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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.

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### **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.

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## 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
- 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.

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### **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).

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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.

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

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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!

### **Paper Plate Masks for Kids**

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. Tinklers 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.

#### ***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.

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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!

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## 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 an 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. Father, 1 inch apart between the paper's fold and the 18 inch line draw lines. 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!

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## **Halloween Party Games For Kids - 4 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. 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!

### **4. Picking Up Mini Brains**

This is probably the scariest, but the funniest, of the kid games. Simply get some dried cherries (these are the mini brains) and spread out about 100 dried cherries in the middle of the table. Get an egg timer and place it on 20 seconds and have to kids see how many brains they can

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pick up within the allotted time. Once the game is over, the loser needs to eat some of the brains. A good source for dried cherries is Traverse Bay Farms [www.traversebayfarms.com](http://www.traversebayfarms.com)

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## 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!

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### 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

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

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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!

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## Halloween Crafts From Household Material

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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### 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 googly 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!

### 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!

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### **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.

### **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! 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.

### **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

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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!

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## 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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://www.enchantedlearning.com)

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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!

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### **Kids Crafting The Halloween Decor - 6 Enormous Tricks**

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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:

### **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!

### **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!

### **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.

### **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

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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.

### **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 googly 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.

### **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](http://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!

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#### **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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### 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 than 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 most 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 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.

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

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- [www.enchantedlearning.com](http://www.enchantedlearning.com) <<http://www.enchantedlearning.com>>
- [www.familyfun.go.com](http://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.

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### 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) <<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 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.

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## 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.

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 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.

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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 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/](http://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/](http://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](http://www.webclipart.about.com/od/msub26aa/Halloween_Clip_Art_Links.htm)**

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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 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) <<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

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they are kept occupied right through the party. 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 decorations may be difficult to make, the possibilities are endless, limited only by your imagination and creativity.

### **Brief Resources:**

Dried Cherries – Traverse Bay Farms [www.traversebayfarms.com](http://www.traversebayfarms.com)

Clip Art: -

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