



Oodles of Halloween Fun

Create your own Halloween land

Where black and orange go hand in hand.

Decorate a house that's made for fun

For trick-or-treaters you'll be number one.

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To make all little witches smile, create a room with spooky style.

Effortless accents transform a room into a Halloween hideaway. Here, a photocopy of the image of Edgar Allan Poe pops with oversize eyes; the mat and frame are inexpensive crafts-store purchases. Dress up a plain white lampshade with fringed paper and polka dots (see page 107).

Three rows of color for each fancy tree make it as easy as easy can be.

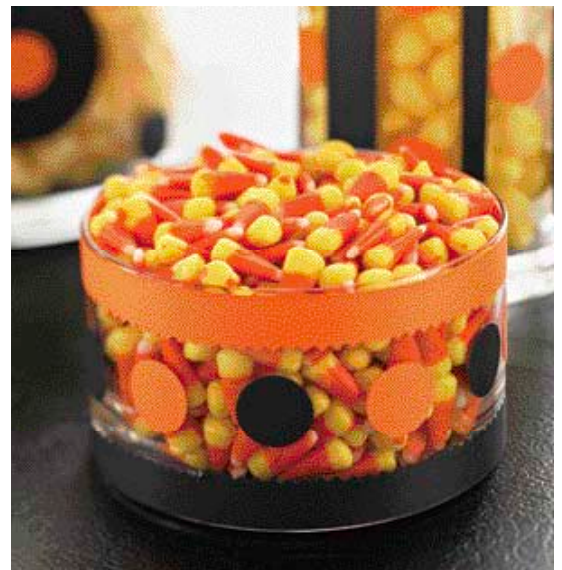
All of these Halloween crafts come from easy-to-find items—rickrack, construction paper, glass cylinders, and metal buckets—making them a snap for you and your kids to create. Assemble a pair of candy corn topiaries (see pattern on page 108) to spruce up an entry table and keep candy dishes full to tempt neighborhood goblins.



Frame a window for a view outside—you'll attract ghosts and witches and all sorts of spies.

Keep color at bay for contrast and impact. Here, paper borders borrowed from the classroom surround a window that's enhanced with a scalloped black paper valance.

Color your bowl with orange and black, and tasty treats keep kids coming back.



Trim the edges of construction paper with decorative scissors. Then tape paper punched circles and the decorative strips to a container. You can change the colors and shapes to use at birthday parties, holidays, or other special occasions.



**Stripes and squiggles
and a pointed top
are done up in brights
with lots of pop.**

Coordinated crafts turn a room's focal point into Halloween central. The grouping is simple: glass cylinders filled with Halloween snacks, candy corn topiaries, and windows dressed up with paper.

What do you call
a witch's garage?
A broom closet.

Whip up your very own Halloween candy dispensers and use them to hold treats for your costumed set. Oversize round ornaments fit mailing tubes, and attached shapes create the faces of a cat, a witch, and a jack-o'-lantern (see patterns on *pages 106–107*). Let the kids help for a fun afternoon of Halloween crafting.

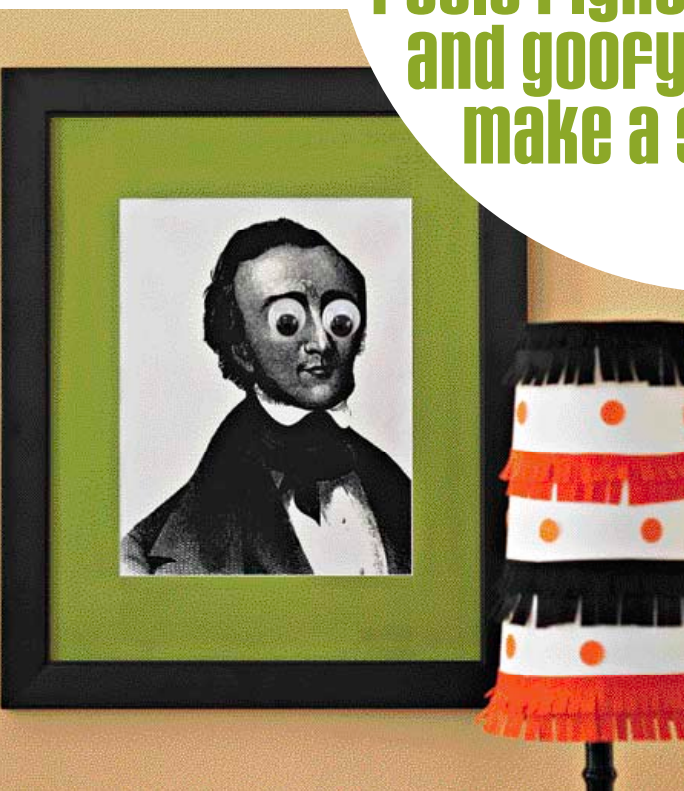


Silly things on
the table and wall
say Halloween is
fun for all.



