

# HALLOWEEN HINTS

## Ideas For A Haunting Halloween

(NAPSA)—Think twice before throwing out those dead flowers of yours.

Instead, arrange them in a vase with a black ribbon and a little decorative spider's webbing, and you've created a spooky centerpiece for a terrifying Halloween table.

Of course, your "dead" bouquet is just one way to add a creative twist to this year's Halloween celebrations. You can also throw a Halloween breakfast, complete with orange and black table settings and pumpkin pancakes; make your own spooky decorations with the kids; or turn your happy home into a haunted house. The pros at Party City offer this closer look:

### A Spooky Note

Add an extra chill to the air for trick-or-treaters by playing CDs featuring spooky Halloween music and sound effects. Just set your stereo speakers in the windows or on the porch and let the haunting begin.

### Haunted Hunt

Organize a neighborhood Halloween scavenger hunt. Give little ghosts and goblins a list of items to find—think spider rings, Halloween tattoos and candy—and turn them loose. Gather kids back at the house afterward for hot chocolate and Halloween cookies.

You can also get creative when it comes to costumes. For instance, a black turtleneck, black pants and some eyeliner can be the beginning of a creepy black cat



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costume. Just add a pair of cat ears and a tail from the costume store and throw on some black gloves or some black fake fingernails. If you really want to be comfy and warm while making your Halloween rounds, trade in the turtleneck and pants for a black sweat suit.

But regardless of how creative this year's Halloween gets, it's always important to remember some tried-and-true trick-or-treating safety rules:

- Be sure kids know to carry a small flashlight while they're out on Halloween night. (Check the batteries before they leave the house.)
- Never let the kids go it alone. Trick-or-treaters should always travel in groups and have an established meeting spot to go to, should they become separated.

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