decision making; etc.

3. www.kidsturncentral.com

This web portal talks about all the latest and the best for the kids, for instance Harry Potter. It also contains several games to play, lessons on daily activities like gardening and some interesting craft ideas. Of course, the site has a great collection of the Halloween coloring pages as well.

4. www.enchantedlearning.com

Being the writer's favorite, this web site offers a lot more than you can think of. To enlist a few of its sections, these are:

- i. Free Halloween coloring pages,
 - ii. Books to intrigue your child,
 - iii. Craft Ideas for kids at all ages,
- and lots more.

It is a free site, though in case you opt to contribute some donation for the upkeep of the site, you shall have access to some further areas along with the special freebies that your child would love to enjoy!

Kids Crafting The Halloween Decor - 4 Enormous Tricks

All of us want to become good parents for our kids. Spending quality time with your kids is very essential in order to come close to your kids. In fact it is the best gift you can give to your child. Yet, it is easy to spend time with the grown up kids. We often keep wandering as to what activities we do with them.

Surprisingly, we often underestimate our kid's abilities. Teach them some fun craft activities and help them carry on the same. You can look for many free and easy Halloween crafts that your little one would love to work on with you.

Internet is a hub for several ideas. Once you have the ideas and tips and tricks, you can use your innovative skills to make the ideas even more interesting. Creativity and imagination is the key to make your decorations as exclusive and attractive and spooky as you wish to.

Here are some interesting ideas to try out:

1. Halloween Ornaments with Fun Foam

Fun foam is among the essential craft items especially among the kids. This Halloween collect some chunks of fun foam typically in the Halloween shades that are black, orange, green and white. Now, draw some ovals and circles on the fun foam. With safety scissors let your child brush his or her craft & cutting skills. Make them cut out these shapes out of the fun foam. Mean while, you go ahead cutting shapes from the remaining pieces of fun foam. You might opt to work on interesting patterns like witches, scary cats, bats, ghosts, and many more. These shapes can easily be found on the internet. Now stick on these varied shapes on the ovals & circles you ha cut earlier. Finally, punch a hole on the top. Put a string in this hole and hang your child's Halloween ornaments where ever you wish in the house!

2. Scary Pumpkin Windows

Get square pieces of orange construction sheets. Now let the kids draw some scary pumpkin faces on them. Further cut out these faces. Let the paper be square because as you may want to decorate the windows with this. Tape this to your windows and illuminate from behind using a lamp. Enjoy the sight of scary windows, the Halloween way!

3. Spooky Bushes

In case you have bushes around the house, try placing this cute little ghost out there. Fold a white bed sheet in to half. In between the fold, place some newspapers. Using black craft paint or black permanent markers, draw a spooky ghost face on this sheet in the front of the sheet. You can opt to make a funny, scary or whimsical face, the choice is completely yours! Now drape this sheet over the bushes. Pin it using clothes pins. This would make it tight enough. Now there is your ghost sitting in the bushes.

4. Halloween Candles

This craft requires varied materials like fruit gummies, candied corn, sequins and beads. Using the traditional white school glue, stick on these trinkets or any others that you wish to use; in order to decorate black and other dark colored candles. Use these to decorate the house for Halloween!

While these are just a few ideas, free and easy toddler Halloween crafts are very commonly found on the internet. Now-a-days there are several web sites focusing on these crafts. These are easy and fun activities for kids of all ages. These fun projects are simple and memorable activities to carry on with your kids. Try these and gift your child moments for life!

Free Halloween Scrapbook Idea

As the avid scrap bookers are increasing day by day, people are often looking for some special ideas to make a great Halloween scrapbook. But are these ideas available for free? Surely yes! And to start with we always prefer the internet. It is indeed the World Wide Web that would connect you to many people who love this activity just like you. Through the various communities and blogs, you can share their ideas & experiences and get new inspirations for your own Halloween scrapbook.

Numerous websites now-a-days are dedicated for this art. Select your choicest search engine – the best one we think is Google – and in the search-box punch in the keyword - free Halloween scrapbook idea. The search results would lead you to thousands of web sites and web pages that shall quench your thirst. You would get ideas for all seasons and festivals including Halloween. Some sites also offer generic layouts to understand the idea better.

Yet, we think that every individual have their own perception and can com out with some real original & genuine ideas. So, besides searching for tips and tricks on the internet, use your creativity and innovative skills to develop great art work in the end.

We believe that you should try to concentrate on certain theme. Here are a few tips that we loved the best:

1. Base it on your child's dress

Say your child dressed up like a lion. Use brown and orange shades. Place a lot of pictures of lion, and title the page accordingly - like "So Cute Lion".

This is just one example. You van modify it to any dress and style the child is acquiring.

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2. Dedicated to the Family.

Try making a page reflecting you & your family's personalities. Make a haunted house covering the entire page. Make use of spooky colors like gray, red and black. In the haunted house, place pictures of each member of the family. Preferably click a few with scary faces. Paste these in the windows and doors.

In order to change this in to a "peep" house, add sheets of paper to look like the doors to the windows. Then, one would have to lift the flap of the window to find out whose picture lies inside.

Free Halloween Crafts For Kids

Halloween is all about having fun with your friends and family. Among the best parts of Halloween are decorating the house with hand made crafts. And when these crafts are made by your kids, its all the more worth.

Now I'm sure, you all must be looking for some free Halloween crafts that are easy enough for your kids to follow.

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1. Halloween Bats

This idea is quite simple. Get some simple stuff like egg cartons, a pair of scissors (safety scissors in case the child is younger), and black paint. Cut out 3 egg cups from the egg carton and ensure that they remain attached. Check that the egg carton must be clean. Now the outside cups would turn in to two bat wings - simply cut their front and back. Now paint the whole thing in black. Attach goodly eyes for the real impact or simply paint the eyes using white paint. Here, the middle cup becomes the face. Now make a hole on the top of the middle cup and pass a string through it. Make a sturdy knot so that it doesn't slip through this hole. Now, put the string in this hole. Finally hang the bats where ever you feel like.

Try using a combination of waterproof paint and Styrofoam egg carton. These bats are perfect to decorate the trees outside the house.

2. Singing Ghosts

You can make scary balloon ghosts to hang outside the house and add some spookiness to your Halloween. Take 2 white plastic bags. These are easily available at the near by grocery stores or Wal-Mart. Now cut the handles and the written part of these plastic bags. Now start shredding the bottom of the plastic bags leaving away the seams. Try to make 1 inch shreds. Beware that the cuts are around 1 inch away from the seams. Now blow up your balloon & make a knot so that it remains inflated. Along with the top knot, now tape 1 bag to the backside of the balloon & 1 bag towards the front. Preferably use black-duct tape as it has quite good grip. Now, draw a ghost face. Tie a string surrounding the knot. The ghost is ready to hang! It can be even more entertaining if you tie some bells at the bottom shreds of the ghost. Now you would hear it haunting in the breeze!

In case you are still looking for more ideas for free Halloween crafts for kids, log on to www.enchantedlearning.com. Among the several other websites available, this is my personal favorite. The site has not only interesting ideas for Halloween, but for many other wonderful holidays as well!

Free And Easy Toddler Halloween Crafts

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Surprisingly, we often underestimate our toddler's abilities. Teach your toddlers some fun craft activities and help them carry on the same. You can look for many free and easy Halloween crafts that your little one would love to work on with you. Here are some interesting ideas to try out.

1. Bat with hand prints.

For this you primarily need some paper plates & washable black paint meant especially for craft purposes. Pour some black paint in the paper plate. Tell your child to put his hand in the paint. Make sure that his hand is fully covered. Now add a sheet of paper, press the child's hand on one side with splayed fingers. Now, turn the paper towards back. Dip your child's hand in the paint again and press his again hand on the paper following the heels of the imprint made before. Stick googly eyes to this bat or paint the eyes using white color. Make a hole at the top. Attach a string through this hole to hang the bat. Make many of these and hang all around the child's room.

