



## Witches: The Most Wicked Piece of Halloween History

(NAPSA)—Witches and warlocks have had a long history with Halloween. Legends tell of witches gathering twice a year when the seasons changed, on April 30—the eve of May Day—and on October 31, All Hallows Eve.

The witches would gather on these nights, arriving on broomsticks, to celebrate a party hosted by the devil. Superstitions told of witches casting spells on unsuspecting people, transforming them into different forms, and causing other magical mischief.

When the early settlers came to America, they brought along their belief in witches. In America, the legends of witches spread and mixed with the beliefs of others—the Native Americans, who also believed in witches, and then later with the black magic beliefs of African slaves.

This year, you don't have to believe in black magic to glimpse a witch or have one drop by your Halloween party. With a quick



**The Macabre Witch can tower over the proceedings for a frightening effect.**

stop at Spencer Gifts, you'll find a pair of witches who're ready to haunt.

Being over six feet tall, the Macabre Witch stands ready to rule the dead. This wispy-haired hag comes with a "pentagram book" and traditional costume, striking an imposing figure for cacklingly good holiday fun.

Meanwhile, the Flying Witch can be hung from above or mounted on a base. Place a fan under the base of the witches and watch as this crone takes flight.

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**The Flying Witch can really help a party take off.**