

# FOAM BALL JACK-O'-LANTERN SHAKERS

## Materials:

- One 2½" foam ball
- One 3½" foam ball
- One pair orange cotton socks
- Two 12" branches
- 8" length of ¾" green ribbon
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- Black dimensional paint
- Dark green paper cord
- Scrap of fiberfill
- ¼ cup of dried peas
- 8" of taped floral wire
- Thick craft glue
- Mellon baler, needle, pencil, coping saw, scissors, thread

## Instructions:

*Note: Adult supervision is needed when using a saw and cutting wire*

1. **Prepare the shakers.** Use saw to cut the Styrofoam balls in half. Use melon ball scooper to scoop out each half leaving ½" thick walls. Place 1/8 cup of peas in one half of each ball. Glue other half on top of each to put balls back together.
2. **Cover the heads.** Cut 5" from one sock cuff for small shaker and 5½" from second cuff for the other. Slip cuffs over foam balls. Tie thread around cuff ends and pull to gather cuff ends, close to bottom and top of balls. Knot thread. Use eraser ends of pencil to push ends into tops and bottoms of foam balls.
3. **Make stems and handles.** For stems cut two 1" lengths from paper cord. Apply small amount of glue to stem ends and into top of foam balls. For handles, apply a small amount of glue to one end of each branch and push into bottom of each ball.
4. **Make the collars.** Cut ¾" ribbon in half. Sew a running stitch along one 4" side of each ribbon ¼" from the edge. Place collars around handles where they meet the heads. Dark green paper cord Pull needle to gather collars tight. Knot off. Glue collars in place. Cut ¼" ribbon in half tie two bows. Center and glue one bow on front of each collar. Cut ribbon ends at a slant.
5. **Make the Jack O' Lantern faces.** For noses, cut two ½" diameter circles from sock fabric. Sew a running stitch around the circle. Place a tiny piece of fiberfill in middle of each circle. Pull needle to gather thread around fiberfill. Glue noses of faces. Use pencil to draw remaining facial features. Paint the pencil lines black.
6. **Finish up.** For vines, cut floral wire in half. Wrap each wire around a pencil. Pull wire off pencil retaining spirals. Stick one end of each vine in glue. Stick vines in top of jack-o'-lantern next to stems. Cut leaf shapes from unrolled paper cord. Glue leaves around vine.

## WRAP IT UP!

### Materials:

- Paper sacks with handles
- White crepe paper
- Black marker
- Spray adhesive or glue
- Scissors

### Instructions:

1. Cut crepe paper into 4" strips.
2. Spray adhesive onto one corner of the bag and place crepe paper strips on a diagonal toward the center of the bag (crepe paper will hang off the edges of the bag). Spray the opposite corner and repeat with paper strips. Repeat steps for each corner until there is a diamond shape in the middle of the bag without any crepe paper strips.
3. Trim edges of crepe paper even with the bag.
4. Draw mummy's eyes in center diamond.
5. Glue little extra pieces of crepe paper to the mummy in a couple of places and draw stitch marks so it looks like he's been patched up.

## SOCK PUMPKIN

### Materials:

- Old white sock
- Old sock pieces for stuffing
- Rubber band
- Orange and green poster paint
- Paint brush
- Black construction paper
- White glue
- Scissors

### Instructions:

1. Cut the toe half off the foot of the sock. Use the rest of the sock and more sock pieces, if you need them, to stuff the toe to form a round pumpkin. Secure the top with a rubber band, leaving the top of the sock sticking out for the stem.
2. Paint the pumpkin orange and the stem green. Twist the stem while it is wet so it will dry in the shape of a stem. When the paint is dry, glue on a jack-o'-lantern face cut from the black paper.
3. The size of each pumpkin you make will be determined by the size of the sock it is made from. Several stuffed pumpkins can be displayed together with green yarn and paper leaves entwined among them to look like a pumpkin patch.

# HAIRPIN GHOST NECLACE

## Materials:

- Plastic lid from margarine container or coffee can
- Hair pin
- Scraps of black construction paper
- Black thread
- White glue
- Scissors

## Instructions

1. Spread the hairpin apart slightly so that it forms the outline of a ghost. Tie a long black thread around the top of the hairpin. Then tie the two ends of the thread together to make a necklace.
2. Set the hairpin on a plastic margarine lid and use a squeeze bottle of glue to fill the area inside the hairpin. Cut tiny round eyes and a mouth from black construction paper and stick them in the glue near the top of the hairpin for the ghost's face.
3. Place the lid on a completely flat surface to keep the glue from running out of the hairpin, and allow the ghost to dry completely. When the glue is dry, peel the ghost off the lid. Trim off any extra glue that has run over the sides or too far from the bottom of the ghost.
4. When you aren't wearing your little ghost around your neck, you can hang it in a window. It will look very spooky with the light shining through it.

# STUFFED SOCK BAT

## Materials:

- Old black sock

- Stuffing (crumpled newspaper or cotton balls)
- Scissors
- White glue
- Black and white felt or construction paper
- Pipe cleaners
- Red and black yarn.

Instructions:

1. Stuff the foot of a black sock and tie the end with black yarn. Tie the two ends of the yarn together so that you will be able to hang your bat upside down. Trim off the excess sock.
2. Cut eyes, ears, and teeth from the felt or paper and glue them at the toe end of the sock. Give your bat a smile cut from red yarn. For each wing, cut a front and a back piece from the black felt or paper. Glue each front and back together with two or three pieces of pipe cleaners in between, so that the wings can be bent in different shapes. Glue the two wings to the back of your bat so that they stick out and hang the bat upside down (bats' favorite position) to dry.

## JACK O' LANTERN FAVORS

Materials:

- 4" clay pots
- Orange poster/tempera paint
- Black poster/tempera paint
- Green poster/tempera paint
- Old tooth brush
- Large piece of cellophane wrap
- 12" piece of green satin ribbon
- Fun size treats

Instructions:

1. Paint the bottom portion of pot with orange paint and top rim with green paint. Allow to dry.
2. Using black paint (or permanent marker), draw a Jack O' Lantern face on orange portion.
3. Using old toothbrush, splatter the pit with black paint.
4. Place Halloween candy or small party favors in large piece of cellophane wrap.
5. Place the wrap with treats inside the pot, gather up the cellophane and tie a 12" piece of green satin ribbon into a bow.