

HALLOWEEN HINTS!

Crafty Ways To Scare Up A Fun Time

(NAPSA)—If you are haunted by the notion that Halloween fun is too time-consuming, treat yourself to the fun activity ideas found at a site dedicated to family fun.

FamilyFun.com offers Activity Fun Packs, which include a variety of holiday printables for stickers, magnets, T-shirt iron-ons, goodie bags, invitations and wall decorations—everything you need for a Halloween party or an afternoon of family holiday fun.

Besides the activity kit, the site also has sections on crazy costumes, pumpkin carving, printable decorations and tricky treats.

Here are a few you might like to scare up:

BATTY FINGER PUPPETS:

Strung from the ceiling with nylon thread or fishing line, these bewitchingly winged creatures set a properly spooky party mood.

What you need:

Sheet of paper
Black construction paper
Scissors
Pen
White or silver crayon
Glue
Large pom-pom
2 self-adhesive googly eyes

Time needed: Under 1 hour.

Step 1: To make a batch, create a template by drawing a large bat on a single sheet of paper. Use it to cut as many bats as you like out of black construction paper. Cut finger holes out on the bottom of the bat's body

Step 2. To give the wings dimension, fold them and outline them with white or silver crayon. Glue on a large pom-pom body just below the ears and above the finger holes.

Step 3. Once the glue is dry, stick on two self-adhesive googly eyes.



A treat of a Web site offers crafty ways to make Halloween more fun—such as these picture-perfect pumpkinhead pencils.

PUMPKINHEAD PENCILS:

A great non-candy treat to hand out on Halloween.

What you need:

Large wooden beads (if you can't find orange, paint plain ones) with an opening big enough to accommodate the end of a pencil.
Pencils
Fine-point permanent black marker
Tape

Time Needed: Under 1 hour.

Step 1: Use a permanent black marker to draw a jack-o'-lantern face on the bead.

Step 2: When the ink has dried, slide the bead over the pencil's eraser.

Step 3: If the bead's opening is slightly larger than the pencil, wrap tape around the eraser for a snug fit.

For more frightful ideas, visit www.familyfun.com/halloween.