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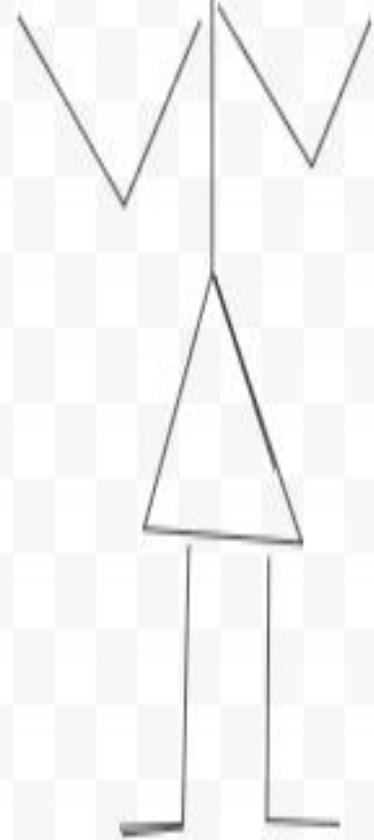
Costume ideas for Halloween



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Watch Out for the Pumpkin Head

Halloween is just around the corner and I still don't have a costume.



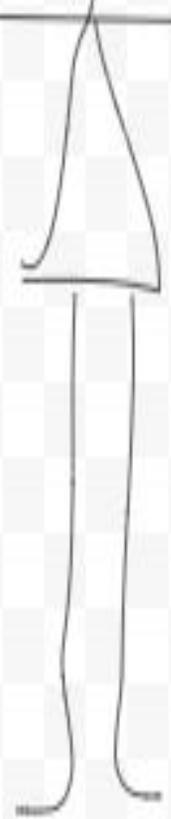
Hm..

Granny! Wrong side! I guess we have to start over...



What did you say sweetheart?

BOO! Ha ha ha



By Kate Kondela



The Legends Of Jack - October 31st, 1958:

Volume 1

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Prologue:

It was a fine Halloween day in 1958, there was a devastated ghost named Jack. He was the loneliest ghost there could ever be. Nobody liked him, he always haunted all of the happy families on Halloween, but then he went back to his ghost family. Everyone was happy, but their happiness became annoyance when they noticed Jack. Some families were friends with Jack, but not his own. Every ghost at least knows how they died, but not Jack. Jack asked everyone he knew about what they knew about his passing. Almost everyone he asked told him to go away. His friend, Thomas Jefferson, told Jack that Jack died at the young age of 11, and nothing else. It was surely a mystery to Jack about his death, but would he ever find out...?

Chapter 1:

Jack got ready for Trick-or-Treating with his friend Bob. they had been friends for years now. He was also friends with Ulysses S. Grant, so this year Grant was dressing up as Jack and Jack as Grant. Jack put on a coat and a cowboy-looking hat and went out. He waited for hours, humans were phasing through him and he was invisible to them, so they could walk right through him, but not without feeling a chill go down their spine.

Jack didn't know what to do so he went back home, where his teenage brother, Casper, listened to rock-n-roll music since he got back from monster school. He tells Casper to turn down the music but instead Casper starts calling his band members, and minutes later, zombies, skeletons, and wizards were crowded in Casper's room. Jack stomped away to his room, which was in the attic where he looked at the dark night sky.

He kept watching the stars until a bat flew by, turning into a vampire, and doing the rock-n-roll symbol. "Bob's cousin." said Jack to himself as he grabbed some cobweb and threw it at Bob's cousin, causing it to stick to his wings. Bob's cousin scowled and headed inside joining the booming beat with his bass drum.

Chapter 2:



Jack went outside for a stroll due to the irritating music, Jack looked behind him. He saw children, not sad children, happy children, having an incredibly good time wearing costumes. "Trick or treat!" He heard one of them say. "Happy Halloween!" said a voice. Jack was startled and looked behind him. "Geez, Bob! You scared the living Eisenhower out of me!" Jack frighteningly cried out immediately after seeing Bob. "Jack, it's Halloween! I'm a vampire!" Bob told Jack, happily. "But... you *are* a vampire, Bob." Jack casually told Bob. Bob was perplexed. "Isn't that the point of Halloween?" Bob said in a confused tone, "to dress up?" "You're literally dressed every single day exactly like that, are you saying you've been wearing a Halloween costume for your entire life, Bob? It's like if a human tries to be themselves for Halloween, it doesn't make sense." Jack explained to Bob. Bob became disappointed. "I see why nobody likes you." "Wait, what?" "What? I said nothing.." "Okay."