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brush his or her craft & cutting skills. Make them cut out these shapes out of the fun foam. Mean while, you go ahead cutting shapes from the remaining pieces of fun foam. You might opt to work on interesting patterns like witches, scary cats, bats, ghosts, and many more. These shapes can easily be found on the internet. Now stick on these varied shapes on the ovals & circles you ha cut earlier. Finally, punch a hole on the top. Put a string in this hole and hang your child's Halloween ornaments where ever you wish in the house!

While these are just a few ideas, free and easy toddler Halloween crafts are very commonly found on the internet. Now-a-days there are several web sites focusing on these crafts. These are easy and fun activities for kids of all ages. These fun projects are simple and memorable activities to carry on with your toddlers. Try these and gift your child moments for life!

Making Egg Carton Bats - 2 Simple Ways

Halloween is all about spreading the spooky spirit and spending time with the family. Whether children, youngsters or elders; all of us love to decorate our homes for the Halloween with self made craft items. Especially, among kids it instills great sense of pride and achievement. Like many other crafts, the activity of creating egg carton bats creates a lot of awareness among children. They learn about several valuable tools. They can use these tools in many other places as well, like their school. As they turn an ordinary egg carton in to an interesting decorative bat, they feel a sense of pride and gain confidence that they were able to create something great!

Egg carton bats are among the easiest Halloween decors that people of all ages would love to make. One can be as creative as they wish to be. Imagine showing a home full of bats or bats hanging through the trees in the yard. Well, here are 2 easy means to go about it.

1. Pick out an empty egg carton from the near by stores. They are quite readily available. Check that it must be a clean piece. Now cut out 3 of the cups and keep them attached together. Further, cut out the front of 2 outer cups. These become your bat's wings.

You might also cutout the back parts of the 2 outer cups as well. Now, paint the bat black. Use white paint to show eyes. You can also opt to glue googly eyes. These are conveniently available in all craft stores. The center cup is the face.

To give your bat a sinister look, paint on the fangs. Further, poke a hole on the top of centre cup. Pass a string through this hole and knot it in the end to affix the string to the hole. Now, go ahead, make loads of these to hang every where and create a spooky home!

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2. You can also choose to apply a rubber band string on the egg carton bats. This would be real fun as your bats would then bounce around. Try using a Styro-foam egg carton teamed with waterproof paint. Hang many of these bats on the trees surrounding your house. To add to the spooky flavor of your yard, use glow-in-the-dark googly eyes. You can also use glow-in-the-dark paint. As the name suggests, these would make your bats glow during the scary Halloween night!

Easy Halloween Crafts For Kids

Children love the sense of creativity. When a guest appreciates something in the house and the child says, "I made it," one can easily read that sense of pride and happiness in their eyes. Crafts are an easy means to pave way to your child's creativity, innovative skills and thoughts. This Halloween, chalk out sometime guide your children through easy crafts and help them decorate their own room or the house.

It would be real fun working with your child and would also add to your festive mood. Here are some easy Halloween crafts that you can try with your children.

1. Pick out fun foam from the neighboring craft or department stores. Next buy a pack of sheets in varied shades like white, green, black and orange. Now, cut out oval & circular shapes in varied colors or paper.

On the World Wide Web that is the internet; look out for colorful Halloween images. Try searching bats, witches, black cats and skeletons. Take out prints of these images through a printer. You might need to reduce the size of the images so as to fit on to the base you have made. In case you are a good artist and can draw well, try drawing some images on your own! Now cut these images from contrasting shades of fun foam. Glue these on the shapes you had cut out. Now, punch a hole on the top and draw a string through this hole. Alas, hang the fun ornaments where ever you feel like!

2. You can also adapt ideas from some difficult crafts. Try hanging scary ghosts on your trees.

For this pick out an ordinary plastic bag from the near by grocery store. Now cut off its handles. In place of the head, place Styrofoam ball at the top. Secure it using a rubber band. Now,

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shred the bag's bottom into strips. Above the head, poke a hole so as to insert a string to hang. Draw a scary face on the ball!

You can also make your ghost sing in the wind. Just attach some bells at the bottom of strips. This would be real fun!

3. Purchase some dark colored candles. Black would be a great option. Give your child interesting trinkets like candy corns, sequins, fun foam shapes, etc., just any vague things you get your hands on. Tell your child to glue those trinkets on the candles. Place them where ever you like in the house for some fun Halloween decoration!

Try these and apply your creativity to device more of such easy and interesting stuff for your kids!

Learn Pumpkin Carvings - Key Is Practice

In North America Halloween season offers a splendid sight of decoration with varied items. Pumpkins among them stand out of the league. Carved Pumpkins with lights showing up from inside are a real treat for the eyes.

Those who love Halloween, always look out for some intricate, extreme and unique carvings for their pumpkins.

There was once an era when these pumpkins almost looked alike - triangle eyes, triangle nose, simple smiley face, sometimes scary teeth with in the mouth – though now people are craving for all the more art in the same. Pumpkin carvings have surely become advanced and more impressive than before.

Interestingly, now-a-days, one does not even need to pierce the pumpkin's thick skin. Just trim the inside and have a sheer transparency. Once you master this impressive art, the possibilities are far too much. Then you can even create you wildest dreams over that pumpkin!

To look for new design, try picking some new patterns. There are several magazines that offer unique pumpkin designs and carvings. Once you have the design on hand, you can go ahead trying to develop the pattern.

Yet a better choice for this search any day, like we always say would be the www-world or the internet. Just key in the right keywords in your choicest search engine and you shall find n number of websites dedicated to this festive art. These sites also allow you free download of these patterns of pumpkin carvings directly on to your printer. They are ready to use and can be applied on your pumpkin.

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Now, don't just dive in. Making pumpkin carvings is not that easy. This intricate art needs a lot of practice. Once your hand gets used to the moves and tricks, the play field is yours. Have nimble fingers and avoid over-excitement.

Another important tip to remember is that you must get hold of the right equipments and tools. Lately a special knife is available in the market that is meant for these carvings only. Using these knives requires a lot of creativity, and provided you have it, this tool almost reduces your job to half.

We would also advice you to read more on this subject and then shift to practicing the carvings. Before making an attempt to impress your family, friends and the town council, re-assure yourself so that you do not land up in any sort of embarrassment.

Read on this topic through internet and magazines would give you very useful tips and tricks to follow up. Now, download your chosen pumpkin carving patterns and go down the town to impress your folks!

After you are through, take time relax & admire your work. Feel proud that you have made the jack-o'-lantern - the hot shot in the block!

Arts And Crafts Ideas For Halloween

This Halloween, you can decorate your home with arts and crafts you've made yourself.

There are a number of places you can find some terrific arts and craft ideas for this Halloween, the internet being the best place to search. The net is full of loads of craft and art ideas for Halloween. If you search, you will find a number of craft ideas online. There are a few listed in this article with which you can get started.

Halloween decorations should be eerie, fun and scary. Here is a wonderful Halloween craft we have found for you. If your house has some bushes at the front, then this Halloween craft is sure to make you real popular in your area. First, take a white plain sheet and fold it into half. Place a few newspapers inside the fold. Using some black fabric paint or a black marker, draw a ghost face on the sheet and leave to dry. Once it's dry, hang it around your bushes and tightly secure it with clothespin at the back.

Another art and craft Halloween idea is to make your house look really scary and festive by hanging luminaries. First, take any brown lunch bag and use orange paint to paint it. Use an X-acto knife or a pair of scissors to cut out a pumpkin face. Make sure it's scary. Fill sand at the bottom for about half an inch and take a tea light or a votive candle and submerge it at the bottom. Make a number of such luminaries and line your walkway with them for the trick or treat night.

