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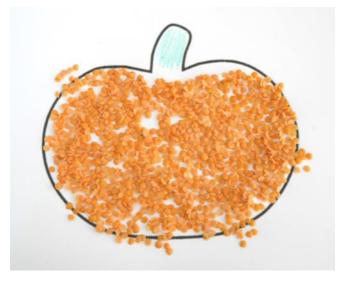
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Introduction

Halloween is SUCH a fun time of year that I couldn't resist dedicating a whole book to jack o' lanterns, spiders, bats, witches, skeletons, ghosts and more!

I've tried to include a range of craft styles; painting crafts, paper plate crafts, collages, wall art, decorations, fine motor crafts, and even fun sensory activities that have a Halloween theme.



Lentil Pumpkin Collage, p34

Also featured are some wonderful keepsake ideas: perfect for recording a moment in time! Try the footprint ghosts, the handprint black cat, or even making a googly eye frame!

For each craft I have tried to keep the supplies list as simple as possible, although every now and then I have used a more unusual material like glow-in-the-dark-paint, Contact paper, or chalk markers. But there are also plenty of crafts that use every day items like cardboard tubes, clothespins, yarn, cupcake liners and even tissues!



Cardboard Tube Bat, p18

I'd highly recommend buying some Halloween-themed cookie cutters. I use them in different ways in this book (as a stencil, for stamping etc.) and of course you could also use them to make actual cookies for an after-craft-session treat!

I've also used several different outlines within the book. You can draw them freehand or just search online for "pumpkin outline" or "cat coloring page" and choose whichever option suits you best.

Happy Crafty Halloween!

Paper Plate Pumpkins

Materials:

- Orange paper plates
- Black card
- Scissors
- Glue



Prepare the face parts by cutting out shapes from the card. Try to include two of each eye and eyebrow shape. Older children might like to help with this task!

Glue the shapes onto the plates to make a jack o' lantern face!

If you don't have orange paper plates you could use white paper plates and ask the kids to paint them with orange paint (and wait for them to dry) or color white plates with orange crayons, pencils and/ or markers.



Puffy Paint Ghosts

Materials:

- Equal measures of shaving cream and white glue (approx. ¼ cup of each makes two ghost pictures)
- Bowl and spoon
- Black card
- Paintbrush
- Scissors



Mix together the glue and shaving cream in a bowl. Kids can definitely help with this.

Use the paintbrush to make a ghost shape on the black card. Try and make the paint as thick as possible.

While the paint is still wet, cut eyes and mouth shapes from the black card and add them to the ghost.

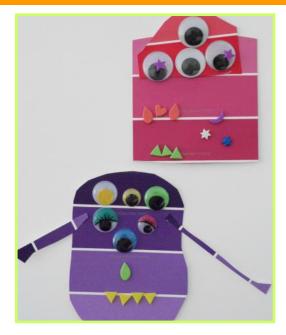
Leave the paint to dry and it will stay puffed up!



Paint Chip Monsters

Materials:

- Paint chips (paint swatches)
- Scissors
- Glue
- Googly eyes
- Stickers



Let the kids get creative with these fun monsters! Cut the paint chips into different shapes, make different body parts - see what weird and wonderful creatures they create!

Glue on googly eyes (the more the merrier!) and stickers for extra detail.



Googly Eye Pumpkins

Materials:

- Real or fake pumpkins in small-medium size range
- Adhesive googly eyes OR
- Googly eyes and glue



Here's an easy idea that is perfect for little ones that are too young to carve a pumpkin!

Simply give each child a pumpkin and invite them to cover it in googly eyes!

The finished result is rather spooky and effective!





Candy Corn Craft

Materials:

- Tissue paper in white, orange and yellow
- Construction paper (in green or any other contrasting color)
- Pen
- Scissors
- Glue



Draw a candy corn shape onto the construction paper. Cut the three colors of tissue paper into small pieces. Depending on the age and ability of the child they may like to help with this.

Working with one color at a time, spread glue onto one section and show your child how to scrunch up the tissue paper pieces and place them in the right section of the candy corn outline.