12 o'clock then struck. All of the children called it a day at trick-or-treating and went home to count their candy. Bob and Jack watched all of the children go home. "Why can't we do that?" Bob asked Jack. "Well, you'd suck blood of the humans, and I can't go trick-or-treating because no human sees me because I am a ghost, Bob." Jack responded. "Can't you just steal the candy?" Bob said with a smirk. "No, Bob. I'm not like that anymore-I mean I was never like that." "But, why?" "Did you completely ignore what I said, that I was never like that?" "Yes because I know it's a lie" "Bob, you're a lummoX." "What does that mean?" "Exactly." "Whatever it means, I know I'm not it!" "What's 1 + 1, Bob?" "Um, negative sixteen?" "Not even close." "You know I'm not good at math, Jack!" The conversation ended right there. Bob stomped back to his home. This then suddenly lead to Jack questioning himself about Bob's family. Who were his parents? Why was he never introduced? There surely has to be a reason. This wasn't his main concern, because he is trying to figure out who he really was, and how he met his demise...

Chapter 3:

Jack heard a high-pitched noise coming from a drain nearby. He went over to it and saw a clown staring at him. “Hey, Jack want a balloon?” asked the clown, chuckling to himself. “Sure!” Jack said happily. He took the balloon and went to the cemetery where he could focus on his thoughts.

He came to a conclusion when he heard someone say about a long time ago when a child fell into the water after ice-skating. Jack figured that the child could as well have been him. He ran over to his mom and asked her, she looked at him quizzingly and thought he was up to no-good. “Jack, if you want to know your past ask your father.” Jack went to his father but his father said; “Go ask your mother, Jack.” Jack sighed and headed back out where he saw the clown happily giving out more balloons and making himself happy at the joy he was giving the children. He continued his journey to the cemetery.

Jack then saw some children hiding in a bush, giggling. A stranger walked up and the children jumped up and screamed at him, causing the stranger to be frightened. Jack never understood this kind of practical joke. He continued to walk to the cemetery, where he saw his grave and looked at it, sadly. What had happened to him? Why? He looked to the left, saw something suspicious. It was a newspaper! He saw the headline “11 year old drowns at newly opened Alexander’s Ice Skate Park” He read on. The headline had mentioned that the body was never found, it said the boy’s name was something like Neck or Back, or Jack! And, there was an interview with the mother... Susan Henderson, that was Jack’s mother! “Oh Roosevelt...” thought Jack. He took a quick trip to Alexander’s Ice Skate Park and told Grant (who was surprisingly there) the news. He went through the ice, and went to the bottom of the water, and found the unbelievable...

Epilogue:

It has been two weeks since Jack saw the traumatizing sight. The only thing he would think about was his corpse just laying there in the depths of the cold water. He didn't hang out with any friends, not even Bob. He thought about taking a break for a while. He then saw his grave and took a sad glance at it. He went into his casket, where he would sleep in until a **very snowy holiday...**

Check Out The Next Story..... Coming Soon

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We might take a week or less to respond, so please be patient. :)



Handmade Decorations

Fall Edition!

By Sophie Windisch and Carmen Vargas

Is Fall coming up and you want to have some creative decorations but don't want to spend lots of money on new decorations? Well, you've come to the right page!

I have plenty of creative ideas for Fall, Thanksgiving, and Halloween!

Let's start with a classic, the Hand-Turkey!

What You'll Need: Construction paper, googly eyes, markers, pencils, scissors, and glue!(You can also use blank paper and color it!)

Step 1: Trace your hand with a pencil on white paper or brown construction paper. Then cut it out!

Step 2: draw five feathers and cut them out!

Step 3: Draw or glue on googly eyes on to the turkey!

Step 4: cut out feet, a beak, and a gobbler and glue them on!

Step 5: Put your turkey together and now you've got hand made turkey for Thanksgiving!

And for the ones who don't celebrate Thanksgiving, you can still make a turkey too!

By: Sophie Windisch

For another project, you can do a scary biome!

You will need: Cardboard, an empty shoebox, paper, crayons (or colored pencils or markers, your choice :), scissors and hot glue. Add-ons: fake leaves, fake (dead) grass, a background, and small plastic pumpkins or spiders, (remember, the add-ons are only if you want) and human figures/cardboard humans.

Steps:

#1: Take your paper and cut it out to make skeleton, pumpkin, leaves, ghosts, spiders and other shapes that you think makes it scary. Put those to the side as we will use those later

#2: Take your cardboard and hot glue* it to the shape and cut it out to how the shape looks (I recommend that you leave a teeny, tiny square so that you can fold it to hot glue it to the bottom.)

#3 Take the shoebox and hot glue* the green or brown paper (and leaves that you either bought or made) and hot glue* the pumpkins to the ground.

#4: Hot glue* all of the figures and things you made (trees, skeletons, etc.) DO NOT GLUE THE SPIDERS!!!! We will need them for later. :)

#5: Now, like I said, we will use the spiders for later... make your hot glue* go to the sides like spider webs, then, once the glue is dry, put your handmade spiders (with hot glue*) onto the hot glue spider webs.

#6: Enjoy!!!!

Handle hot glue for decorations CAREFULLY and WITH A GROWNUP if you are not very old.

For our next project, we will do a fall biome!

What you will need: Empty shoebox, construction paper, toilet paper roll with no toilet paper on it, animal figures/ origami figures (If you know how), coloring supplies, glue, scissors, small mini plastic pumpkins (You can find them at a craft store or you can create some with needle felting *Includes wool*), white wool, hot glue (1st through 4th grade may need parental supervision), and last, decors of your choice!

