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### Letter from the Editors

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Hi Holiday Crafters,

I can't think of a better way to spend a fall afternoon than with my family, making crafts! As soon as I start seeing Halloween decorations and candy popping up in stores, I immediately start thinking about all of the different craft projects that I want to make with my niece and nephew. They love getting into the Halloween spirit by making pumpkin crafts and spooky decorations, and every year I want to come up with something fun and different for us all to make together.

This year I was so happy to find so many new and exciting Halloween crafts geared toward kids. I discovered a few fun ghost projects, a couple of ideas for treat containers, and some other really great Halloween-themed crafts that are easy enough for kids to make on their own, but also great to work on as a family. I hope you'll be as inspired as I am by these projects and enjoy making them with your kids this Halloween season!

Happy Crafting,

*The Editor of AllFreeHolidayCrafts*

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### Laced Up Jack O' Lanterns

By: Celeste for design.wash.rinse.repeat

If you're looking for a Halloween activity for a kids' party or play date, this pumpkin paper craft is a simple and fun idea! Kids will love designing their own Jack O' Lantern faces and the lacing technique is a great way to help develop motor skills!



#### Materials:

- Orange butcher paper
- 1/8" hole punch
- Sticky-backed craft foam
- 2 yards black ribbon (1/8")
- Scrap paper (old newspaper or phonebook pages work well)
- Spider rings (optional)

#### Instructions:

1) Double up orange butcher paper and trim desired pumpkin shapes (about 18-24 inches large). Punch holes around the outside edges.



2) Cut various mouth, eye, and nose designs from craft foam.

3) Cut about 2 yards of black ribbon per pumpkin.

4) Have the children pick a face design and adhere it to a pumpkin.

5) Lace 3/4 of the way around using the black ribbon.

6) Crumple scrap paper and stuff the pumpkin until he is nice and fat!



7) Lace the rest of the way and tie. As a finishing touch, attach a plastic spider to the bow.



8) You're done!



### Handprint Ghosts

By: Becky for The Crafting Chicks

These Handprint Ghosts are a great way to spend time with your kids making Halloween decorations. They'll love getting their hands messy and you'll love having a keepsake for years to come! So get out the paint and started making this fun handprint Halloween craft!



#### Materials:

- Small canvas (these were made using ones measuring 6x6, but if you have more kids you could also do a longer one with all their hands on one canvas)
- Black paint
- Paint brushes
- White glossy paint
- Glitter
- Silver pen

#### Instructions:

1) Pre-paint the canvas so you don't have to worry about doing it with kids around.



2) Put some white glossy paint on a plate and paint your kids' hands. Help them place their hands in desired spot on the canvas.



3) Then quickly sprinkle some glitter over the paint.



4) Shake off the excess glitter. Find a place for the ghost's eyes and mouth and paint on with black paint.



5) Use the silver pen to mark the canvas with the date and each kid's name.



### Tissue Ghost Wreath

By: Shannon for Anchor Mommy

If your kids are obsessed with ghosts and ghouls, this is a fun project that doesn't require a lot of time or money to make. Find out how to turn ordinary tissue into cute Halloween wreaths to display in your home by following this simple tutorial.



#### Materials:

- Wreath-shaped object (either a craft store wreath or just cut a circle out of cardboard or poster board.)
- Cotton balls
- Tissues
- Tape (double-sided works best)
- Black marker

#### Instructions:

- 1) Place a cotton ball in the center of a tissue and gather the tissue around each ghost's neck.
- 2) Put a small piece of tape on the back of the ghost's head and stick to the wreath. Repeat until the wreath is covered.
- 3) Draw mouths and eyes on the ghosts' faces with the black marker.
- 4) Fan out the tissues a bit, to make sure the wreath is completely hidden, and it's ready to hang!

## Glow in the Dark Trick or Treat Tote

By: Jenny for Craft Test Dummies

Have your kids create their own candy bags this year with this fun and easy tutorial. Not only do these glow in the dark totes look cool when lit up, they also provide extra visibility for trick or treating at night. Parents can rest easy knowing their children will be safe and kids can stash their candy in their own personalized bags!



### Materials:

- Natural or white canvas tote
- Simply Spray Fabric Paint (lime green)
- Tulip Slick 3-D fashion paint in neon and glow
- Pencil
- Iron-on reflective tape
- Flat-tipped paintbrush
- Black acrylic paint (the bag pictured was made using a combination of Martha Stewart Glitter Paint, High Gloss Black Paint, and Tintable Fabric Medium)
- Glow in the dark glitter
- Black fabric marker (optional)
- Bat template (find your favorite online)

### Instructions:

1) The first step is optional. The color of the canvas bag may be just what you're going for, but if you want a lime green tote, you'll need to dye it with the Simply Spray Fabric Paint. Spread out newspapers or a plastic disposable tablecloth to protect your surface. Using the Simply Spray, mist the tote bag to get the coverage you desire. Let it dry completely-overnight is best.