Another arts and craft idea for Halloween is to drape your home with fun ghost or pumpkin garlands. These garlands are really easy to make. You require some white construction paper if you are making ghosts or orange construction paper if you are making pumpkins. Draw your ghost or pumpkin on the paper using a pencil or pen. Ensure that while drawing the figures, you leave a tab on the top to fold while stringing the garland. Draw funny or scary faces on the figure using a black marker and then cut out the figures. To make your garland really long, cut out many such figures. Place the string on the fold of the tab. Use staples, glue or tape to secure the figures. For the ghost garland use a black string and for the pumpkin garland use a green string. Drape these garlands wherever you feel like and decorate your home.

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There are a number of arts and crafts you can make for Halloween and a majority of these are available on the internet. You can add your own personal touch to these decorations by using your imagination and improvising on them. Have fun this Halloween by decorating your house with your own creations!

Easy Halloween Crafts

This Halloween, try making some of the crafts. There are a number of really easy Halloween crafts available on the net. Here are some ideas.

Anywhere you look, you can find Halloween crafts, and there are plenty of crafts that are really easy to do. There are loads of magazines and books on Halloween crafts and easy crafts. The internet is perhaps the best bet for the widest variety of choices. Here are a few crafts from the internet that are exceedingly easy to carry out during the Halloween season.

A Q-Tip skeleton is one craft that was found on the internet and can be done by just about anyone. First, take some white paper and cut out a skull from it. You can either cut out the nose, eyes and mouth or you can draw them on. Then using Q-tips, make the body of the skeleton. Arrange the Q-tips on some black construction paper in such a way that they make the legs, ribs, and arms etc. of the skeleton. If you need to, you can shorten the q-tips by cutting them. Once you are satisfied with the skeletal arrangement, just glue the Q-tips to the paper using white glue and leave to dry.

Who doesn't love Halloween crafts that are edible? Dirt and worms is the most popular edible Halloween craft and is especially a hit with the kids. All you need to do is take a clean clear plastic cup and fill it with some chocolate ice cream. Then take some chocolate cookies in a zip-loc bag and smash them into tiny bits. Take the smashed pieces and some gummy worms and pour them over the ice cream. Your dirt and worms is ready and you can have a great time eating it.

You can even adapt some difficult Halloween crafts into easy ones. You can make a cute little pumpkin wreath by cutting little pumpkins from some orange construction paper and using a black marker to draw scary faces on them. Then cut out the center circle off a paper plate and glue the pumpkins around its edges. Punch a hole at the top, pull a hole through it and hang.

Ghostly bushes is another Halloween craft that can make you a Halloween sensation in your neighborhood. Take a plain white sheet. Fold it into a half. Place a few newspapers between the folds and use some craft paint or a black marker to draw a ghost face on it. You can make either

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scary or funny faces. After it has dried, place the sheet over a bush and tightly secure it with some clothespins at the back.

There are a number of Halloween crafts that are really simple and easy. You just need to search. It will be great if you can add your own imagination and creativity to improvise on the crafts. This Halloween, decorate your home with crafts you made yourself!

Free Halloween Crafts For Preschool

When it comes to preschoolers, you need to make sure that the Halloween crafts you give them to make are easy and comprehensive. Here are some ideas.

One of the activities that preschoolers love engaging in is crafting, so when Halloween season nears, there is no better idea then to get these little kids involved in Halloween crafts. The net is full of Halloween craft ideas that you can get for free. When it comes to preschoolers, it is important to give them projects that they can easily understand and find comfortable to work on. When you give the kids Halloween crafts to do, ensure that you let them make them as they wish and appreciate whatever product comes out. Here are some of the Halloween crafts that you can give preschoolers to do.

Once the pumpkin has been carved, the seeds are left. You can either fry these seeds with sea salt, or if you're not into that, here is an idea. Save the seeds, clean them and let them dry. then from a piece of cardboard or construction paper, cut a circle and glue the seeds on the outside of the circle with their points facing out. Then glue another row inside the initial row and sprinkle some glitter in the middle. You can even paint the seeds and attach a stem if you wish but it would be better if you punch a hole at the top and hang it on the wall of your room.

Edible Halloween crafts are the post popular crafts among preschoolers as these kids get a real thrill about making crafts that they can eat. Dirt and worms is a really enjoyable craft. First, take a clean plastic cup. Take a little bit of chocolate ice cream in the cup. Then give the child some chocolate cookies packed in a plastic bag preferable zip lock. Then make them smash the packed cookies into small bits. Take these smashed bits along with some gummy worms and pour it over the ice cream and dirt and worms is ready. Now all they need is a spoon to enjoy what they have created.

Using your child's handprint to make a lovely little bat is another wonderful Halloween craft that you can use for your preschooler. Pour some washable craft black paint on a paper plate. Place the child's hand in the plate to ensure the whole hand is covered with paint. Then press the child's hand with fingers spread on one side of another paper plate or a construction paper. Then, matching the heels of the hand, flip the paper around and press the hand again after

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recoating it with paint. Then put some googly eyes or use white paint for eyes, punch a hole at the top and pull a string through it. You can hang this anywhere you want.

It is really easy to find Halloween crafts suitable for preschoolers online. Just ensure that they aren't too difficult for your child and you can have a great time with your little preschooler.

Free Halloween Crafts Using Terra Cotta Pots

One innovative way of making Halloween crafts is by using terra cotta pots.

Everybody loves free stuff and when it comes to Halloween crafts and if you can get free crafts using pots of terra cotta, then there's nothing like it. There are thousands of options available when it comes to these crafts and if you are an artistic person, you will have a great time. If you search online for Halloween crafts using pots made of terra cotta, you will find a number of easy and cute ideas that can add to your Halloween decorations. Additionally, even your children can make these crafts so it's a great way to get your children involved in the decorations.

One of the things you can make out of terra cotta pots is a candy corn candy holder. There are a number of other items that you can make, but this was the easiest so let's start with this one. First, pick any terra cotta pot- it can be of any size. Paint white at the very bottom. Paint the middle section orange and the top part red. Then paint any funny face on the orange painted section and fill it with candy corn and you have your very own cute table decoration that you can use for the Halloween party.

Another Halloween craft you can make with terra cotta is a pumpkin. First, take the pots and turn them on their end to make the bottom part stand on top. Then take some orange paint and paint the every inch of the pot. Then paint funny pumpkin faces with yellow paint on the front. Then, take a candle, put it in the hole, and light it. You have a great Halloween decoration that you can place on your porch for the trick and treaters. You make these pots in different sizes and hang them to give the atmosphere the Halloween feel.

Another Halloween craft you can make with terra cotta pots combines both decoration and gardening. Take any terra cotta pot and use white paint to paint it entirely. Once the paint has dried, draw a spooky ghost face with black paint and leave to dry. Then plant some white flower or daisies in the pot and let it grow. If you are able to find a black flower, then plant that too. It will really live up to the Halloween spirit.

There are a number of websites on the net where you can find loads of Halloween crafts using pots made of terra cotta. You could try the following sites:

www.allfreecrafts.com <<http://www.allfreecrafts.com>>

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www.enchantedlearning.com <<http://www.enchantedlearning.com>>

www.familyfun.go.com <<http://www.familyfun.go.com>>

These are just a few sites; you can find hundred of websites to find terra cotta Halloween crafts. But there is nothing like using your own imagination and creativity. Include your kids and come up with some great ideas of your own to make your Halloween truly special.

Free Printable Kids Halloween Crafts

For making Halloween crafts for kids, you can choose to print some templates to make the process much easier and more fun.

Usually, if you look for printable Halloween crafts for kids, you will run into coloring pages. The net is full of coloring pages that you can directly print out using your printer. However what you probably require are printable craft templates and there are quite a few places on the net where you can find these. You just need to know where to look and you can make Halloween a lot of fun for you and your children.

www.enchantedlearning.com <<http://www.enchantedlearning.com>> is one of our favorite websites for Halloween crafts. Here you can find a number of printable Halloween crafts for kids including many scary templates that you can decorate and use in many different ways. For instance, if you want to use fun foam to make a cute little bookmark, you will need different Halloween images like bats, witches, black cats, haunted houses and others. Enchanted learning offers a number of fun templates that you can use. You can of course opt to search in other sites online to expand your options.

