



HALLOWEEN FUN!

We love and appreciate all the women who visit our website and want to acknowledge that not all embrace Halloween. We respect your decision. For those, however, who see it just as a fun holiday, decorating with cute little pumpkins and funny flying ghosts; where children can dress up and be transformed into a fairy princess or a pirate, these ideas are for you. One of the most important elements of anything "outside" your family belief system, though, is to communicate to your children about such traditions. Whether you celebrate Halloween or not, your kids are going to know about it. Shouldn't they learn about it from you?

LINKS

For Creepy Crawly Fun

<http://familycrafts.about.com/cs/creepycritters/a/090699.htm>

Halloween Party Games

(use discretion and age appropriate for children)

<http://familycrafts.about.com/cs/halloweengames/a/halloweengames.htm>

Halloween Party Printables (invitations, templates, etc.)

<http://familycrafts.about.com/od/halloweenpartyprintables/>

The Pumpkin Patch

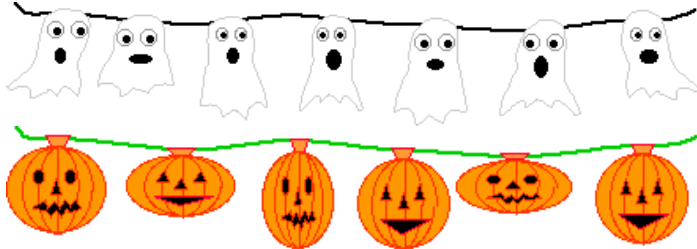
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Halloween Treat Recipes

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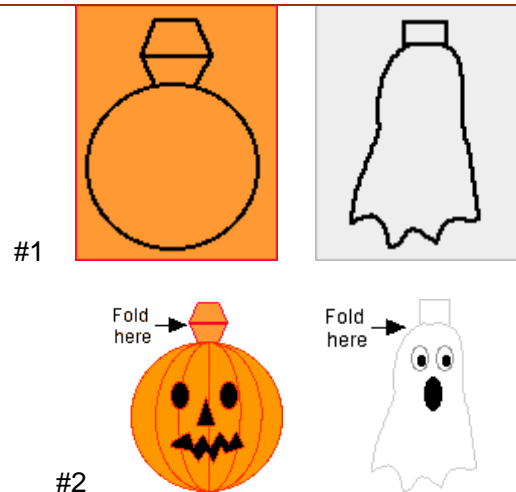
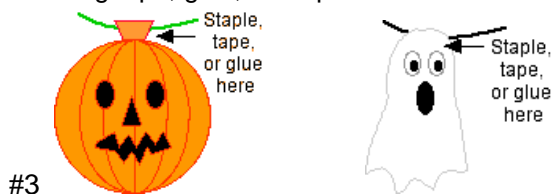
MAKE A STRING OF GHOSTS OR JACK-O-LANTERNS



Supplies needed:

Construction paper (orange and black for pumpkins, white and black for ghosts)
Crayons or markers
Scissors
Glue, tape, or staples
A long piece of green or black yarn or string

1. On a piece of orange paper, draw a jack-o'-lantern's face or a ghost on white paper. Make sure to draw a long stem on the top (your pumpkin or ghost will hang from this stem, which will be folded over).
2. Cut out the pumpkin or ghost. Make eyes, a nose, and a mouth from black paper (or use a black crayon or marker). Fold the pumpkin's stem in half. Fold the ghost's "stem" completely behind the ghost.
3. Attach the pumpkin or ghost to a long string. Use green yarn for the pumpkins, black string for the ghosts. Attach them using tape, glue, or staples.



Hang your string of jack-o'-lanterns or ghosts across the room for a wonderful Halloween decoration.

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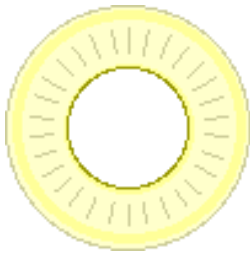
Eerie Halloween Wreath of Leaves

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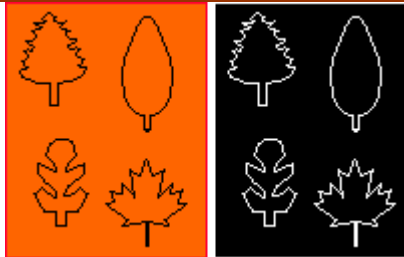
A plain white paper plate
Crayons or markers
Glue or a glue stick

Black and orange construction paper
Scissors

1. Cut out the center of a plain paper plate. 2. Cut out a lot of leaves from orange and black construction paper.
3. Glue the leaves all around the rim of the paper plate. You now have an eerie Halloween wreath for your door.



#1



#2



#3

Popcorn Balls

- 2 2/3 cups of sugar
- 1 1/2 cups of hot water
- 2/3 cup dark corn syrup
- 2 teaspoons of vinegar
- 2 teaspoons of vanilla
- 12 cups of popped popcorn
- Wax paper
- Plastic wrap
- Butter for hands

Combine sugar, hot water, corn syrup, and vinegar in a 3 quart casserole dish. Microwave at high for 35 to 40 minutes or until hard crack stage (300-310 degrees) when syrup separates into hard, brittle threads when small amount is dropped into cold water, stirring 3 or 4 times.

Stir in vanilla. Pour syrup over popcorn, stirring to coat. Quickly shape into balls, using buttered hands. Place on wax paper; cool completely. Wrap each in plastic wrap.



Chocolate Spiders

12 ounces of semisweet chocolate, grated or finely chopped
1 can (5 ounces) chow mein noodles
1 cup of salted peanuts

Line a baking sheet with waxed paper.

Melt chocolate. remove from the heat. Add the noodles and peanuts and stir and fold until the noodles are well coated.

Drop by teaspoonfuls onto the prepared pan. Chill for at least 8 hours, or until ready to serve.



Caramel Apples

6 wooden popsicle sticks
6 medium apples, rinsed and dried
1-14 ounce package caramels, unwrapped
2 tablespoons water

Insert popsicle stick into stem end of each apple; set aside. Either melt caramels in water over medium-low heat on the stove or in the microwave using package directions. Dip apples in caramel mixture. Drain excess caramel and place upright on waxed paper-lined cookie sheet. Place in refrigerator until set.

Nutted Chocolate-Caramel Apples

6 wooden popsicle sticks
6 medium apples, rinsed and dried
1-14 ounce package caramels, unwrapped
2 tablespoons water
1-1/2 pound package dark-chocolate candy coating
1/2 to 1 cup lightly toasted chopped nuts or coconut

Insert popsicle stick into stem end of each apple; set aside. Either melt caramels in water over medium-low heat on the stove or in the microwave using package directions. Dip apples in caramel mixture. Drain excess caramel and place upright on waxed paper-lined cookie sheet. Place in refrigerator until set.

Once caramel apples are set, melt chocolate candy coating according to package directions. Dip set caramel apples completely in chocolate. Allow excess to drain. Place on wax paper. Sprinkle with chopped nuts or coconut.

**ENJOY HALLOWEEN, BUT BE SAFE AND REMEMBER IT'S JUST A HOLIDAY FOR HAVING FUN – NOTHING MORE!
IT'S A PERFECT TIME TO HAND OUT PENCILS, TRACTS, OR OTHER ITEMS THAT TELL KIDS ABOUT JESUS!**

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