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Letter from the Editors

Dear Reader,

Halloween is a holiday for crafters! From homemade costumes to scary decorations, easy Halloween crafts are a great way to prepare for the festivities. With this collection of **7 easy Halloween crafts**, even the busiest crafter can find a craft project to wear, give or decorate this Halloween. Find bats, ghosts, pumpkins and more in *Easy Halloween Crafts: Blogger Edition 2010*.

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Pirate Pumpkin

By: Amy Anderson of [Paint me Plaid](#)

Make your own Halloween pumpkin patterns with the help of spooky paints and a touch of glitter Mod Podge. [Amy Anderson](#) demonstrates how to create a pirate-themed skeleton pumpkin.



Instructions:

Paint your pumpkin with Licorice until fully covered and allow to dry.



Materials:

- Craft pumpkin –Celebrate It
- Skeleton clip art printed out to fit the pumpkin – I got mine from Microsoft
- FolkArt Paint – Licorice, Dove Gray, Metallic Silver Sterling
- Mod Podge – Silver Glitter
- Purple craft leaves- Celebrate It
- Small & Large Paintbrushes
- Hot Glue Gun
- Pipe Cleaners, black
- White transfer paper and stylus
- Tape

I grabbed my pumpkin and taped my pattern to the top of it. Secure it in one place.



The next step is to have Chris, your local resident transfer paper expert, teach you what side is correct. THIS IS THE BAD SIDE.



This is the RIGHT SIDE. You can remember because it is the lighter side – the side that will transfer to your surface.



Slip your transfer paper RIGHT SIDE DOWN underneath your taped pattern. You obviously want to make sure that the transfer paper is all the way under all parts of the pattern that you are going to transfer. I then secured the bottom with a piece of tape. Depending on your surface, you may want to secure more sides with some tape. I didn't because my surface was round.



Use your stylus to trace all parts of the pattern. I had a great time with this for some reason. I guess I'm easily entertained. If you can't remember if you traced over a particular part of your design, the stylus does a very nice thing for you, which is leave a groove in the paper where you traced. So you can actually run your fingers over it and tell. Did I mention that I'm easily forgetful?



Peel the transfer paper off of your surfaces and behold your work. Amazing, huh?



Use your small brush to paint in the skeleton design with Dove Gray. Follow the transfer paper lines as closely as you can. Keep painting until you'll filled the skeleton completely in and then allow to dry. Don't forget the stem.



Use your small brush and Metallic Silver Sterling to paint over the Dove Gray. It gives it a nice little sheen. Cover and then allow to dry. Paint the stem too. You are so close to being done you can't imagine. By the way, does this photo look like I'm painting in a basement?



Coat your pumpkin with several layers of Glitter Mod Podge, allowing to dry between coats. Set aside and allow to dry.



While you are waiting for the pumpkin to dry, take some of your leaves and glue onto the ends of pipe cleaners. You should use your hot glue gun; I'm A.D.D. so I grabbed the glue that was sitting right there.



Once dry, wrap the pipe cleaners around your finger to make a curled vine effect.



Using your hot glue gun, attach the pipe cleaner "vines" to the top of the pumpkin, then start attaching leaves. Glue leaves down until you feel your pumpkin has enough – basically to your heart's content!

Let the glue cool before placing out, and then enjoy your spooky decoration. If you would like to set outside, make sure to spray with a waterproof enamel sealer.

Ghost Centerpiece

By: Terri O of [Super Simple Crafts](#)

Make ghostly homemade Halloween decorations with this video craft project from [Terri O](#). Use cheese cloth to create a ghost centerpiece for your Halloween table.



Materials:

- Cheese cloth
- Scissors
- Fabric stiffener (I used Stiffy by Plaid)
- Small container
- Splat mat (I highly recommend you get one of these! They are great for many reasons www.herrschners.com)
- Black felt for eyes and mouth
- Small terra cotta pot
- Styrofoam (1 to fit snugly inside the pot and 1 large for the head and 2 small for the arms.)
- Wood dowels
- Plastic wrap

Instructions:

1. Make a form for your ghost. This is how I made mine but you can come up with your own idea too. Insert the large Styrofoam ball into the pot. Insert the dowel into the Styrofoam and add the head to the top. Insert dowels into the Styrofoam for the arms. Wrap plastic wrap around the Styrofoam so that the cheesecloth won't stick.
2. Cut a piece of cheesecloth making sure it is big enough to drape over the form.
3. Set the pot on the mat in a place where you can leave it over night.
4. Saturate the cloth with Stiffy and drape over your form. Mold it and shape it the way you like it. Let dry.
5. Once dry pull out the form and cut round eyes and a mouth. Glue it to your ghost.