Halloween Sensory Bag

Materials:

- Small sealable plastic bag
- Hair gel
- Food dye (optional)
- Plastic Halloween toys, googly eyes, and/or Halloween table scatter
- Tape



Squeeze the hair gel into the bag (dollar store gel is just fine!). If you like, add a few drops of food dye to the bag to change the color. Move the dye around so it is well mixed into the gel.

Add the toys, eyes and table scatter: anything plastic works well!

Close the bag and then add tape to secure all the edges, adding extra to the top.

Your child will love the squidgy sensation of the bag and trying to find all the items hidden in the gel!



Hand Outline Bat

Materials:

- White card for template
- Scissors
- Black card
- Googly eyes
- Glue



Make the hand template first by tracing around your child's hand onto white card while their fingers are closed.

Cut out the hand outline and use it as a guide to draw the bat shape onto the black card, using the hand as wings with thumbs pointing down.

Cut out the bat and invite your child to glue on googly eyes and teeth cut from spare white card.

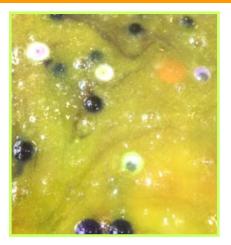
These would look great in a window display!



Halloween Slime

Materials:

- 5oz bottle clear glue
- 3-4oz liquid starch
- Food dye or liquid watercolors
- Water beads and food dye (optional)
- Googly eyes (optional)



Pour the glue and liquid starch into a bowl and stir until it has all mixed in together. Stir in the food dye until the desired color is reached. Stir again until the glue has absorbed all the liquid starch and holds together. Knead the mixture with your hands for a minute or two, and a slime that is stretchy but not sticky will form!

To dye the water beads, place them in a plastic bag with some food dye and gently massage until the beads have absorbed the color.

Shown below are two batches of the above recipe; one with neon green food dye and one with orange, plus purple water beads and googly eyes.



Marbled Art Pumpkins

Materials:

- White card printed with pumpkin outline
- Large foil tray
- Shaving cream
- Orange paints
- Stick
- Plastic scraper tool



Fill the tray with shaving cream. Pour some paint randomly over the top; a few different shades of orange and yellow work well.

Use the stick to gently swirl the paint into the cream. Get the kids involved with this! Press the card (printed side down) onto the paint and cream. Lift it up, leave it for a few seconds, then scrape off the cream with the scraper tool. A beautiful marbled pumpkin will be revealed!

Stir the paint again, and make more prints if you like!



Spider Craft

Materials:

- 3" Styrofoam balls
- Black paint and paintbrush
- Pipe cleaners
- Wire cutters
- Googly eyes
- Glue



Paint the balls with black paint. This can get messy so you might like to do this in advance, or insert a skewer to act as a handle.

Cut pipe cleaners in half by using the wire cutters. Once the paint has dried, show your child how to push the pipe cleaners into the ball and then bend them to make legs. Make sure you have eight!

Glue on googly eyes to finish. You could add any spare pipe cleaners as "hair"!



Tissue Paper Ghost

Materials:

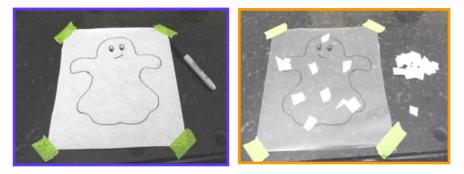
- Clear Contact paper
- Scissors
- Tape
- Black permanent marker
- White tissue paper



Cut two pieces of Contact paper the same size. Tape one to the table, shiny side up, and draw a ghost outline with the markers. Draw on some facial features too!

Peel off the backing paper and re-tape it to the table, sticky side up. Ask your child to fill the ghost shape with small pieces of white tissue paper.

When they have finished, take the other piece of Contact paper, remove the backing paper and carefully place it over the top of the collage, sealing in the tissue paper. Cut out the ghost to complete it!



