

Halloween – Art & Craft Edition

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Halloween is a very exciting time of the year.

In this issue, I will be addressing the 'Art & Craft' aspect of Halloween (heavily hinted by the title)!

Art and craft is one of the biggest celebrations and key ingredients that make up our Halloween edition. It is showcased in so many different ways and forms, that some are unrecognisable because of how truly creative and unpredictable they are! I want to point them out, along with easy-to-follow, step by step instructions that the whole family can join in on! Please keep in mind that parental supervision is needed when performing any of these tasks!

Pumpkin Carving:

First is definitely the most popular - pumpkin carving!

It's no big surprise that this activity has made the list, as it is so common to happen in so many households on the night of Halloween! Although this activity may seem easy to do, please make sure that an adult is helping and supervising at all times.

FUN FACT:

A pumpkin's skin protects the fruit from disease and hungry insects!

Lost on ideas for what to do with your pumpkin? Here's a list of the top-rated inspirations that might just get your creative juices flowing:

1. SWEET HOLDER PUMPKIN
2. HEAD OF HAIR PUMPKIN
3. PUMPKIN CLOCK
4. COOKIE CUTTER STAR PUMPKIN
5. HOME ADDRESS PUMPKIN
6. BEAN BAG TOSS PUMPKIN
7. FRIENDLY VAMPIRE PUMPKIN
8. ZOMBIE GRIN PUMPKIN
9. HALLOWEEN TOWN PUMPKIN

COSTUMES:

A really big part of Halloween, at least for me, is the amazing array of costumes! This depends on how much time you have on your hands but I greatly enjoy making handmade costumes for me and my friends to wear on Halloween!

I will be showing you two easy, DIY costumes (one for yourself and one for your friend to do together to make it fun for you both!)

1. Get an over-sized, orange hoodie and some black felt. Cut out the face of a pumpkin and ask your parents to super glue or hot glue them onto your hoodie! (If you want to, you can

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even add some stripes with a darker orange sharpie, to make it look more realistic.) Now, you can dress as a pumpkin.

2. Get a cardboard box that is around the size of your head and cut a small hole in the bottom (big enough to fit your head in). Paint the box lime green and add darker green squares with a sharpie. Next, cut out the black bits of a Minecraft Creeper's face on the front and wear a green top and pants! Now for your friend, follow the steps up to where you paint the box green but paint your friend's box white! Then cut out the black bits of a Minecraft Skeleton's face on the front of the box and ask them to wear a white top and pants! Now, you can walk the streets as a Minecraft Creeper and Skeleton duo!



Decorations:

Decorations are a really substantial part of a successful Halloween, but sadly they can be quite expensive! I want to show you how to make two easy, but still worth the effort Halloween decorations!

1 - Bat Chain

Firstly, measure the wall that you want your chain on.



Next decide on how big you want your bats to be, (this depends on how big the wall is and how many bats you need to fill up that space). Thirdly, cut out the bats in different coloured paper and use a hole-punch to make a hole in each wing. Tie the bats together with string and stick the end bats onto the wall, using blue-tack.

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Halloween Vase:

Get some fairy lights and cover them in orange and black tissue paper. Next, get a clear vase and use a grey sharpie to add cobwebs. Then place the fairy lights inside and put the vase in a dark room. The light from the fairy lights will illuminate the cobwebs, making them easier to see, as well as glowing in the dark room. The tissue paper will make the fairy lights glow orange and black, extra spooky!

That's all the art and craft for now. I hope you enjoyed this extra spooky edition!



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