Happy Felt Bats

By: Alison Hudson of [Domesticali](#)

With some thick wool felt and your own Halloween sewing patterns, you can make the most bat-tastic Halloween decorations. Make these felt bats as finger puppets or candybottle toppers.



Materials:

- Thick Wool Felt
- Cardboard
- Chalk Pencil
- Sewing Machine (optional)
- Needle & thread
- Small Buttons for Eyes
- Scissors

Instructions:

Cut yourself a little cardboard template. It's basically a triangle with a U cut out of the apex to make ears. Mine is about 8 inches across and 4 inches high.



Trace round your template and draw in some guide lines for the wing markings, eye placement, mouth and fangs. I use a chalk pencil for this (you don't need precision).



Don't cut anything yet. Add the markings on a single layer of the felt - I used the sewing machine for the wings but stitched the buttons on by hand and added a backstitch mouth with red floss and white for the fangs. But please yourself.



Now, fold your felt so you have a double layer and zig zag around the edge. Don't forget to leave a gap in the middle. My gap is large enough for 2 grown-up digits or the neck of a wine bottle.



Now using a nice sharp pair of scissors, trim close to the zig zag line. And lo, your flappy happy is born.



Trick or treat!

Bandanna Trick or Treat Bag

By: Fawnda of Fireflies and Jellybeans

Make a bandanna trick or treat bag with these Halloween sewing projects from [Fawnda Norman](#). This bag is made from a bandanna and some stenciling, and your child can use it on Halloween night!



Materials:

- A bandanna
- Coordinating thread
- Sewing machine
- Scissors
- Optional: Freezer paper, paint

Instructions:

1. Fold your bandanna in half with right sides together.



2. Measure and cut 12 inches in length. (Save the extra piece for the straps)



2. On the bottom corners (on the fold) cut out 2 X 2 inch squares.



3. Now grab your extra piece and cut two 4 inch strips from it for the straps. (Mine are still folded in half).



4. On each strap, fold over 1/4 inch on each edge lengthwise and iron the fold.



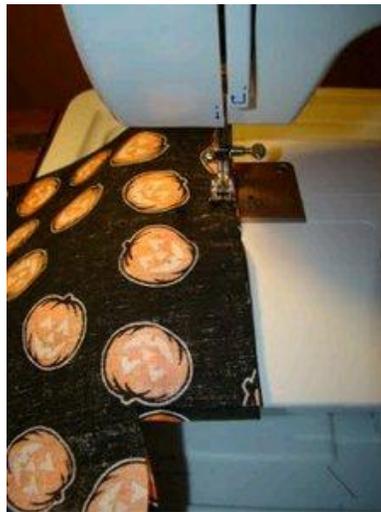
5. Now fold you strap in half (lengthwise) and iron the fold. Now you should have no unfinished edges showing. (The ends should be finished from the bandanna.)



Here is what my 2 straps look like.



6. Now back to the bag. Sew along both sides with a 1/4 seam. (Do now sew the square cut-outs).



7. Square off the bottom. Pull open the square so that the seam that you just sewed is at a right angel to the edge. (like shown below)



- Now sew along that unfinished edge.
Repeat for the other corner.



- Flip right side out and look at your bag taking shape!



- Decide where you want your straps places. I have mine 2 inches from the seam on each side. Pin your straps in place.



- Now let's work on the straps again. Sew the open edge with a 1/8 seam (or as close as you can get to the edge.) Repeat for the other strap.

- Sew your straps in place. Since I am expecting my son to get a TON of candy I sewed back and forth a few times.

14. Dab on your paint and let dry.



13. I freezer paper stenciled the letters on. I cut out my letters for "trick or treat" and ironed the freezer paper to the top of the bag. I also place a piece of cardboard inside the bag so that the paint does not run through.



15. Pull off the paper and admire the cuteness. I am also going to add my son's name the other side of the bag, so that no one will steal my son's candy!



Crochet Jill O Lantern

By: Phyllis Serbes of [Many Creative Gifts](#)

Crochet yourself some lovely Halloween crafts. This free crochet pattern is a fabulous Jill-o-lantern that can be made with yarn, stuffing and pantyhose. You don't always have to have a Jack-O-Lantern.