Paper Plate Witch Hat

Materials:

- Small paper plate
- White card
- Scissors
- Tape and/or glue
- Black paint and paintbrush
- Stickers

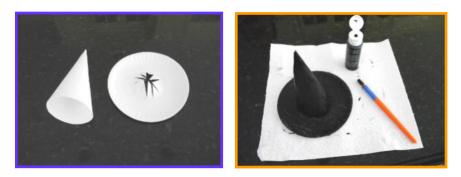


Cut the card so that you can roll it into a cone shape. Glue or tape it together. Cut holes in the center of the plate, and fold up the flaps.

Place the cone over the flaps in the plate, and glue or tape the flaps to the inside of the cone.

Invite your child to paint everything with black paint: two coats may be required!

When the paint has dried, your child can have fun covering the hat with stickers!



Cardboard Tube Bat

Materials:

- Empty cardboard tube
- Black paint
- Black card
- Scissors
- Googly eyes
- Glue



Invite your child to paint the tube with black paint. When it is dry, push down at the top on opposite sides so that "ears" have formed.

Glue two googly eyes to the front of the bat. Cut out two bat wing shapes from black card, and show your child how to glue them onto the back.

Cut out two small triangles from white paper and glue on fangs, if desired!





Pumpkin Play Dough

Materials:

- 1½ cups AP flour
- 1½ cups cold water
- 6 tbs salt
- 3 tsp cream of tartar
- 2 tsp pumpkin pie spice
- Red and yellow food dye
- Small pumpkin (optional)



In a medium saucepan, mix everything except the dye together. Slowly stir in the food dye until you get to the desired color.

Over a low heat, cook the mixture until it starts clumping together. You'll need a firm spoon and a strong hand since this can be hard work! Once it clumps together in a large ball, place it onto some wax paper. Let it cool slightly, then give it a quick knead. It only takes 30 seconds to become smooth.

While the play dough is cooling further, slice the top off the pumpkin, then scoop out the seeds. Rinse the pumpkin and pat it dry. Then push the play dough into the pumpkin!



Bead Pumpkins

Materials:

- Green pipe cleaner
- Orange pony beads

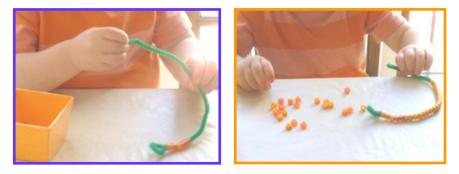


This simple craft also works on fine motor skills!

Start by forming a loop at one end of the pipe cleaner. This will stop the beads falling off the end.

Show your child how to thread on the beads, leaving a small space at the end.

Untwist the loop and twist the pipe cleaners ends together to form a stalk.



Cupcake Liner Monsters

Materials:

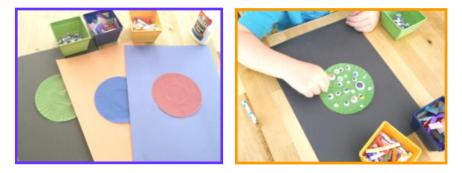
- Colored cupcake liners
- Construction paper or card
- Googly eyes
- Straws
- Scrap paper
- Glue



Prepare the project by flattening the cupcake liner and gluing it to the center of the construction paper.

Invite your child to decorate the cupcake liner, adding eyes, hair, legs, arms and any other feature that they can think of!

Will the cupcake liner form the body of the monster, or the head? Let their imaginations run wild and see what they create!



Handprint Black Cat

Materials:

- Black washable paint
- Foam brush or paintbrush
- Construction paper or card
- Black marker pen
- Googly eyes
- Glue



Paint your child's hand with the black paint. You might like to have baby wipes or a damp cloth on hand!

Firmly press their hand onto the paper. Clean up their hand as quickly as possible, then use the brush to add head, ears and tail to the handprint.

When the paint has dried, add extra details with the pen and glue on some googly eyes for a stunning effect!

Handprints are such a lovely way to capture a childhood keepsake!



Melted Bead Ornaments

Materials:

- Halloween-themed metal cookie cutters
- Plastic pony beads
- Baking tray
- Twine or thread
- Tape or hot glue gun



Place the cookie cutters into the baking tray. Invite your child to fill the cutters with beads. Depending on their age they may like to try simple designs like a ghost, bat or pumpkin, or more tricky ones like a candy corn!