Step One: Take the empty shoe box, and hot glue **brown** construction paper along the top, bottom, and sides. (Parental Supervision)

Step Two: Take **Orange, yellow,** and **red** construction paper and shred up for piles of leaves. (Remember, leave room for trees, animals, and other decors of your choice!)

Step Three: Take empty toilet paper rolls and glue bottom to ground of biome with hot glue. Then, take **Green** construction paper and crumple it up. Glue that to the top of the empty toilet paper roll. (You can use other colors as well).

Step Four: Take **blue** construction paper and glue it on the background of the biome. Cut out a moon shape from **white** or black construction paper. Glue that onto any side of the background. Next for some background details, you can cut out black trees for some background trees. As well as mountains or birds in the sky. (Make sure these are black construction paper)

Step Five: Add plastic animal figures or origami figures. As well as extra decors like pumpkins, leaves, or other decors of your choice!

Step Six: Pull apart some white wool, and gently place it on the ground or in the trees for a foggy effect. (You don't have to do this)

Last Step: Admire the amazing craft you have created!

Idea By: Sophie Windisch

For another idea, you can make Oreo spiders!

Some delicious treats for halloween!

What you'll need: Oreos, pretzel sticks, small squirt container with white icing, and M&Ms!

Step One: Take off the top of the Oreo

Step Two: Take eight pretzel sticks and put four on each side!

Step Three: Put the Oreo top back on

Step Four: Add two small icing dots at the top of the cookie

Step Five: Place two M&Ms on the icing dots

Last Step: Enjoy and share with friends!

For our last idea, you can make Pipe-cleaner spiders

Step one: Take your black pipe cleaner and wrap it in a circle.

Step two: Take four black pipe cleaners and cut them in half

Step three: Take four black pipe cleaners and wrap them on the side of the circle. Do that with the other side as well.

Step four: Take a **white** pipe cleaner and cut it in half.

Step five: Wrap the **white** pipe cleaners into smaller circles in the black circle. (As eyes)

Last step: Place them around your house and enjoy!

Costume Ideas: by Julissa, and Maggie

Halloween is creeping up on us, and we need some last-minute costume ideas and how to do them. So today you can read about different Halloween costume ideas for you and maybe some friends for you to wear. These costumes that we listed all have different genres. From creepy to girly.

Solo: Ghost, you can wear a white bed sheet and cut it out the way you like, if you'd like one that is better for yourself they sell them in stores like the spirit of Halloween. Zombie, you can wear something old or something like a flannel you can wear that with old jeans and buy fake blood and put on the outfit. Princess, if you have a dress that you can wear and a crown (optional) from somewhere like Dollar Tree, Dollar General, Family Dollar or even Five Below°. ScareCrow, You can wear a flannel t-shirt and jeans for this costume to work you need hay or straw, you can easily find this from amazon for cheap, you stuff the "hay" where the holes are or the cuffs of your shirt and the bottom of your jeans. Then you make scarecrow makeup with black eyeliner. Other Ideas are Super heros, Skeletons, Animals, and fairies, these costumes can be bought at a store like Target or Walmart but if you don't have time to go to one of those stores, you can find another costume on this list.

Group: These all depend on which character you are.

Scooby-Doo, Fred: You need: White Polo shirt with blue pop-up collar, blue jeans, orange handkerchief, dress shoes. Daphne: You can get a purple dress with sleeves or get a long sleeve purple shirt and a purple skirt, purple headband, tights (optional), green handkerchief, and purple shoes (can be any color), Thelma: Mustard yellow long sleeve hoodie, red skirt, knee-high mustard yellow socks, and red shoes (any color is fine) Shaggy: Green t-shirt, long brown pants and shoes.

Stranger Things Eleven: For the first look she had to wear a pink dress with a white collar, knee-high white socks, and a jean jacket. Will: Another flannel that's red, a puffy red vest, ripped jeans. Mad Max: Red sweater, with a plain grey shirt, and green vans (optional). Mike: A plain grey/beige dress shirt with buttons (leave it open), a striped blue, grey and red shirt with a white-collar Winnie The Pooh, Piglet: You can wear pink leggings with a pink shirt (you can add stripes if you want) and a pink headband (you can make ears for the headband out of pink paper), Winnie The Pooh, You can wear a red shirt and iron the letters POOH, you should wear yellow leggings and a yellow or brown headband with paper ears. Tigger, wear an orange shirt and tape on black stripes to it, you can wear tiger ears or just orange ribbons in your hair. Eeyore, wear a blue shirt put a blue circle tear the stomach, blue leggings and a blue headband with paper ears.

Hope you find this useful. Have fun creating your own Halloween costumes this year.



Costumes are also one thing that brings Halloween to life. You can be whatever you what like. For example batman, harely quin, joker, and many other characters. And you get to chose whatever you want to be. That is how costumes are so important for Halloween.



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As a decoration or a
Fun activity to do when
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Candy is also important to
Halloween

After you put your costume
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