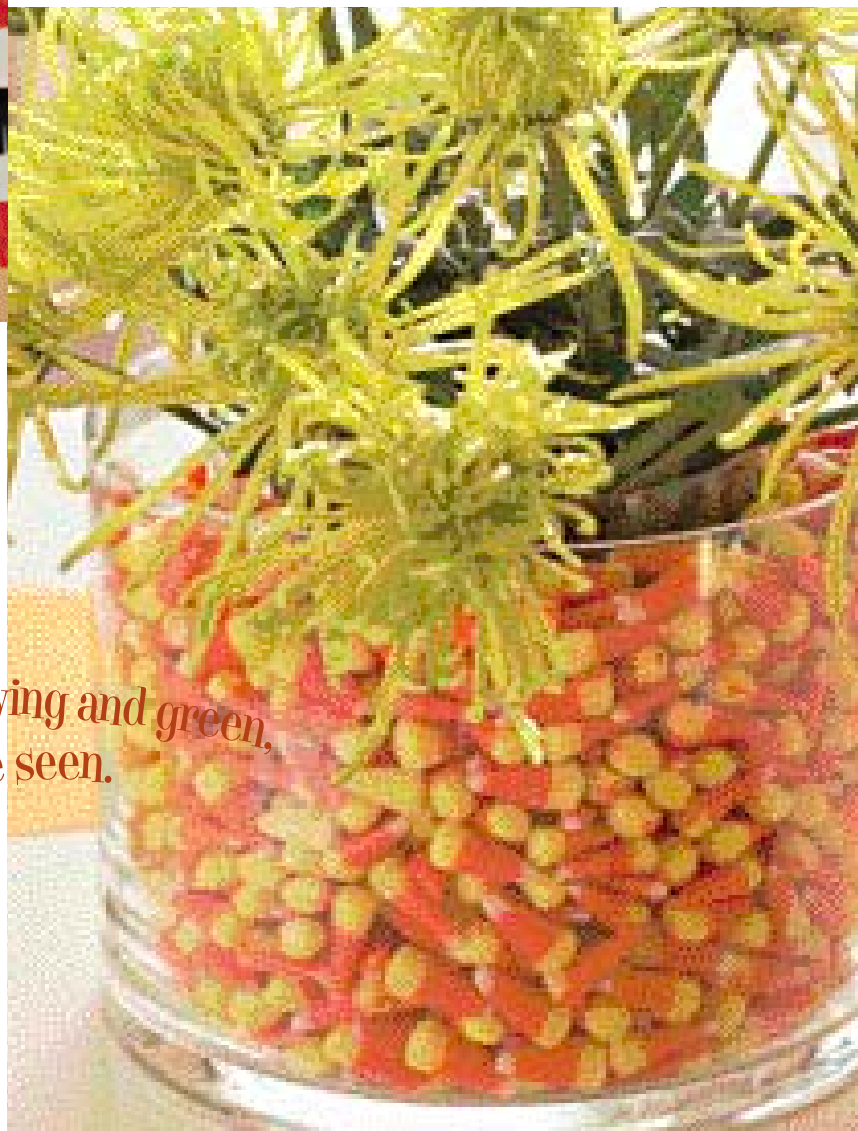
A holiday portrait feels right in place, and goofy eyes make a silly face.

Are those eyes following you? Quirky stick-on peepers poke out of a portrait of Edgar Allan Poe, the master of frightening fiction. The black-and-white photocopy pops behind a green mat. Any scary print—a witch, ghost, or ghoul—will work.



Flowered spiders, growing and green, creep from a pot that must be seen.

Are those spiders jumping out of that candy jar? Not quite: A spray of chartreuse spider mums tops a jar full of candy corn. Insert a smaller, waterproof container filled with florist's foam and flowers inside the candy-filled glass vase. For more graphic pop, place circles cut from coordinating papers on the tabletop.





