

HALLOWEEN HINTS

Halloween Style Goes Gothic

(NAPSA)—If you want to keep this year's Halloween bash from being a bust, try planning a Gothic get-together using the following tips:

- **Dress in the appropriate costume:** As host/hostess, first impressions are crucial to success and going Goth will definitely give a ghostly impression. With extreme black costumes, light-colored makeup and unusual hairstyles, you'll be up to the task. For example, the Gothic Black Widow and Gothic Cape costumes from Spencer Gifts are great Gothic get-ups to shroud you in mystery.

- **Keep everyone entertained:** Continue in the Gothic vein when setting the mood. Choose music that calls forth the horror and mystery that awaits your guests. Any gregorian chant or dead-can-dance-type CD will do the trick. Remember to keep your guests occupied with ghoulish games and activities. Whether creating decorations like tomb-



With a Black Widow costume, you can strike a sinister, seductive pose on Halloween.

stones or giving fortunes with tarot cards, make sure everyone gets involved.

- **The Gothic motif:** Really set the stage for your event with an impressive entryway. For instance, hang a Spencer Gifts Gothic Lantern on each wall. A small fan flickers the faux silk flame to simulate a moving flame and an orange lamp casts the glow of a fire. To complete the eerie entrance to your Gothic get-together, line the hallway with black lights and hang spirals made of foil from the ceiling throughout.

- **Old-time refreshments:** Keep up the eerie atmosphere with devilish treats such as Gummy worm baked apples, Mummy's Eyeballs (made with hard-boiled eggs) and Ghoul-ade. Be sure to keep plenty of dry ice on hand to turn your Ghoul-ade into a frightfully foggy delight.

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Set the mood with the right decorations, such as this Gothic Lantern.