Place the baking tray in a preheated oven (set at 375F). Let the beads melt and fill the cookie cutter, about 20 minutes. Note: there may be some odor as the plastic melts, so open a window or switch on the extractor fan!

Let the beads cool, then gently push them out of the cutters. Use tape or glue to attach a loop of thread to the back so that your kids can hang up their ornaments!





Tape Resist Spider Web

Materials:

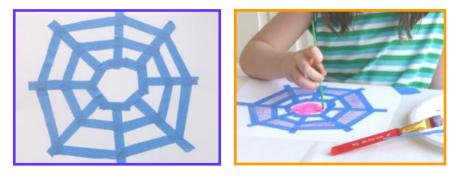
- White card
- Painters' tape
- Paint and paintbrushes



This activity does take some advance planning! Use short lengths of painters' tape to make a spider web shape on the white card.

Invite the kids to paint over the tape however they would like: they can paint all the same color, or paint each white section a different color.

Let the paint dry and carefully peel off the tape. The finished result will be white areas where the tape has been, which will look very effective!



Paper Plate Ghost

Materials:

- Large white paper plate
- Black card or construction
 paper
- Scissors
- Glue
- White crepe paper



Ask your child to cut out eye and mouth shapes from the black card.

Glue them onto the paper plate.

Cut lengths of crepe paper, then flip over the plate and glue them to the bottom of the plate so that they hang beneath the ghost.

This would look great hanging in a doorway or a whole wall of spooky ghosts!



Pumpkin Jello Hunt

Materials:

- Large box of orange flavored Jello
- ¹⁄₂ tsp pumpkin pie spice
- Large bowl
- Small plastic pumpkin gems
- Tongs or tweezers



Add the Jello powder and pumpkin pie spice to a bowl, then follow the Jello box instructions. Let the Jello sit in the fridge for an hour, then add the pumpkin gems and return the bowl to the fridge until set completely.

Invite your child to locate all the pumpkins without using their fingers! This will work on their fine motor skills and keep them busy.

The Jello also makes a great snack after their hard work!



Googly Eye Frame

Materials:

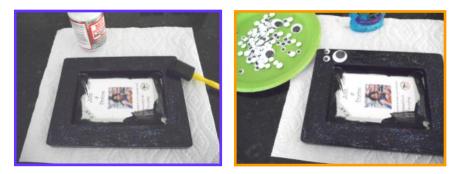
- Plain wooden photo frame
- Black paint
- Mod Podge (sparkle or gloss)
- Glue
- Googly eyes



Ask your child to paint the frame in black paint. It may need two coats.

Let the paint dry, and brush on a layer of Mod Podge. This will make the finished frame smoother (and also glittery if you use the sparkle version!).

Let your child decorate the frame with as many googly eyes as they can fit on! The frame is perfect for displaying those fun Halloween moments!!!



Window Clings

Materials:

- Clear Contact paper
- Tape
- Permanent markers
- Paint and paintbrushes
- Scissors



Prepare the craft by drawing outlines of Halloween-themed items onto the shiny side of the Contact paper using the markers. Try bats, pumpkins, ghosts and more!

Keep the backing paper on but tape the outlines to a table to stop them curling. Invite the kids to paint each picture.

After the paint has dried, cut out the outlines. Add extra details like eyes and mouth as needed, or draw them in with a marker.

Remove the backing paper and enjoy your Halloween-themed window clings that are mess free and can be repositioned!



Glow-in-the-Dark Scratch Art

Materials:

- White card
- Orange glow-in-thedark paint
- Paintbrush
- Black acrylic paint
- Toothpick
- Blacklight (optional)



Paint small pieces of card with the glow-in-the-dark-paint and let dry.

With your child, paint over the orange paint with the black paint. While the black paint is still wet, use the toothpick to scrape lines to reveal the orange. Think pumpkins, ghosts, bats, cats or fun phrases like "spooky!" "boo!" or "Happy Halloween"!