Halloween Candy Containers

MATERIALS

For the tubes:

- 3-inch-diameter mailing tubes with plastic end caps
- Assortment of wrapping, construction, and poster paper: orange, green, black, and white
- Black electrical tape
- Crafts glue
- Glue gun and hotmelt adhesive
- Spray adhesive
- Double-stick tape

For the cat:

- Large black ball ornament
- 2 black chenille stems
- Black felt-tip marker
- Black twine

For the witch:

- Large green ball ornament
- Black fringe
- Modeling clay: green and black
- Orange pom-pom
- Green yarn

For the pumpkin:

- Large orange ball ornament
- Green chenille stem

INSTRUCTIONS

For the tubes:

Remove the plastic end caps from the mailing tubes and set them aside. Cut the tubes into 12-inch lengths with a saw or a serrated knife. Wrap each tube with paper in the color of your choice, and adhere it to the tube with tape. Cut lengths of electrical tape, wrapping around each tube to create stripes. For wider stripes, adhere two pieces of tape side by side.

For the jack-o'-lantern:

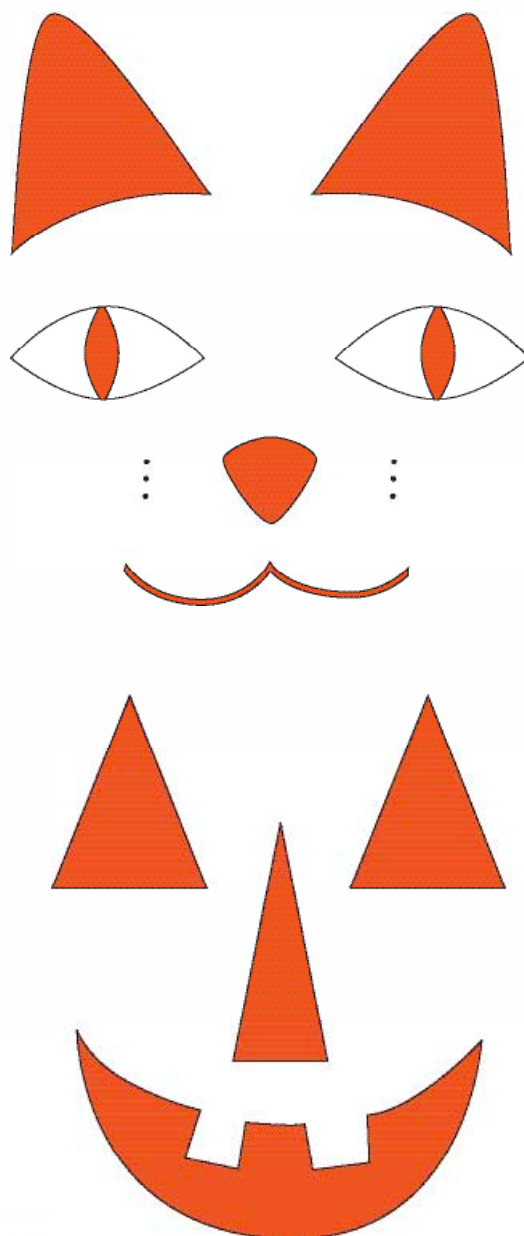
Use the patterns for the facial features. Cut the shapes from black paper, and hot-glide to the pumpkin. Create a cone-shape pumpkin stem out of the black paper, and hot-glide it to the pumpkin. Let dry. Wrap the chenille stem around the pumpkin stem, and curl the ends.

For the cat:

Cut two 4-inch-long pieces of chenille stem. Bend each into a V-shape to form the frame for the cat's ears. Apply crafts glue to the stems, and press onto a piece of black paper. Trim

the paper along the edge of the chenille stem and across the bottom in a slight curve. Hot-glide the ears to the cat's head.

Use the patterns for the cat's facial features. Cut the shapes from the white paper. Add pupils with the black felt-tip marker. Use crafts glue to adhere the shapes in place on the head. Cut short lengths of black twine for whiskers. Apply hot glue to one end of each whisker, and attach them to the cat's face. Let dry.





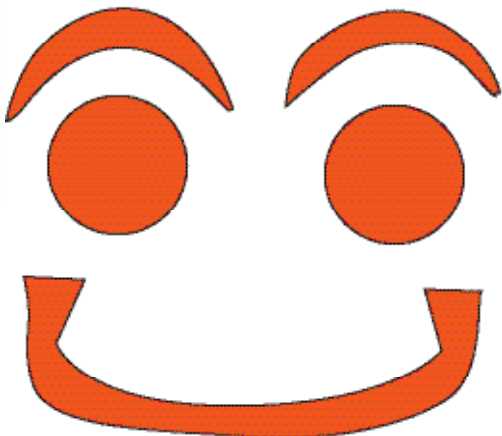
For the witch:

Cut lengths of the fringe to create hair, and attach it with hot glue to the head. Form a green clay cone-shape nose and a black wart. Let dry 24 hours. Hot-glue the wart to the nose and the nose to the witch's face. Use the patterns for the witch's facial features. Cut the shapes from black paper. Glue to the face with crafts glue.

