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GETTING READY TO LEARN





SIMPLE HALLOWEEN CRAFTS

HAPPY HALLOWEE

Cotton Wool Ghosts

What you'll Need: White Paper or card, glue, scissors, cotton balls, black paper or marker (for eyes and mouth) hole puncher, string or ribbon.

- 1. Cut out a ghost shape from white card or paper.
- Cover the ghost with glue and let your child stick cotton balls. 2.
- Create spooky eyes and a mouth using black paper or marker. 3.
- 4. Once dry, punch a hole at the top and thread through string.
- Tie to make a handle and your child can make their ghost fly around 5. the room. You can also use the ghosts to decorate your house.



This activity is great for developing fine motor skills and creativity.



Toilet Roll Creatures—Fun for Little Hands!

What You'll Need: Empty toilet roll tubes, paints, markers or crayons, glue and scissors, googly eyes or eyes made from paper, small strips of toilet paper or tissues.

This activity encourages creativity and story telling.

- 1. Toilet roll can be turned into lots of spooky creatures like pumpkins, ghosts, bats (just add wings) or silly monsters.
- 2. Stick small strips of toilet paper onto the tubes—this is great for developing fine motor skills.
- 3. Add eyes, mouths and other features using paper or markers.
- 4. Once you have made a few creatures you could take turns making up funny monster stories together. What are their names? Where do they live? What do they like to eat?

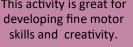


Wool Pumpkins

What You'll Need: cardboard, wool, scissors, glue, black or green paper or markers for the stem and face.

- Cut out a pumpkin shape from cardboard. Add a stem to the top.. Your child can colour it green or black.
- Snip a small notch at the top of the pumpkin to hold the wool in place. 2.
- Start wrapping the wool around the pumpkin shape. Help your child wind and wrap until the 3. pumpkin is nice and fluffy.
- 4. Create eyes and a mouth using paper and glue them onto the wool pumpkin
- 5. Make several wool pumpkins and tie them together with string to create a fun Halloween garland.

This activity is great for skills and creativity.



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Apple Pumpkins

What you'll Need: Apples, orange paint, paper or card, green and black paper or crayons, scissors and glue.

- 1. Cut an apple in half (grown-ups only) and dip the flat side into orange paint.
- 2. Let your child stamp the apple onto paper to create pumpkin shapes. They can make one or many!
- 3. Once dry, help you child decorate their pumpkins by adding stems, faces or even hats using paper, crayons or markers
- 4. Use the printed pumpkins to make Halloween cards for friends and family or make a garland.



This activity is great for sensory play, creativity and making something special



Leaf Monsters!

What You'll Need: Dry leaves, pens, crayons or markers, paper/glue or string, googly eyes or other natural materials like twigs and petals, lollipop sticks or small twigs.

This activity combines outdoor exploration, creativity and storytelling.

- 1. Go on a nature walk with your child and collect dry leaves. Talk about whyy leaves fall and how they change with the seasons.
- 2. Back home, let your child decorate the leaves using pens, googly eyes, or other natural treasures.
- 3. Stick the decorated leaves onto lollipop sticks or twigs to turn them into leaf monsters or puppets. You can also use smaller twigs or leaves to make arms and legs!
- 4. Once the leaf monsters are ready, encourage your child to create stories using their puppets. What are their names? Where do they live? What spooky adventures will they go on?

Freaky Food—Spooky Snacks for Little Monsters!

Make snack time part of the Halloween fun with these simple, healthy and creative food ideas your child will love to help make and eat!

Freaky Food!

Create little fruit ghosts by cutting a banana in half and add a face using raisins.

Freaky Food!

Create little skeletons using cut up vegetables and fruit.

Freaky Food!
Draw faces on
small oranges to
create mini
pumpkins

Freaky Food!
Grapes and tomatoes can become eyeballs. Peel them for more creepiness.



LET'S PLAY—HALLOWEEN



WHY NOT TRY HOMEMADE COSTUMES

- Pop a sheet over their head, a little face paints and they are a ghost!
- Wrap them in toilet paper and they are a mummy!
- Create a haunted house from a cardboard box. Decorated it with dark window, stick on bats, cut a hole and place

Pin the Boo on the Ghost

Draw a large ghost on card and create the 'pin on' speech bubble shapes from card.

Add Sellotape or blu tak to help them stick. Blindfold your child and let them pin the speech bubbles to the ghosts.



Spider Web Game

Create a spider web on the floor using tape, string or wool. To make it more interesting draw little spiders and place them on the web. Children then collect the

spiders as they walk around the web. The child goes back to the beginning if they fall off. You could time them too.

Source www.notimeforflashcards.com

MONSTER MUSIC PARTY!

Play musical statues Halloween Edition. When the music stops encourage your child to strike a scary pose.

Play spooky musical chairs you could place pictures on the chairs to ramp up the Halloween theme!

Touchy Feely Games!!

Fill a small box with something that feels funny such as cold pasta or rice, leaves, straw or feathers. Seal up the box and leave one small hole. Get your little one to put their hands insideand describe what they are feeling!

Balloon Catch

Blow up balloons, draw funny faces on them . Create a little funnel out of paper (see picture) and count how many times your child can catch the balloon with their funnel. Play the game with them.

Source vanillajoy.com



Ten Pin Bowling (Ghost Version)

Gather as many empty plastic water bottles as possible. Either fill with cotton wool balls or toilet paper. Alternatively paint the outside, or wrap the bottles in toilet paper. Faces can either be drawn on or created from card, Set up your bottles, add a ball and let your children have fun!



HALLOWEEN SCAVENGER HUNT

Place a check $\sqrt{\ }$ next to each item you find. The first one to find all the items wins.





HALLOWEEN MEMORY GAME

Print (2x), and cut the cards and play the game.





















BUILD A JACK-O-LANTERN



Build a Jack-o-Lantern. Draw or cut and glue the eyes, nose, and mouth, and add extra decorations like stickers .