Other free printable Halloween crafts for kids that Enchanted learning provides you with include Halloween book templates. An important part of a child's growing experience is writing. You should encourage them to author their very own Halloween tale. Once written the story can be transferred to an of the printable book templates that this website provides you with. All you have to do is put together the book and your child is an author.

If you intend on throwing a Halloween party, you should thoroughly search the net for printable Halloween crafts for kids that are free. You will require crafts like party hats, placemats and other decorations. Additionally, at Halloween parties, games and making crafts are the two things that keep kids busy and out of mischief. Your party can be the best every if you include printable Halloween crafts for kids in it.

The best thing about printable Halloween templates is that you have the freedom to work from the template on your own and even improvise on the decoration to give it your own personal touch. After all, crafting is all about imagination and creativity. When you start on a particular

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Halloween craft template, take a chance and break away from the instructions and use your creativity and imagination to improvise it into something that is ten times more terrific than it would have been initially. Use these Halloween crafts to decorate your home and have a great time on Halloween.

Ghost Glove Puppet

If you have decided to do some Halloween crafts with your kids, then don't miss out on the ghost glove puppet.

During Halloween, the best way to keep children engaged is through Halloween crafts and the ghost glove puppet is one such craft that is sure to be a hit with the kids. There are a number of ways one can make a ghost puppet. Here is a list of some ideas that we got from the internet that you might find interesting.

One of the ways in which you can make a ghost glove puppet is by taking a twelve square inch of a white handkerchief of any white fabric, a black marker and three rubber bands. Hold your hand with your thumb and little finger outstretched and your remaining middle fingers together. Drape your hand with the white cloth square with one diagonal running across the top of the fingers. Fix a rubber band over the three fingers in the middle around the knuckle region: this will form the ghost's head. Wrap another rubber band over the thumb and one more over the little finger. These form the ghost's arms. Then, draw a ghost face on the ghost and you have your ghost puppet ready.

You can even use a brown paper lunch bag to make your very own ghost glove puppet. First you need to color or spray paint the bag completely white. The bottom part of the bag that can fold over will form the ghost glove puppet's face. You can shred the bottom of the bag in order to make it look like creepy tendrils. Put your hand into the bag and make your ghost come alive by folding your fingers over the bag's bottom.

Once you are done with your very own ghost glove puppet, you can write a ghost story script and put up a play. There are a number of puppet plays available online but it is a lot more fun if you take your child's help and write your own story. Write it from the ghost's point of view. Give your ghost a character. You can make him a friendly ghost, or a ghost who learnt a lesson. There are endless possibilities. When you put on your ghost puppet show using your own ghost glove puppet, ensure that the play sends out a moral message. This will be a great time to teach your kid right and wrong. In this way, not only are you having fun with them by making a Halloween craft but you are also teaching them how to use their creativity to write a play.

Halloween Arts And Crafts For Kids

There are a number of things you can do with your kids during the Halloween season, and one of them is making Halloween crafts.

Halloween season is a time when everybody has a lot of fun and a great way to increase the fun is to find Halloween crafts and arts that you can make with your kids. There are a number of websites on the net that have many ideas for Halloween crafts and arts for kids. All you need to do is use a little creativity and imagination and you will be surprised at all the things you can actually make. Here are some Halloween crafts and arts for kids that you can start with.

This is the easiest and most creative Halloween craft for kids that you will find. It is the glue ghost necklace. In order to make this necklace you will require some white glue, a paper clip, circles of black paper for googly eyes, wax paper, and some yarn or string. Unfold the clip and bend it into a 'v' shape so that it can act as a hanger. Then, place the paper clip ends into the ghost's head. Stick the googly or black paper circles eyes where they must be placed on the ghost and leave to dry. It might take a few days for drying and you need to wait till the glue becomes transparent. Once dried, gently peel off the ghost from the wax paper and pull the string through the hanger and tie it at the back.

The clothespin bat is another Halloween craft that is a lot of fun to make. You will require black fun foam or black construction paper, a clothespin, colored paper or googly eyes, glue and scissors. Cut out the required pattern for the bat and ensure that these two pieces are large enough to entirely cover the clothespin.

Then, attach the wings to the flat part of the clothespin using glue. Add the body to the top of the wings. Then stick the colored paper eyes or googly eyes. Leave it to dry for a while and your very own clothespin bat is ready. You can clip these bats just about anywhere- in the house or in the classroom, on the table edges, on curtains or just about any place you can think of. You can visit www.enchantedlearning.com <<http://www.enchantedlearning.com>> for some terrific ideas on Halloween crafts and arts for kids. It has a whole range of ideas that kids will love. Be sure to check the site out and you will have a great time making these crafts with your kids.

Halloween Bat Crafts

If you are looking to make some amazing Halloween crafts this Halloween, you might want to make a lot of bat crafts.

Bats are the most popular symbols of Halloween and if you are planning on creating your own Halloween decorations, Halloween bat crafts are the easiest options. Like all other craft projects, Halloween bat crafts are as easy as you want them to be. Here are some ideas to get you started.

Using an egg carton is the easiest way of making a Halloween bat craft. First, cut out three adjacent egg cups together from the carton. Then, to make wings, cut the front portion of the outside egg cups. On the egg cup in the center, draw a face. Then, punch a hole at the top and pull a string or thread through it in order to hang it from the wall or anywhere you please. You can make it even more fancy by spray painting the bat black and pasting googly eyes on it for more effect.

Another suggestion for Halloween bat crafts would be to make a huge bat and hang it on your trees outside. First, take a huge black plastic garbage bag and a 2 liter empty soda bottle. Wrap the black bag around the soda bottle using black electric tape for making the bat's body. In order to make the bat's ears, punch two plastic bunches near the cap of the bottle and tie a rubber band around it.

Next, cut out fangs from the white plastic lid and tape it in place while affixing the eyes using red dot stickers. Take another trash bag, cut it open, and lay it flat. Cut bat wings out of this. Then, lay the wings flat and place a stick like a kebab stick right above the wing. Use electric tape to attach the stick to the three projecting points of the wings. Repeat the same procedure for the second wing and then carefully stick both the wings to the body of the bat.

Just place the sticks across the tree branches in order to hang the bat. You secure the bat in place by using electric tape too in case you feel it is too windy or that the bat might fly away. Your yard will be the scariest yard in the neighborhood if you hang these huge bats outside your house.

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For other Halloween bat crafts you should search online. All you need to do is search for Halloween bat crafts on Google and you will be met with a range of crafts that you can easily make for this occasion. So why wait? Collect your craft items and make your yard the most popular yard in your neighborhood for Halloween.

Halloween Crafts For Older Kids

It might be a little difficult coming up with suitable Halloween crafts that older kids can enjoy.

Very often, Halloween crafts that older kids will enjoy are tough to find. Usually, older kids find traditional crafts either too easy or too childish for them to try. But there is no need for despair. If you let the older kids express themselves and allow them to make their own decorations, there are a number of Halloween crafts that you can come up with. The main point in engaging older kids in Halloween crafts is adapting the crafts used by the younger kids and letting the older kids do as they please.

Here is a terrific way of introducing Halloween crafts for the older kids. Let the children express themselves however they wish and encourage their creativity. Give encouragement even when they are carrying out their crafts and give them suggestions here and there to make their crafts better. If you take the crafts that are intended mainly for the younger kids and adapt them for the older ones, you will have some wonderful crafts. Here are some ideas you can use.