Materials:

- 1 skein light worsted (light # 3) weight yarn (shown here, Shepherd's Wool, 100% worsted spun fine wool, 250 yds, Orange #042)
- 5-6 yards of light worsted weight yarn in green
- 1 to 2 yards of black yarn or thread
- Yarn or embroidery needle
- Crochet hook size F/5/3.75 mm
- Acrylic or polyester stuffing
- An old, clean pair of knee-highs or pantyhose (optional)



Size: Finished pumpkin will be about 16 inches in circumference and about 5 inches high

Abbreviations:

ch = chain

dec = decrease (insert hook into next st and pull up yarn, insert hook into next st and pull up yarn, yarn over and pull yarn through all three loops on hook)

fpdc = front post double crochet (yarn over and

slide crochet hook under dc from row below and pull up a loop, complete dc as usual

RS = right side

sc = single crochet

sl st = slip stitch

st = stitch

Gauge

5 sts = 1 inch; 4 rows = 1 inch

Main Body:

ROUND 1 • (RS): Starting with the orange yarn, ch 4, join with a sl st to 1st ch

ROUND 2 • Ch 2, 12 dcs into ring, sl st to top of 1st dc

ROUND 3 • Ch 2, [1 fpdc into dc below, 2 scs in next st] 6 times, sl st into top of 1st fpdc

ROUND 4 • Ch 2, [1 fpdc into fpdc below, 2 scs in each of next 2 sts] 6 times, sl st into top of 1st fpdc

ROUND 5 • Ch 2, [1 fpdc into fpdc below, 2 scs in next st, 1 sc in each of next 2 sts, 2 scs in next st] 6 times, sl st into top of 1st fpdc

ROUND 6 • Ch 2, [1 fpdc into fpdc below, 1 sc in next st, 2 scs in next st, 1 sc in each of next 2 sts, 2 scs in next st, 1 sc in next st] 6 times, sl st into top of 1st fpdc

ROUND 7 • Ch 2, [1 fpdc into fpdc below, 1 sc in each of next 8 sts] 6 times, sl st into top of 1st fpdc

ROUND 8 • Repeat Round 7

ROUND 9 • Ch 2, [1 fpdc into fpdc below, 2 scs in next st, 1 sc in each of next 6 sts, 2 scs in next st] 6 times, sl st into top of 1st fpdc

ROUND 10 • Ch 2, [1 fpdc into fpdc below, 1 sc in each of next 10 sts] 6 times, sl st into top of 1st fpdc

ROUNDS 11 through 19 • Repeat Round 10

ROUND 20 • Ch 2, [1 fpdc into fpdc below, 1 dec, 1 sc in each of next 6 sts, 1 dec] 6 times, sl st into top of 1st fpdc

ROUND 21 • Ch 2, [1 fpdc into fpdc below, 1 dec, 1 sc in each of next 4 sts, 1 dec] 6 times, sl st into top of 1st fpdc

ROUND 22 • Ch 2, [1 fpdc into fpdc below, 1 sc in each of next 4 sts] 6 times, sl st into top of 1st fpdc

At this point, you might want to go ahead and embroider a face on your pumpkin and stuff it (tip: first you might want to cut off the foot and part of the ankle of a pair of pantyhose and put some of the stuffing in the hose, then place it inside the pumpkin and put in more stuffing until it's stuffed the way you want it, then tuck in the ends of the hose and go on to Round 23).

ROUND 23 • Repeat Round 22

Stem:

ROUND 24 • Attach green yarn, ch1, 1 sc in same st (should be on top of 1 fpdc below), [1 dec in next 2 sts, 1 dec in next 2 sts, 1 sc on top of 1 fpdc below] 6 times, sl st to 1st st (18 sts)

ROUND 25 • Ch 1, 1 sc in same st and each of next 17 sts, sl st to 1st st (18 sts)

ROUND 26 • Ch 1, [1 dec in next 2 sts] 9 times, sl st to 1st st (9 sts)

ROUND 27 • Ch 1, 1 sc in same and each of next 8 sts, sl st to 1st st (9 sts)

ROUND 28 • Repeat Round 27, fasten off.

DIY Spider Webs

By: Shannon Staker of [Shannon Makes Stuff](http://ShannonMakesStuff.com)

Forget the cheesy store-bought spider webs and make your own DIY spider webs as homemade Halloween decorations. These braided spider webs are cheap and will last you for years!



Materials:

- 2 yards of white fabric (I bought this at walmart for \$1.00 a yard)
- Scissors

Instructions:

Take two yards of white fabric and cut the end in two inch strips. Just snip at one end. Rip them into strips.



Take two of them and tie a knot at the end.

Then put that knot inbetween your toes and you are going to twist. But you can't just twist like this or it will fall apart once you let go:



You need to take the strands and twist them individually to the right.