To get the full glow-in-the-dark effect, charge the pictures with a blacklight (buy them easily online) then turn the lights off. It's a super cool effect!



Coffee Filter Candy Corn

Materials:

- Coffee filter papers
- Scissors
- Yellow and orange washable markers
- Spray bottle with water



Cut the coffee filters into candy corn shapes. For each filter paper you'll get two candy corn shapes!

Ask your child to color it with the markers, leaving the top white, orange in the middle, and yellow at the base.

Lightly spray the water over the marker pen to see the colors merge into each other for a lovely effect! Make sure they don't spray too much water otherwise the colors will run too much!



Spooky Wood

Materials:

- Black card
- Small sticks and twigs
- Glue
- Googly eyes



This is so simple - yet effective! Start the craft by collecting sticks from the back yard or local park. The flatter the better so that they will lie against the card.

Add glue to the card and attach the sticks and twigs to form a forest scene.

Once the sticks are in place, add pairs of googly eyes in various gaps on the card.

Even toddlers can help with this fun (and spooky) project!



Cookie Cutter Art

Materials:

- Large sheet of white paper
- Tape
- Cookie cutters
- Paint
- Small paper plates



Tape the paper to the table to stop it moving around. Pour the paint into the paper plates, then place a cookie cutter into each one. We used a pumpkin, bat, and ghost!

Invite your child to cover the paper in prints by dipping the cookie cutter into the paint and pressing it onto the paper.

This is a fun art project for little ones - and you can use the finished result as some Halloween gift wrap!



Marble-Painted Web

Materials:

- Black or white card
- Large tray, pan or container
- Tape
- Marble
- Silver paint



Fix the card down to the tray with tape.

Pour a puddle of paint into the center of the card, and place a marble into the paint.

Show your child how to tilt the pan to get the marble to make paint tracks across the paper. It will be a little noisy and yes, every now and then the marble might just escape! But this is such a fun way to make art!

Allow the paint to dry and add a spider to the center, if you like!

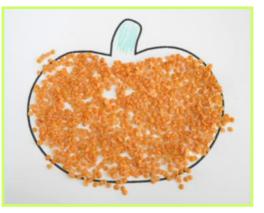




Lentil Pumpkin Collage

Materials:

- Pumpkin outline (handdrawn or printed from internet)
- White card
- Glue and brush
- Orange lentils
- Green crayon (optional)



Draw or print the outline onto white card.

Brush the glue all over the inside of the pumpkin, and invite your child to sprinkle lentils onto the glue. They will love how the lentils feel in their hands!

Try and see if they can fill the whole pumpkin!

For the stalk, use a green crayon, pencil or marker to color it in. Let the glue dry and enjoy this fun textured picture!

Green lentils could be used for the stalk if you have them in the pantry!



Monster Cookies

Materials:

- Sugar cookie dough
- Rolling pin
- Baking tray
- Cooling rack
- Kitchen foil
- Icing gel pens
- Edible googly eyes



Make the cookies according to the packet instructions, rolling them out and cutting them into long rectangles. Bake and allow to cool.

Arrange the cookies close together on a cooling rack. Provide your child with squeezable icing gel pens and encourage them to squeeze it all over the cookies. Even toddlers can try this!

While icing gel is still wet, place edible googly eyes onto each cookie; either in pairs or just one! Your child will love being part of providing food for the Halloween celebrations!



Salt Dough Monsters

Materials:

- ½ cup salt
- 1 cup flour
- ½ cup water
- Food dye
- Googly eyes
- Straws
- Pouch caps



Mix together the salt, flour and water in a bowl. Add in food dye and mix to distribute. Add more dye until the desired color has been reached. Make more batches of salt dough as required.

Invite your kids to make monsters! Use googly eyes, straws, pouch caps and more to decorate the dough.

Leave them to dry. Depending on how big the monsters are this could take 1-3 days!