Take white foam meat trays, which are available at any grocery store. If you are using the ones you bought meat in or the store used for storing meat, ensure that they have been cleaned and are sanitized. Size plays a big role for the older kids and the bigger, the better. Have the kids draw ghost shapes on the tray using a pen or a pencil. Then ask them cut out the shape, funny or scary. Make two small holes, one hole at the bottom of the cutout and one at the top. Then take two pieces of yarn, attach one to the top for hanging the ghost, and attach the other at the bottom and to a bell. If these are attached to trees outside, they will jingle in the wind, and the kids will simply love it.

A scary zombie seated on the front porch is another terrific Halloween craft idea for older kids. You need to collect some old or unwanted clothes and ask the child to stuff them with straw or newspaper. It should be stuffed so much that it looks like a live person. Using a scary mask will add to the effect. You can make this activity even more fun by asking the child to remove the stuffing on Halloween night and use the same clothes to dress up. Then when other kids come for trick or treat, he or she can scare them all by jumping up suddenly.

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You just need to try a little hard when it comes to Halloween crafts for kids who are older. If you take the time and effort, there are a number of possibilities available to you. You could even ask the older children for some ideas. The main idea is to have a lot of fun.

Halloween Craft Party

A great thing to do during Halloween is throw a crafts party for kids. Here are some ideas you can use.

If you want to throw a great party for kids around the Halloween time, you might want to conduct a Halloween crafts party for kids. These kinds of parties are a great hit with parents and kids alike as the kids are kept occupied for a while and they go home with beautiful craft objects that they can decorate their homes with for the Halloween season. It is very easy to plan a Halloween crafts party and whether there are going to be six kids or sixteen kids, they will be busy having a great time during the party.

Basically, in a Halloween crafts party, the kids are gathered together and are asked to make various crafts depicting the Halloween spirit. If you are throwing the party, then you must provide all the crafts and it will be great if you can keep some samples of the crafts that the children can refer to in order to help them make their crafts. The host of the party should show the children how to make the craft and since it is such an interesting activity, you will find that the children will be rapt with attention.

For your Halloween crafts party, you can go online to get some ideas on what crafts you can use. There are a number of websites that have a lot of information on kids' crafts. They give you step by step detailed instructions on how to make different crafts and sometimes even have pictures of completed product. This gives you a reference when you make your own craft object. www.enchantedlearning.com <<http://www.enchantedlearning.com>> is a great website to go to for making kid's crafts. This website has a lot of craft ideas that are easy to make and their Halloween section is extensive. This website caters to children of all ages and it will be an ideal place to get your ideas from.

You should have a number of different crafts for the kids so that they have enough time to make them and everyone is occupied. It can get real bad if you intend to hold a party for two hours and everyone is done in an hour itself. Halloween craft parties usually involve a lot of craft activities for kids to complete. They can be presented with a range of crafts and they can choose the ones they wish to make. In this manner, they are doing what they wish to do and they are kept occupied right through the party.

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Edible crafts are perhaps the most popular crafts among all in Halloween craft parties. After all, who doesn't want refreshments? All you have to do is use your imagination and creativity and the kids will have a great time. So will you.

Halloween Decorations

Here are some tips to make simple art and craft Halloween decorations to give your house that festive look.

Halloween is a time when one can experiment with creative craft ideas to make wonderful decorations for the house. It is an opportunity to dabble in the wonderful world of art and craft. Making the Halloween decorations is not only a fun activity; it gives your house a festive look. One need not be an expert in art to make these decorations. All you need is loads of imagination, creativity and a few items available around the house and you are ready to get going. Some simple ideas are given below to get you started.

One of the easiest Halloween decorations to make is creepy candles. You will need candles, sequins, beads, colored threads and any other trinkets that take your fancy.

The candles should be of dark colors, you could go for the Halloween colors of black and orange. With the help of simple white glue, stick these trinkets around the candles in any manner you like. You may have to use tweezers to stick the small items onto the candle. Table sprinkles in the form of ghosts, pumpkins, witches or bats can be used to give that creepy look. Place these decorated candles around the house and watch them light up the evening!

Another art and craft Halloween decoration is the creepy balloon ghost, which is very easy to make. All you need is white balloons and plastic grocery bags. The bags should be plain with no writing on them. Here is how to create a spooky ghost: Cut off the handles of the grocery bag. Leaving the bottom of the bag intact, with the help of scissors, cut the bag into dangling strips up to about an inch from the bottom seam. In the same manner cut up another grocery bag. Fill up the balloon with air and knot it up. Tape the seam of one bag to the front and the other to the back, leaving the knot on top. Paint a scary face of the ghost on the balloon and tie a string to the knot. Hang up these creepy balloons to trees in the yard. You may also put a few bells to the end of the strips, so that they make a sound with the movement of the wind. Enjoy the haunting chimes of the ghosts moving around in your yard!

Halloween decorations can be a good way to bond with family and friends. It can be a fun activity done together, enjoying each other's company and getting to know the creativity of your children, while experimenting with these decorations. Although Halloween art and craft

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decorations may be difficult to make, the possibilities are endless, limited only by your imagination and creativity.

Edible Halloween Crafts

Edible Halloween crafts are traditionally made for Halloween parties. A few recipes for edible Halloween crafts for you...

Food is the major component of a party. It is no different with a Halloween party. Some scary looking edible Halloween crafts can be prepared to offer the guests at a Halloween party. This can make the party interesting and a lot of fun. Here are a few recipes to get you going:

Yummy Brains..!

You will need blueberry Jell-O, 16-ounce can of cottage cheese, canned blueberries and a little blue food color. Prepare the package of blueberry jelly mix according to directions given on the pack. Pour the cottage cheese in a bowl. Drain the syrup from the can and mix the drained blueberries with the cottage cheese. Add the blue coloring sparingly to the mixture so that it turns to a light shade of grey. To serve, place one scoop of Jell-O on a plate, pour some blueberry syrup on it, and top up with the cottage cheese mixture. Get ready to eat yummy brains!

Creepy Eyeballs..!

Creepy eyeballs are deviled eggs with one black olive in the center. Here is how to go about it. Boil six eggs for two minutes. Reduce the heat and cook for another three minutes, then remove from the fire. Drain out the water and hold them under cold tap water to cool them. Peel the eggs and slice them into two halves, lengthwise. Scoop out the yolks and mash these with a fork along with a quarter cup of mayonnaise. Make sure that the mixture is creamy, but not runny. Add prepared mustard and mix thoroughly. Spoon the egg yolk mixture into the egg whites. Put one black olive in the center of the yolk mix, and you are ready with your creepy eyeballs!

Monster Toes, Bloody Fingers...!

This is the best recipe for edible Halloween craft. You will need cocktail wieners, flour tortillas, ketchup, toothpicks and a cookie sheet.

Cut a wedge at the end of each cocktail wiener, to make space for the toenail or fingernail. Cut the flour tortillas in strips of 4-inch length and $\frac{3}{4}$ th inch wide. Roll the wiener into the tortilla strip and secure with a toothpick. Place all these fingers on a cookie sheet and bake in oven at 350

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degree centigrade for about seven minutes. At the time of serving, fill up the toe or fingernail portion with ketchup. A yummy treat for Halloween!!

Edible Halloween craft are great fun to make. Use your creativity make up the food into scary delights appropriate for Halloween festivities. You can have a great time watching your guests devour these scary treats!

Egg Carton Crafts

Some tips on making craft decorations from egg cartons; these can be used as Halloween decorations or even Christmas décor.

We normally dispose off the egg cartons in the garbage. Why not put them to good use and turn them into funky crafts? A good way is to make Halloween decorations from egg cartons. For that matter, these crafts can be used for any celebration. It is a fun activity, which kids enjoy very much, and helps you to bond with them while they explore their creative talents. Here are a few samples of what can be done with egg cartons:

1. Spooky Bats:

Spooky bats can be hung outside on trees or in the house. You can involve your children in this activity. Take a cardboard egg carton or a Styrofoam one and cut out three cups, leaving them attached side by side. Cut out the front and back of the outer cups, these form the bat wings. Paint the carton black and stick on some beady eyes or draw the eyes with white paint. Make a hole on the top of the central eggcup and run a string through it. Knot up the end so that it does not slip out through the hole. Hang up the bat and watch it fly around in the breeze!