2) The next part may require some adult supervision. Iron on the reflective tape around the top of the tote. Alternatively, you can glue it on and let it dry overnight again.



3) Using your template, trace your shape onto the tote bag with a soft pencil.





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4) Color in the shapes using your black paint and flat-tipped brush. If you don't have glitter paint, you can sprinkle some black glitter on while it's wet.



7) Write in your "Trick or Treat" message with the fabric marker. Or, you can use the Glow paint and write on the tote with that.



5) When the paint is dry, outline the bats with the Tulip glow-in-the-dark 3D slick paint. Add extra squiggles if desired. This fun glow-in-the-dark paint will help drivers help see your kid in the dark, so it's practical as well as fun!



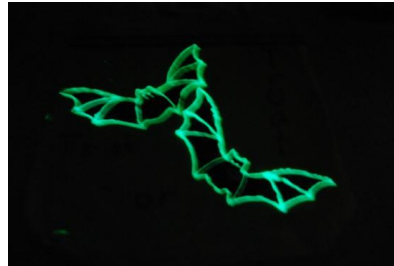
8) Done!



6) If you like, sprinkle in some glow in the dark glitter while the Tulip paint is still wet.



9) Admire your handiwork in the dark!



## Halloween Treats Jar

By: DecoArt

Need a place to stash your kids' trick or treat loot? Why not make a DIY treat jar with a fun design, like this Frankenstein container? Kids will have a blast painting on the silly face and then you can display it on your coffee table, kitchen counter or bookshelf for all to see!



### Materials:

- DecoArt Patio Paint
  - DCP14 - Cloud White
  - DCP21 - Wrought Iron Black
  - DCP25 - Citrus Green
  - DCP29 - Petunia Purple
  - DCP46 - Mistletoe Green
- 4" rose pot
- 4" saucer
- Unfinished wood pieces
  - 1 1/2" doll head/knob, Lara's Crafts
  - Two finial dowel caps with 1/4" hole, Lara's Crafts
- Craft bond or E6000 industrial strength glue
- Foam plate
- 3/4" flat brush
- #2 round brush
- #8 filbert brush
- Liner brush
- 1 1/4" and 1/4" round foam pouncer brushes

### Instructions:

- 1) Clean and dry surface before painting.
- 2) Center and glue doll head/knob to bottom of saucer for lid. Refer to photo for placement and glue dowel cap to each side of pot. Let dry.
- 3) Use flat brush and Citrus Green to paint dowel caps and sides of pot below rim; let dry.
- 4) Use filbert brush and Cloud White to paint knob on lid and let dry.
- 5) Use flat brush and Wrought Iron Black to paint lid, inside of pot, and pot rim.
- 6) Use end of brush handle dipped in Wrought Iron Black to dot on lid knob; let dry.
- 7) Referring to photo for placement, use large pouncer dipped in Cloud White to paint circles for eyes. Let dry.
- 8) Use small pouncer brush dipped in Wrought Iron Black to dot on centers of eyes and let dry.
- 9) Use round brush and Petunia Purple to paint word "treats" on front side of lid; let dry.
- 10) Use filbert brush and Mistletoe Green to paint eyelid with slanted bottom over top half of each eye. Paint rounded triangle for nose.
- 11) Use liner brush and Wrought Iron Black to paint thick line across bottom of eyelid for eyelashes on each eye, extended sides of eye. Paint jagged line for mouth. Let all dry.
- 12) Use liner brush and Mistletoe Green to paint scar line on each side of face; let dry.
- 13) Use round brush and Cloud White to paint teeth; let dry.

### Halloween Noise Makers

By: Heidi Borchers of Inspired at Home

It's okay to get a bit rowdy on Halloween, and what better way to celebrate than with these festive noise makers? Learn how to turn concentrated juice cans into fun Halloween toys with this tutorial. You'll need an adult to do the drilling while kids can handle the decorating!