For the witch's hat brim, use a small saucer for a template and trace a circle onto black paper. Cut a small X in the center of the circle to accommodate the curve of the witch's head. Create a cone for the hat crown using another piece of black paper, and use double-stick tape to close the back seam. Trim the cone straight across the bottom. Use crafts glue to attach the hat crown to the hat brim and a pom-pom to the tip of the hat. Wrap yarn around the base of the hat crown, and glue it in place with crafts glue. Hot-glue the hat to the witch's hair.

Candy container assembly:

Hot-glue the head to a tube end. Pour candy into the open end of the tube. Close with the plastic end cap.



Fringed Lampshade

MATERIALS

- Lampshade
- Sheet crepe paper: orange and black
- 1-inch-diameter circle punch
- Orange construction paper
- Crafts glue

INSTRUCTIONS

Cut 2- and 3-inch-wide strips of orange and black crepe paper long enough to fit around the lampshade. Fold each strip lengthwise, and using scissors, cut slits 1/2 inch apart to make the fringe. Glue the fringes in place on the shade. Punch orange paper circles and adhere to the shade with glue.

Candy Containers

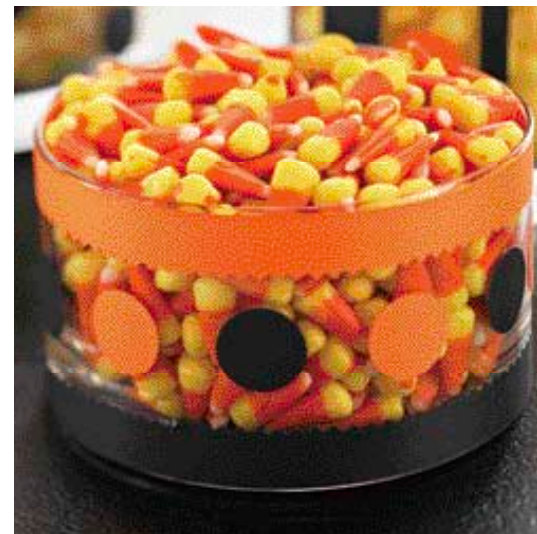
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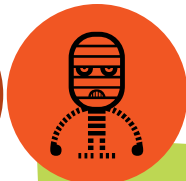
- Glass cylinder vases or bowls
- Construction paper: orange and black
- Crafts knife
- Circle punches: 2 1/2-inch- and 1-inch-diameter
- Double-stick tape
- Decorative scissors

INSTRUCTIONS

Cut the paper into strips of various widths to use for stripes and trim on the cylinders. Trim with decorative-edge scissors if you like. Using the circle punches, punch out dots in various sizes and colors.

Press tape onto each shape. Apply the stripes and dots to the cylinders.





Candy Corn Topiaries

MATERIALS

For each topiary:

Metal bucket, approximately

9 inches in diameter

31-inch long 1-inch dowel

Black acrylic paint

Sheet of white poster board

Wrapping paper: orange, yellow,
and white

White construction paper

Black rickrack

Circle punches: 2½- and
1-inch-diameter

Water-base decoupage medium

1-inch-wide sponge brush

Florist's foam

Black shredded paper

Crafts glue

Double-stick tape

INSTRUCTIONS

Paint the bucket and the dowel black.
Let dry.

Enlarge the pattern *below*, and cut out. Lay the topiary pattern over the poster board for the base. Trace around the pattern, and cut out the cone. Roll it into a cone shape and secure with tape. Lay the candy corn stripe patterns on the appropriate colors of wrapping paper, trace around the patterns, and

cut out the shapes. Wrap the stripes around the cone and tape the ends to secure. Cut lengths of rickrack to cover the seams, and secure with crafts glue. Let dry.

Use the circle punches to make white construction paper circles. Glue the circles to the bucket. Let dry. Brush on two coats of decoupage medium, allowing drying time between the coats. Cut a piece of florist's foam to fit snugly inside the bucket and cone. Push the dowel into the foam. Carefully push the cone topiary onto the upright dowel. Fill the bucket with shredded paper.

