

Things to make for Halloween:

Ghosts

Hang cute little ghouls on your fridge.

Trace hands on white paper. Cut out the hands and put a face on the ghost. (Note that fingers should be pointing down, wrist is top of ghost). Cut a 1/4 of a circle (or whole circle) from yellow paper for the moon. Hold the paper vertically. Decorate the bottom of the paper with a fence (brown), pumpkins. Take black construction paper and glue moon up in the corner, the fence on bottom and the ghost in the sky.

Halloween scarecrows

Place little scarecrows on your porch to welcome all the trick-or-treaters!

Using a brown paper bag, cut off the bottom, then flatten it. Fold in the corners, then staple. Stuff the bag with newspaper, etc. and staple the bottom closed. Turn the bag over and decorate with buttons, markers, crayons, construction paper, fabric scraps, and anything else you can think of.

Jack O' Lanterns

These are perfect decorations for your windows.

Trace two hands on orange paper and cut out. Trace around two hands on green paper and cut out. Cut out faces (black) and stem (green) for pumpkins. Glue on blue paper. Put green hands with the fingers pointing up on bottom for bushes and pumpkins above bushes with fingers pointing down. Stem goes on top of hand where wrist is.

Spooky Masks

Invite a friend to your house and make spooky masks on each other's faces! This is great fun, and very messy!

Ingredients:

Plaster of Paris	Vaseline
A small bowl of water	Scissors
Acrylic paints	Paint brushes
Glue	Any other decorations you have

Instructions:

First, put on old T-shirts, wash your face, pull back your hair, and cover the floor and work surfaces with newspaper. Then, cover your face with a layer of vaseline. Cut the Plaster of Paris into strips, about 3 cm by 9 cm.

Dip the strips into the bowl of water and gently put them on your face. Make sure you cover the whole face (you can leave your eyes and mouth uncovered if you want). Use two to three layers over the whole face. If you want to emphasise a feature, such as a big nose, add more there. Get your friend to wet their fingers and smooth out the whole mask.

Wait about 4 minutes for the mask to dry. To get it off, scrunch your face around a little and you'll feel it lifting away from your skin. Then, switch positions and apply your friend's mask!

Let the mask dry completely before you paint it. This could take anywhere from 4-12 hours. When the mask is dry, use the acrylic paints to decorate it. Glue on little decorations, like sequins, jewellery, anything that takes your fancy!

Activities and for younger children:

Balloon Jack O'Lanterns

Blow up an orange balloon and let the child use a black marker, stickers, or finger paint to create facial features.

Fingerprint Pumpkins

Get the children make orange fingerprints on a piece of paper. Use a non-toxic orange ink pad. Show the children how to use one finger at a time. Use a green pen to draw stems on the paper and draw vines to connect some of the pumpkins.

Paper Plate Jack O'Lanterns

Get your child paint a paper plate orange. When dry, have the child glue on pieces of black construction paper for the facial features. These pieces may be cut with scissors or torn, depending on your child's ability level. For older children, try using glue to form the facial features and sprinkle glitter, or various items (such as buttons) on the glue.

Pumpkin Puppets

Each child should cut out a pumpkin shape from orange construction paper. Then either cut out facial features, or colour them on with a black crayon. Paste to the bottom of a paper brown bag. Then add a green construction paper stem.

Spider Paper Plates

Use a smaller and larger paper plate to make these spiders. Staple the smaller plate onto the larger plate, as if the smaller plate will be the spider's head. Have the child paint both sides black. Then add black streamers for legs and white construction paper for eyes. Hang them from the ceiling.

Sponge Painted Ghosts

Cut out or buy ghost-shaped sponges. You will need black construction paper and white tempera paint when showing the child how to dip the sponges in the paint and press on the paper to make ghost prints.

Tissue Ghosts

Supply each child with two pieces of tissue paper and a piece of string or yarn. Have each child ball up one of the tissues, then place it in the center of the second tissue. Next, have the child, or assist the child, in tying the yarn around the second tissue to hold the balled tissue within the second tissue. The child may use a marker to make eyes.