Ghost Mobile

Materials:

- White tissues
- 1¹/₂" Styrofoam balls
- White cotton thread
- Scissors
- Sequins
- Glue
- Craft sticks
- Pins
- Black marker pen



Make an "X" from two craft sticks and glue them together. Separate out the layers of a tissue and wrap one over a Styrofoam ball. Cut a small length of thread and tie it under the ball to secure the tissue.

Invite your child to add sequin eyes and to draw on a mouth.

Attach the ghosts to the craft sticks by tying thread to a pin and then pushing the pin into the top of each ghost. Secure the other end of the thread to the craft sticks with glue.



Bat and Spider Fingerprints

Materials:

- White card
- Scissors or paper guillotine
- Black ink pad
- Black pen
- Stickers (optional)



Cut the white card into two pieces and fold each piece in half to form greeting cards.

Ask your child to press a finger, thumb (or both!) into the ink pad and press it firmly onto the front of the card. It looks great if they make several prints - but re-ink each time before printing.

After the prints have dried, draw on legs and eyes for the spiders, and wings, ears and eyes for the bats. A combination of both works well, too! Add "Happy Halloween" stickers or hand-write a suitable greeting!

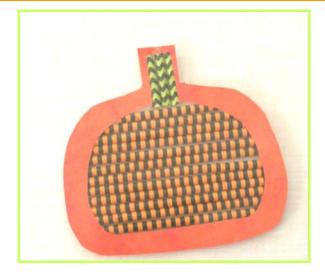
Homemade greetings are always more appreciated than bought cards especially to anyone overseas!



Straw Pumpkin Craft

Materials:

- Orange construction paper
- Scissors
- Clear Contact paper
- Straws



Cut a pumpkin shape from the construction paper, then cut out the center to form an outline.

Remove the backing from a piece of Contact paper, and place the pumpkin onto it. Trim the edges.

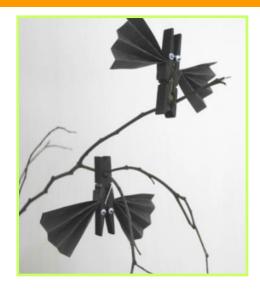
Place the pumpkin (sticky side up) on the table and provide straws and scissors. Invite your child to cut the straws and lay them onto the pumpkin. Can they fill the whole pumpkin?



Clothespin Bats

Materials:

- Wooden clothespins
- Black paint
- Paintbrush
- Black construction paper
- Scissors
- Glue
- Googly eyes



Invite your child to paint the clothespins black. This can be rather messy so you may like to use washable paint!

Cut squares of the paper and show your child how to fold them in a concertina way. Apply glue to one end of the folded paper and glue it closed. Fold down the end of the glued section and glue it to the edge of the clothespin. Repeat for each wing.

Add tiny googly eyes to complete the bat.



Glowing Spider Jars

Materials:

- Tall glass jars
- Fake spider web
- Plastic spiders
- Glow sticks



Pull apart the fake web and add the plastic spiders.

Roll the web around with all the spiders on the outside, then feed it into the jar. Reposition any spiders as necessary so that they can be seen from the outside of the jar.

Crack a glow stick (or two!) and push them into the center of the jar.

These decorations look amazing at nighttime!





Color Mix Pumpkin

Materials:

- Large sealable plastic bag
- Red and yellow paint
- White card with pumpkin outline



Draw a pumpkin outline onto the card or print one out from the internet.

Place the card inside the bag and pour in a little red and yellow paint.

Seal the bag and hand it to your child. Show them how to squish the paint around through the bag.

Remove the card and leave to dry.

This mess free art project also teaches children about mixing primary colors into secondary!





Crayon Resist Skeleton

Materials:

- White card
- White crayon
- Black watercolor paint
- Paintbrush

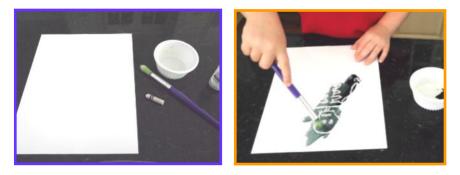


Draw a skeleton picture on the white card with the white crayon. This can be tricky to do so adjust your lighting as necessary so that you can see what you are drawing!