2. Creepy spiders:

A creepy spider can be made from a single cup of the egg carton. Just detach one cup from the carton. Using the sharp point of a pair of scissors, cut out four small holes on each side of the cup. Put a pipe cleaner into each of the four holes and twist it so that it remains secure. These are the legs of the spider. Draw the face of a spider on the front of the cup and also paint the body. You may use black color to paint the carton and then decorate it accordingly.

3. Egg Carton Caterpillar:

This is not strictly a Halloween craft, but it can be made to add to the novelty of the decorations. An egg carton caterpillar is very easy to make and most kids will love making it. You will require an egg container used for a dozen eggs. Cut out the carton in half, leaving six eggcups attached together. Decorate each cup with paint, glitter or sequins in the form of a caterpillar. For the first cup, draw a caterpillar face. Insert pipe cleaners into holes cut out in the first cup, to form antennae. Your caterpillar, or rather, bookworm is ready to crawl around!

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Egg carton crafts can be made very easily with a little imagination and ingenuity. It is a good way to get children interested in arts and crafts making and discover their creative talents in the process.

Free Halloween Crafts

A few websites that provide tips for craft making ideas that can be used to make Halloween decorations....

Halloween is especially fun when you create hand made crafts and decorations with the help of all family members to enjoy this spooky holiday. Any person with little or no experience can indulge in this activity. Most of these Halloween crafts are easy to design, but some imagination is required. The Internet is a place where one can get a number of ideas to create Halloween craft décor quite easily. There are numerous websites catering to this aspect and they even offer free advice and tips. Following are a few websites that will help you find ideas for Halloween crafts.

1. www.enchantedlearning.com:

This amazing website provides free ideas for Halloween crafts. Not only that, it gives free ideas for craft making for all holidays and various other occasions. This site also provides craft and coloring books to children so that they can learn to make varieties of craft items. Enchanted Learning is a free website. However, if you pay certain fees they allow you access to much more than what is available at the free site.

2. www.allfreecrafts.com:

This is another site that provides free craft ideas for Halloween. The ideas are easy enough for children of all ages to understand and design the craft items. Craft ideas for other holidays and celebrations are also available on this site. They also offer free craft projects like gift in a jar and candle making. Freebies in the form of sewing patterns and knitting patterns are provided for mothers.

3. www.crafttown.com:

There are such a large number of ideas to choose from on this site, that you may have a hard time selecting the ones you want to try out. All the ideas are easy to create for an inexperienced person or even a child. Lots of patterns, craft ideas and free projects are available on the website.

4. www.familyfun.go.com:

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This website has craft ideas ranging from the easiest to the difficult and is meant for children. Free Halloween crafts are available on this website too. Besides that, the website provides party ideas, party themes, games, recipes and much more. It is a site catering to the family as a whole.

If you wish to create Halloween crafts but are not too sure of how to get started, the best place to get some ideas is the internet. By picking up the ideas and letting your imagination do the rest will help you design something unique and exclusive.

Free Kids Halloween Crafts

Some of the Halloween crafts that can be easily created by young children with a little help from the parents. The Internet is a source of a wide variety of information. One has just to give a phrase or word to the search engine and it will search for whatever is asked for. It is possible to get a good number of Halloween craft ideas for kids in the same manner. A number of websites provide free ideas for Halloween crafts for kids. A little research in that area will help you to get imaginative with craft ideas to be tried out along with your kids. However, a few easy crafts are described below to get you started right away.

The easiest Halloween craft a kid can make is a balloon ghost. All that is required is white plastic bags, balloons, strings and colored pens to draw the face. Take a balloon and fill it up with air. Place the balloon inside the plastic bag. Tie a string round the bottom of the bag to make a neck. Draw a funny or scary face on the bag. You can hang these scary ghosts on the trees in the yard by attaching a string from the top. Hang up several of these in the yard and watch the spooky atmosphere build up, as these ghosts float in the breeze!

Spooky bats can be hung outside on trees or in the house. You can involve your children in this activity. Take a clean cardboard egg carton or a Styrofoam one and cut out three cups, leaving them attached side by side. Cut out the front and back of the outer cups, these form the bat wings. Paint the carton black and stick on some beady eyes or draw the eyes with white paint. Make a hole on the top of the central eggcup and run a string through it. Knot up the end so that it does not slip out through the hole. Hang up several of these bats and watch them fly!

The best part about Halloween crafts is that you can get your children involved in the activity and encourage their creative talents. Children can also learn to create crafts from waste materials like egg cartons and grocery bags. Halloween decorations can be a good way to bond with family and friends. Websites on the internet give free access to a number of creative ideas that are simple enough for kids. Once you get some ideas, try them out with your kids and have fun creating new decorations. It can be a fun activity done together, enjoying each other's company and getting to know the creativity of your children, while experimenting with these decorations. Use these decorations around the house at Halloween and enjoy the festive spirit.

Free Printable Halloween Crafts

Some of the websites that provide free printable crafts that can be used in Halloween decorations....

Halloween is especially fun when you create hand made crafts and decorations with the help of all family members to enjoy this spooky holiday. Any person with little or no experience can indulge in this activity. Most of these Halloween crafts are easy to design, but some imagination is required. A few printable Halloween crafts can be obtained from the internet. These are mostly patterns of bats, witches, skeletons or cats that can be printed and cut out to the shapes for use in decorations. There are numerous websites catering to this aspect and they even offer simple projects like coloring pages for children, to keep them occupied while being in the house. Following are a few websites that will help you find printable ideas for Halloween crafts.

- **www.familycrafts.about.com:** This free site allows you to print many crafts like coloring pages, pictures and patterns. It also directs the visitor to other sites giving good craft ideas for Halloween decorations by providing the links.
- **www.familyfun.go.com:** Free Halloween crafts are available on this website too. It offers templates for making Halloween bookmarks and placemats besides free printable craft patterns. The site even has the printable bones of the skeleton that can be put together by children for a great learning experience. Besides that, the website provides party ideas, party themes, games, recipes and much more. It is a site catering to the family as a whole.
- **www.allfreecrafts.com:** This is another site that provides free printable craft ideas for Halloween. The ideas are easy enough for children of all ages to understand and design the craft items. Craft ideas for other holidays and celebrations are also available on this site. They also offer free craft projects like gift in a jar, candle making, sewing patterns and knitting patterns for mothers.
- **www.enchantedlearning.com:** This amazing website provides free ideas for Halloween crafts. This site also provides craft and coloring books to children so that they can learn to make varieties of craft items. The site also has printable books that children can use to write their own

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stories and put together a book as a great keepsake. This activity is great fun for children and it encourages a child's writing ability.

The above sites are just a few examples of art & craft websites. The Internet can provide a wide variety of ideas for Halloween crafts and decorations. All you need to do is log on to the internet and search for 'printable Halloween crafts' through any search engine. It will give you numerous websites that provide free printable Halloween crafts that you can design for decorating your home.

Halloween Arts And Crafts

Creating outdoor Halloween crafts is just as much fun as creating indoor decorations. Here are some easy to make outdoor scary crafts for Halloween.