#### Materials:

- Aleene's® Super Thick Tacky Glue™
- For each: 6-oz. juice can with lid, washed and dried
- Drill with 3/8" bit
- 10" length 3/8" diameter dowel
- Assorted nuts and bolts
- Newspaper
- Paintbrushes – ¼" flat, fine-tip
- Acrylic paints: orange, black, yellow, green, white
- 1 yard each 1/8" wide satin ribbon: white, orange, black
- [Patterns](#)

#### For cat noisemaker:

- Small star rubber stamp (or see designer tip below to make your own)
- Waxed paper
- Cosmetic sponge

#### Instructions:

- 1) For each, center and drill hole for dowel through 1 side of can.
- 2) Dip 1 end of dowel into glue and push into hole until end of dowel touches opposite side of can. Apply additional glue to dowel on outside of can. Let dry.
- 3) Put handful of assorted nuts and bolts inside can. Glue lid onto can.
- 4) Cut or tear newspaper into 1" squares. Glue newspaper pieces to cover entire can, overlapping pieces slightly. Let dry.
- 5) Using photo as guide, paint entire can and dowel desired base color.

#### For cat noisemaker:

- 1) Transfer pattern to can and paint 1 cat on each side of can. Let dry.
- 2) Pour small puddle of yellow paint onto waxed paper. Dip sponge into paint, dabbing excess off onto waxed paper. Dab sponge onto star stamp and press onto can. Repeat to stamp stars on can where desired. Let dry.
- 3) Use toothpick to outline each star with dots of white paint. Let dry.

#### For ghost noisemaker:

- 1) Transfer patterns to can and paint 1 ghost on each side of can and 1 jack-o-lantern on each end of can. Let dry.
- 2) Use toothpick to outline each ghost with dots of orange paint. Let dry.
- 3) Use end of paintbrush to paint dots around each end of can with yellow. Let dry.

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For each, handling all ribbon lengths as 1, tie ribbons in bow around dowel just below can. Tie knots in streamers.

**Heidi's Designer Tip:** Whenever I can't find a simple rubber stamp design that I like, I simply make one from a scrap of craft foam cut into the shape I desire and glue it onto a pencil eraser. If you are making a larger stamp design, just cut from craft foam and glue onto a piece of foam board. This makes a quick and easy custom stamp that you can use over and over.

### Styrofoam Spider Creatures

By: Kim for 4 Crazy Kings

Even if spiders give you the creeps, you have to admit that these little creatures are pretty cute! This is a simple project you can make together as a family. When you're done, you can use the spiders as puppets to play with or you can string them on a garland and display them as a Halloween decoration!



#### Materials:

- Styrofoam ball(s)
- Bamboo skewer or cocktail fork
- Black tissue paper
- Mod Podge
- Glitter
- Googly eyes
- Glue
- Pipe cleaners
- Scissors
- Black ribbon (if making a garland)

#### Instructions:

- 1) Spear Styrofoam ball with bamboo skewer or cocktail fork to create a handle.
- 2) Cover small Styrofoam ball with black tissue paper and Mod Podge.
- 3) Sprinkle with glitter.
- 4) Glue on googly eyes. Let dry.
- 5) Punch holes for the spider legs using the bamboo skewer or a nail.
- 6) Fold pipe cleaner in half and then half again.
- 7) Cut pipe cleaner into sections at folds.
- 8) Insert pipe cleaner legs into ball.

#### To make a garland of spiders:

- 1) Insert bamboo skewer or nail all the way through the Styrofoam balls.
- 2) Thread balls onto black ribbon.
- 3) You can either create your spiders before threading or after.

### Mini Coffee Filter Witches

By: Andrea for Where Ada Shares

If you love crafts that are simple to make and use supplies you already have around the house, you'll love this fun witch project! Learn how to turn ordinary coffee filters into cute flying sorceresses by following this easy tutorial.



#### Materials:

- Watercolor paints (green and black)
- Paintbrush
- Coffee filters
- Black cardstock paper
- Tape
- Scissors
- Scrap paper
- Yarn (orange and black)
- Black marker
- Glue
- Twigs
- Hair ties (black)
- String (if you want to hang the witch)

#### Instructions:

1) Paint center of coffee filter green (for the face) and the rest black (for the dress). Paint as many coffee filters as needed to fit the number of witches you want to make. Allow to dry.

2) To create the hats, form a conical shape out of black cardstock paper and tape to seal shut.

3) Cut a few circle shapes out of black cardstock paper for the hat brims. Cut a hole in the center of each circle and push the conical shape through the hole.

4) Once the filters are dry, crumple up pieces of paper and place in center of coffee filter. Tie shut using black yarn to form the witch's head.

5) Use black marker to draw on witch's face. Use glue to adhere hat to top of head.

6) Use twigs, yarn and ties to make broomsticks.



7) If you want your witch to fly, glue her to the broomstick making sure the filter dress surrounds the edges. Pull string through hole at the top of the witch hat and hang.



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