Surprise your child by inviting them to brush the black paint over a seemingly blank piece of card.

They will love revealing the spooky skeleton picture!

This technique works well for all kinds of Halloween images!



Candy Corn Slime

Materials: (for each color of slime)

- 2½ fl oz white glue
- 2½ fl oz liquid starch
- Food dye
- Bowl and spoon
- Large tray or container
- Candy corn (optional)



Make three batches of slime using the above quantity of glue and starch for each batch. Add the two ingredients to a bowl adding food dye if making the yellow or orange batch.

Keep stirring until the mixture starts to form a slime-like mixture. Knead the mixture lightly and you will feel it form into a wonderful stretchy slime.

Make all three batches and place them in one container. Add candy corn for extra interest if desired - although make sure that none are eaten after being in the slime.





Boo! Wall Art

Materials:

- Canvas panel or stretched canvas
- Thin painters' tape
- Orange paint
- Glitter glue

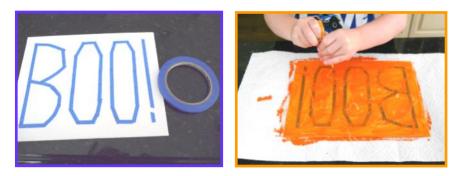


Prepare the activity by marking out the word "BOO!" using small pieces of tape on the canvas.

Invite your child to completely cover the canvas in orange paint. They can then decorate it with glitter glue!

When all the paint and glitter glue has dried, carefully peel off the tape. The letters will be white underneath and will look super effective!

Even the youngest kids can help with this art project!



Footprint Ghosts

Materials:

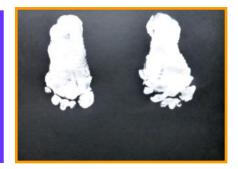
- Black card or construction paper
- Washable white paint
- Paintbrush
- Baby wipes or damp cloth
- Black marker pen



This is a super cute project that even toddlers can help make! Paint each foot (or both at the same time, if you're feeling brave!), then press each foot firmly onto the paper. Quickly clean up your child's foot and leave the paint on the paper to dry. Note: The best time to get footprints from a toddler is when they are in a high chair!

When the paint has dried, add ghost-like eyes and mouth to the top of the footprint. You can also add a "Boo!" for fun to make this Halloween keepsake complete.

You could make two prints from the same foot, but reapply paint each time.



Jack O' Lantern Votive

Materials:

- Small glass jar or vase
- Mod Podge
- Foam brush
- Orange tissue paper
- Scissors
- Black permanent marker
- Battery tealight



Cut up the tissue paper into small pieces and set aside.

Brush a layer of Mod Podge onto the outside of the glass jar or vase. Your child can help with this!

Show your child how to cover the jar in the tissue paper pieces.

Once the jar has been covered, ask them to brush another layer of Mod Podge over the top.

Once everything has dried, add the face details with the marker and set a battery tealight inside to illuminate the spooky face!





Chalk Marker Art

Materials:

- Black paper or card
- Chalk markers
- Halloween-themed
 cookie cutters
- Painters' tape



Tape a cookie cutter to the black paper on the inside of the shape.

Show your child how to trace around the outside of the cookie cutter with a chalk marker. Once they have completed the outline they can scribble all around the outside.

Carefully remove the tape and the cookie cutter to reveal the dramatic image! Chalk markers look particularly vibrant on black surfaces, but you could try this with regular chalk too.



Witch's Hand

Materials:

- White card
- Pencil
- Green crayon, pencil or marker pen
- Black, green or red glitter glue



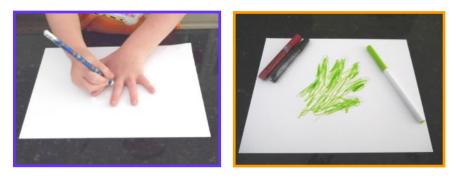
Recreate this spooky witch hand from your child's hand outline!

Ask your child to trace their hand onto a piece of card with the pencil. Depending on the age of the child they may need help with this.

Let your child color in the hand; they can choose any color but light green is a good one for witches!