During Halloween, most people decorate their homes with scary decorations within and outdoors. Every household opts for a haunted house theme, which requires many creepy looking and scary crafts to create that spooky atmosphere. These may include fake cobwebs, witches, bats and ghosts all put together to create the haunted house look. Halloween art and crafts are quite easy to make and the materials required are available in the house or they can be procured very cheaply from the neighborhood store. Halloween art and craft décor projects help the family to bond together, enjoy each other's company and create wonderful crafts together. Here are a few crafts that are very easy to make:

This Halloween project is best suited if you have bushes in the yard. Take a simple white bed sheet, depending on the size of the bushes. Fold the bed sheet into half and place a newspaper within the fold. Draw a face of a ghost on the sheet with either fabric color or permanent marker. The ghost face can be funny or scary, depending upon your fancy. You can make a number of these 'ghosts'. Drape the sheet on the bush and secure it tightly with clothespins. Your garden ghost is ready to haunt the garden!

The next Halloween decoration can be used to decorate the outside of the house. You will require a plain white lid, like the ones on a margarine container, or the lids can be painted white. You will also need 3 circles cut out from black construction paper for the eyes and mouth, 2 white trash bags or grocery sacks, 2 white pipe cleaners, scissors, glue, black yarn, a hole punch and tape.

Glue the eyes and mouth to the front of the lid. Cut off the handles and any writing that may be on the grocery sacks. Lay them flat on a surface and cut up 2-inch wide strips leaving about an inch near the seam, intact. Glue one pipe cleaner stem on to the seam. Turn over the lid. Now bend and insert the pipe cleaner with seam into the ridge round the bottom half of the lid and secure it into place with tape. Repeat the process with the second pipe cleaner and sack, inserting it into the upper half of the lid. Make a hole with the punch on the top of the lid, pass the black yarn through it, and knot up the ends. Hang up these ghosts on trees so that they float

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in the breeze. Another fun idea would be to have your kids hold on to the string and run around, making it appear as if they are being followed by a ghost!

The above are only a couple of Halloween crafts. However, a search on the Internet will give plenty of ideas for making scary crafts for Halloween. All you need is a little imagination and ingenuity to come up with the scariest décor in the neighborhood.

Kids Halloween Arts And Crafts

Here are some Halloween arts and crafts that can be made by involving the children in the activity or letting them make the crafts themselves.

Designing Halloween arts and crafts is a good way to get children interested in arts and crafts making and discover their creative talents in the process. One can come up with easy ideas for the decorations by searching on the internet and then explain the methods to the children so that they can be creative and have fun making these items themselves.

One of the easiest art and craft Halloween decorations is the creepy balloon ghost, which is very easy to make. All you need is white balloons and plastic grocery bags. The bags should be plain with no writing on them. Here is how to create a spooky ghost: Cut off the handles of the grocery bag. Leaving the bottom of the bag intact, with the help of scissors, cut the bag into dangling strips up to about an inch from the bottom seam. In the same manner cut up another grocery bag. Fill up the balloon with air and knot it up. Tape the seam of one bag to the front and the other to the back, leaving the knot on top. Paint a scary face of the ghost on the balloon and tie a string to the knot. Hang up these creepy balloons to trees in the yard. You may also put a few bells at the end of the strips, so that they make a sound with the movement of the wind. Enjoy the haunting chimes of the ghosts moving in your yard!

Kids can easily make a decorative garland with bats, ghosts or pumpkins. These garlands can be hung around the house or the classrooms. The materials required will be either construction paper or fun foam, depending on your choice. The colors could be orange for pumpkins, white for ghosts and black for bats. If foam is being used, patterns will be needed for all the three items. Take care to leave a tab of paper that can be folded over the string and secured with a tape. Cut out the shapes and paint the faces on them. You may need to make several of these craft items so that you can have a long garland. String up pumpkins on green string, bats on white string and ghosts on black string. If you have all three patterns, then you could use any color string that suits your fancy.

Helping kids with their Halloween crafts projects will make you very popular with them. There are varieties of craft items that can be made, be inventive and creative and let your imagination soar. There is no limit to what you can achieve in the world of art and craft.

Halloween Crafts For Adults

Here are some Halloween Craft ideas that adults can make with some imagination and a bit of research on the Internet.

A fun activity during Halloween is to decorate your home with hand made art and craft decorations. With a little imagination, one can make wonderful decorations to beautify the house and give it that festive look during Halloween. It is not necessary to be an expert at craft making, but a little imagination and ingenuity will go a long way to succeed in this project. A quick search on the Internet for ideas on homemade decorations will speed up your imaginative powers. You can come up with some creepy looking decorations by making use of simple household items. Most often, people like to transform their homes into haunted houses.

The yard is the best place to start with Halloween decorations. You can turn it into a creepy cemetery. You can give it a ghoulish appearance by putting 'tombstones' all around it. These can be simple plywood cut out into half- spheres. Attach some nails to the bottom, or push them down into the ground so that they stand up. You can paint them black and put some scary writings on them. The lighting in the yard can also be adjusted to throw eerie shadows over the yard. A few 'ghosts' made up of white sheets tied on to bushes will do the trick. Balloon Ghosts in white with attached bells can be left to float in the breeze. Their haunting chimes may scare even the strongest hearted person!

Halloween Crafts for the indoors can be made easily. One way to get a spooky effect in the house is to drape a fine white cloth, artistically painted with a ghost face, on the windowpane. Bats, artificial cobwebs and witch cutouts can be put up on the walls or hung from the ceiling to complete the creepy effect.

Many of these crafts can be made by kids too. However, if there is a need to use power tools for creating them, it is best left to the adults to do the job. Children can be involved to do simple things like painting or gluing on glitter, beads and sequins. This can be a fun activity done together to create something unique.

Your creativity is limited only to your imagination. Use your imagination and creativity while putting together Halloween crafts. As adults, your creations will be much neater since you are

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now agile while using your hands. Let the kids participate as well. There is nothing better than having a family activity to bring everyone closer! Have fun and enjoy your time with the family during Halloween.

Use Halloween Clip Arts For Some Spooky Effects!

Here are some tips on where to find spooky clip arts for Halloween decorations on the Internet.

One can use the computer to make all kinds of Halloween craft items. One method is to download clip art images suitable to use for Halloween décor. Clip arts give a professional look to your Halloween creations. These can be used on party invitations, note cards or place settings. The Internet is the best source for clip arts since there are a number of sites devoted to this area. These websites offer you free download of images, faces and cutouts suitable for Halloween crafts. A few of the sites are listed below for your convenience.

* **www.wpclipart.com/holiday/halloween/** - This great site has loads of spooky images freely available for download including witches, black cats, bats, haunted houses and much more.

* **www.clip-art.com/** - Although this site does not offer clip art, it has a lot of suggestions for various other websites that you can visit, to find the perfect clip art for Halloween decorations.

* **www.webclipart.about.com/od/msub26aa/Halloween_Clip_Art_Links.htm** - This site directs you to other sites that can help you find the clip arts of your choice, by providing links.

Once you find free clip arts of your choice, all you need to do is right-click the image and click 'Save As' when prompted, to save the picture to your computer. It is best to save it as a .gif or .jpg file with an easily recognizable name. Later when you need it, just insert the image into your document, or have it printed out as per your needs.

There is a multitude of uses for Halloween clip arts. They can be used as patterns for cutouts to be used in the craft designs, or they can simply be magnified and used as decorations for the house. Clip arts can be used for printing on invites and place settings for a Halloween party, depending on how scary or whimsical they may look. They add a new dimension to your Halloween party décor. You can use them as cutouts to stick on the windowpanes or turn them into masks with funny faces, or in any other imaginative way, you can think of. There is no limit to your creativity and by using clip art, you can give it that spooky effect. Clip arts are a great way to give that extra touch to your hand made Halloween creations.

Halloween Scrapbook Layouts

Here are a few ideas for creating an amazing Halloween Scrapbook by downloading scrapbook layouts from the Internet. Tips are also provided on how to go about the job of printing it out.

Halloween is a time to have fun with creative arts and crafts. You may want to remember your Halloween celebrations in the future, by maintaining a scrapbook. If you are not sure how to go about it, you can always turn to the Internet to find Halloween scrapbook layouts. These scrapbook layouts will allow you to store everything you wish to include and provide you space to write on the pages. They usually come with printed borders and pictures.