Then you can twist them together going left. This way when you let go, they untwist into each other and don't come undone.



Take two of the twisted pieces and tie them together like so:



Then with another knot so it make a 90 degree angle.



Then take one of your other pieces and tie it into the strand to make the circular part of the web. Then tie it to the other 90 degree piece and cut off the extra.



Repeat with two more pieces. Then take another piece and tied it through the middles of the circular web pieces to make the 90 degree pieces into 45 degrees. I know, I have lost you. Look at the picture below to understand.



Then hang it up!



Easy Halloween Horns Tutorial

By: Stacy Schlyer of [Stacy Sews](http://StacySews.com)

This step-by-step photo tutorial, from Stacy Schlyer walks you through how to sew a Halloween horns headband to complete a devil or black cat costume. You can use whatever fabric matches the Halloween costume.

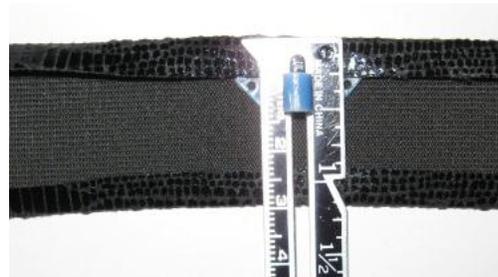


Materials:

- Smooth Headband (Without Teeth)
- Scraps of Fabric
- Polyester fiberfill
- Matching Thread
- Hand sewing needle
- Optional: Hot glue gun

Instructions:

1. To determine what size to cut your material for your headband you'll need to take a few measurements. First, measure the headband width (if the headband is wider at one point, use this measurement). Add 3/4" to width size. Additionally, measure the headband length, adding 1" to measurement. Use these measurements to make a headband covering piece and cut from your material. Additionally, cut 4 horn or ear sections from material.

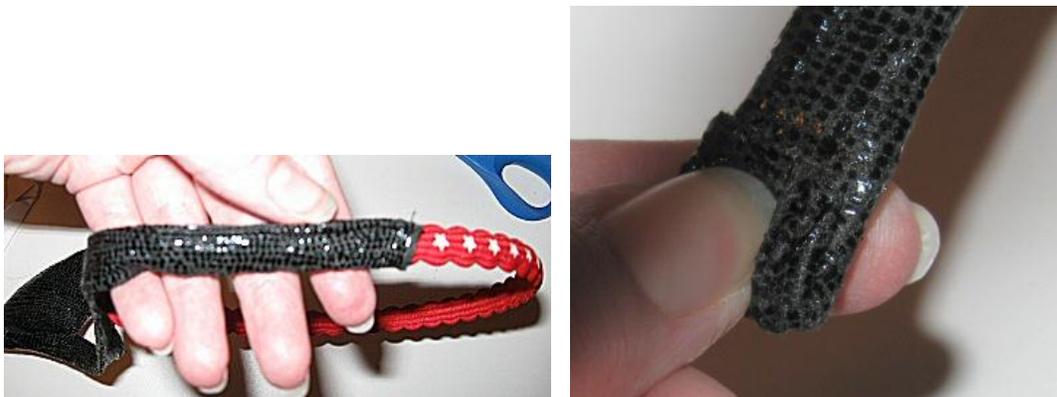


2. On longest edges of Headband Covering Piece fold under 1/4" to wrong side. Press in place.
3. Make the horn or ear pieces by sewing 2 sections, right sides together. Clip curves and turn right side out. Stuff firmly with fiberfill leaving 1/4" of the bottom edge free. Baste raw edges together. Repeat for second ear or horn.



4. Fold long edges of Headband Covering piece so that finished edges are even. Press in place. Next, determine the center of the headband - crease this measurement by pressing with iron. Open up Headband Covering piece so that wrong side is up. From the center crease measure down 1 1/2". Place edge of horn section next to this measurement so that basting is even with the creased edge and pin in place. Repeat this step for the second side. (Note: These measurements can be adjusted so that the ears or horns are closer together or further apart depending on your liking). Again, fold up finished edges of Headband Covering so that finished edges are even - however this time, pin them in place.

5. Sew close to finished edges and across earshorns. It may be helpful to switch your machine foot to a zipper foot when sewing across the ear or horns. Slide your finished Headband Covering across purchased headband until hornsears are centered. (Note: Stitching and horns should be centered across the top of the headband.)



6. Fold under raw edges of headband ends (short ends) to wrong side of headband. Hand sew or hot glue in place.

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