To finish, show them how to add long nails to the thumb and each finger using the glitter glue.

Your child will love to see how their hand has been transformed!



Inside Pumpkin Craft

Materials:

- Orange and green card
- White or yellow card
- Scissors
- Cleaned and dried pumpkin seeds
- Orange yarn
- Glue



Draw a large pumpkin shape onto the orange card and cut it out. Cut out a green stalk and glue it to the pumpkin.

Cut an "inside" shape from the white or yellow card that can be glued to the center of pumpkin.

Provide your child with the seeds and short lengths of the yarn, and invite them to glue them inside the pumpkin.

You could create a second orange card pumpkin and attach it at one side, so it flaps closed over the inside.



Salt & Paint Candy Corn

Materials:

- Black card
- Glue
- Paintbrush
- Salt
- Orange and yellow watercolor paints
- Eyedropper (pipette)



Draw the three tiers of a candy corn onto the black card with glue. Add small lines of separation to stop too much color bleeding between the tiers.

Invite your child to cover all the glue with salt. You might like to place the card in a tray first! Shake off the excess salt.

While the glue is still wet, show your child how to use the eyedroppers to pick up some of the watercolor paint and drop it onto the different sections. The colors will appear so vibrant when placed on the salt!



Dry Erase Jack O' Lanterns

Materials:

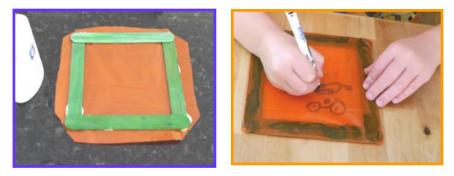
- Four jumbo craft sticks
- Glue
- Orange plastic treat bag
- Black dry erase pen



Form the craft sticks into a square, and glue at each of the corners. Cut open the treat bag. Spread glue onto one side of the craft stick frame, then place the frame onto the treat bag. Cut off the excess bag, leaving a small border as shown below.

Fold the extra plastic around the back of the frame and glue in place.

When all the glue has dried, hand it over to your child who can start making jack o' lantern faces! To erase the pen, simply wipe the plastic with a paper towel and they can start again!



Craft Foam Garland

Materials:

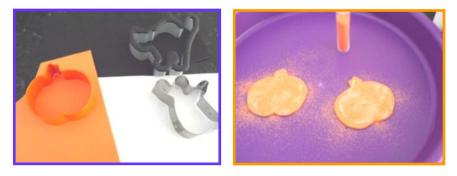
- Craft foam sheets
- Halloween themed cookie cutters
- Scissors
- Glue
- Loose glitter
- Yarn and tape



Press the cookie cutters into the craft foam to create an outline. Cut out as many shapes as desired.

Place the shapes into a tray or shallow container, and ask your child to brush them with glue. Then they can shake glitter all over the glue! Shake off the excess, and repeat with the other colors and/or designs.

When the glue has dried, tape lengths of yarn to the back of each shape and join them all together to form a glittery garland!



Yarn Wrap Black Cat

Materials:

- Two pieces of white card with the same cat outline
- Scissors
- Glue
- Black yarn
- Green sequins or googly eyes



Draw a cat outline onto the card and copy it onto the second piece, or find an outline on the internet and print it out twice.

Cut out both cat outlines then glue the body together, leaving the legs unglued.

Invite your child to wrap yarn around as much of the cat as they can. When they have finished, glue the sequins on as eyes, then separate the legs and stand up the cat!





Plastic Cup Ghosts

Materials:

- White plastic drinking cups
- Black Contact paper
- Scissors
- Wax paper
- Craft knife
- String of batteryoperated mini LED lights (orange)



To prepare the craft, cut out the face parts from the Contact paper. To make it easier for your child to use, peel off the backing paper and place the shapes onto wax paper. Use the craft knife to cut an X in the base of each cup.

Show your child how to peel off the shapes and make fun faces on the cups. Make sure you invert the cups before decorating.

Push the LED lights through the hole in each cup, forming a garland. This is such a fun Halloween decoration!



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