Many websites allow you to download scrapbook layouts, free of cost, but there are some others that will charge you a small fee for download. You can select the scrapbook layout of your choice and then go on to modify it according to your needs. You then have a totally unique Halloween scrapbook layout of your own!

It is important to have a good quality color printer if you are going to print scrapbook layouts. Also, take care to use a thicker paper of good quality to print the layouts so that it can last for a number of years. Since these are print graphics, it will consume plenty of colored ink, so make sure that your ink cartridge is a fresh one. Most Halloween scrapbook layouts are a little wet once they are out of the printer. Leave them to dry out, so that there is no smudging.

You may want to personalize your Halloween scrapbook layout. Try to be creative in adding some extra borders or decorations on the pages, so that it is unique and does not look as if it is a ready printed layout. You can have a neat – looking presentation for your Halloween scrapbook layout, which you can proudly display as your own.

Very often the Halloween scrapbook layouts are do-it-yourself kits that can be ordered from the Internet. These are then sent to you by mail. There may be many add-ons, embellishments and other components to help you create your page. There will also be a set of instructions for putting it all together so that you have a proper scrapbook layout.

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Halloween scrapbook layouts can help you design a great scrapbook to commemorate your Halloween celebration and your special memories. Again, imagination is the key to have a truly unique Halloween scrapbook layout.

Halloween Crafts For Preschool Kids

Here are some tips on how to involve preschool kids in Halloween craft making and encourage their creativity and artistic talents in their learning age.

Halloween is the best time to introduce children under the age of 5 to the world of art and craft making. Preschool Halloween crafts can be made by young children with adult supervision. Preschoolers can be taught valuable lessons about life in general, by involving them in art and craft activities. These experiences will remain with them for a long time and mould their creative talents and artistic skills.

Children below the age of 5 are a precocious lot and they are at a learning stage in their lives. They are just getting to know their surroundings and are eager to learn new things. It is a novelty to them to be able to create craft items themselves. However, the adults need to be very patient and encourage them to create something on their own, be it a drawing, painting or even Halloween crafts. A little guidance on the part of the parents or schoolteachers will go a long way in helping to hone their artistic skills. A search on the Internet for preschool craft ideas will give a number of simple Halloween crafts that can be created by very young children. A few fun Halloween crafts meant for preschoolers are described below to get you started.

After the pumpkin is carved, do not throw away the seeds. They make a great snack if they are roasted with a little salt. You can save some of the seeds so that they can be used for craft decorations. Clean the seeds thoroughly, and let them dry. Take a piece of cardboard or construction paper and cut out a circle. Glue the seeds with the pointed ends facing outwards on to the edge of the circle. Glue a second row on the inner side. Sprinkle some glitter in the center. Punch a hole on the top edge and hang it in the room or upon the wall. Another option would be to paint the seeds and attach a stem to make it into a flower to be put up on the wall.

Edible Halloween crafts are a great hit with preschoolers. Kids usually enjoy eating the craft items they have created themselves. Dirt and worms is one such preschool Halloween craft that a child will enjoy making and eating! You will need a clear plastic cup, chocolate ice cream, some chocolate cookies, a plastic zip-loc bag and some gummy worms. Place the chocolate cookies in the zip loc bag and ask your child to smash them up into little bits. Next, put a small

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dollop of chocolate ice cream in the plastic cup. Pour the cookie crush over the ice cream and add some gummy worms. Give the kid a spoon to eat their creation and enjoy!

Preschool Halloween crafts are fun for adults and children alike. They help parents to get to know their kids' creative talents and have great fun bonding together. For more ideas on preschool Halloween crafts, you can surf the net; moreover let your creative imagination take over to create something truly enjoyable for your child.

Halloween Scrapbook Ideas

Scrapbooks are a great way to keep the memories alive and to write down a journal to put your feelings and emotions in words and retain them for posterity. Halloween is a time when the whole family gets together to celebrate and party. One may want to save some of the memories of the special times in the form of a Halloween scrapbook page. Many themes and ideas can be used to design a scrapbook. Since it is a special one for Halloween, you may want to have a funny or scary theme, to suit the occasion. Scrapbooks are a big business nowadays, because many people want to store their memories for the future. Therefore, it will be quite easy to get ideas by conducting a search on the Internet. You need not stick to ideas from the internet; you can add your own inputs to the layout and theme. A few ideas for scrapbooks may help you get started.

As stated earlier, you can have a theme for your scrapbook, something based on Halloween. For example, you could theme the page around your daughter's costume that she had worn for Halloween; maybe she was dressed as a princess. You could have the layout in light pink color with princess motifs, very typical of a princess's line of thinking... You could give a funky title for the page based on something to do with a princess.

Another Halloween scrapbook idea would be to focus on a specific event like a visit to the local pumpkin patch. You could have various shades of orange for the layout, with pumpkin cutouts on the pages. You could describe your trip to the pumpkin patch, explaining what you saw or did there. You could put a title that says something like 'Pumpkins, pumpkins, everywhere...' Be imaginative while creating the scrapbook page.

If you want to opt for a scary theme for the Halloween scrapbook page, there is nothing like putting ghost faces on the page. You can also have scary looking masks or cut outs of witches put on the page. Pictures of your kids dressed up in scary costumes, stuck on a background of a haunted house can be one such idea. Think creatively, there is no limit to the imagination. Take chances by being a little adventurous and outrageous in creating the Halloween scrapbook page.

You can search the Internet for great Halloween scrapbook ideas. You will also find many scrapbook message boards on the Internet and you can utilize these to convey some message

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through the scrapbook. Halloween scrapbook ideas from the web can help you design a great scrapbook to commemorate your Halloween celebration and your special memories. Again, imagination is the key to have a truly unique Halloween scrapbook that you can be proud to display.

Skeleton Crafts

Here is a method of making skeleton crafts for use as decorations for Halloween.

Halloween is the perfect time for decorating your home and you may want to create Halloween crafts in keeping with the tradition. Skeleton crafts, pumpkin cutouts, witches and bats make great Halloween décor. Skeleton crafts are quite easy to make and add a special touch to the Halloween décor. Creating skeleton crafts can be a family activity and can be enjoyed by the family together. Here are a couple of easy skeleton craft ideas that the whole family can enjoy.

The easiest skeleton craft can be made with black construction paper and dry noodles. This is a very creative skeleton craft and can be crafted by even the youngest member of the family, provided he or she can handle glue. The material required will be black construction paper, lima beans, glue and dry noodles like shell macaroni, elbow macaroni, spiral noodles and spaghetti. Use the glue to stick the noodles and lima beans on the construction paper to form a skeleton. You can use the elbow macaroni to make the ribs, spiral noodles to make arms and legs and the skull can be made up of the lima beans. The lima beans can also be used to make the hips and the thorax region of the skeleton. You can make a pattern of a skeleton on the paper first and then ask your kids to glue on the various noodles and beans to form the skeleton.

Here is a complicated skeleton craft. You will need brown paper lunch bags, Styrofoam trays, a craft stick, sand, black paint and candles in glass containers. Begin by drawing a skeleton pattern with the craft stick on the Styrofoam trays, and cut it out. You can also use a knife for the purpose. Roll up the pattern in black paint and press it firmly on the inside of the paper lunch bag. Fill some sand at the bottom of the bag and place the glass containers with candles inside the bag. Light up the candles and you have a skeleton luminary. You can place a number of these skeleton luminaries along your driveway for a spooky effect. These luminaries can also be used to lead the trick-or-treaters to the treats you have in store for them.

Halloween skeleton crafts are great fun to make. Although Halloween skeleton craft decorations may be difficult to make, the possibilities are endless, limited only by your imagination and creativity. Use your imagination and enjoy the Halloween season with this fun activity involving the whole family!