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Hi Holiday Crafters,

Halloween is right around the corner, which means that it is party time! This eBook was created as a guaranteed guide to help readers like you plan the perfect party for All Hollow's Eve. With recipes and crafts as cute and clever as they are spooky and seasonal, you'll have plenty of great ideas at your disposal. Since this is a holiday based on sweet treats, we've included some of our favorite Halloween recipes that are perfect for trick or treaters and party goers alike. Using your crafty creativity, get started on some of the greatest Halloween crafts and recipes that we have to offer. One of my most cherished memories of Halloween growing up was the spooky scene my family would turn our house into. Do the same with the help of this fabulous eBook, the neighborhood kids will get a kick out of it!

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# **Grown Up Halloween Party**

#### By: Katrina Simeck from Fiskars

Halloween isn't just for kids. With this Grown Up Halloween Party, you'll be celebrating with a touch of sophistication and a splash of spookiness. These Halloween party ideas were created with you in mind. From the table setting to the drinks to the candy, this Grown Up Halloween Party project has you covered. This year the ghosts and goblins are all grown up!



#### **Materials:**

- Black and green olives
- Orange carrots
- Crostini made with white goat cheese
- Green, black and orange decorating marbles
- Black roses
- Hurricane style vases
- Candy corn
- Wine bottle wrappers

- 1) Place green, black and orange decorating marbles at the bottom of clear vases holding black roses.
- 2) Add candles to hurricane style vases; fill the outside with candy corns.
- 3) Paint tree limbs black, add to an orange vase, and then hang festive embellishments from the branches.
- 4) Decorate a witch's hat with accessories.

5) Use black and green olives, orange carrots, and crostini made with white goat cheese to add to the color theme.



- 6) Brew a batch of hot apple cider, and offer cinnamon sticks for some spice.
- 7) Make blood-red cranberry punch by mixing ginger ale with cranberry juice and lemon sherbet.
- 8) Create custom wine bottle wrappers offering "vampire blood" or "witch's brew," or offer a selection of pumpkin ale or other seasonal beers.



# **Cool Spider Web Table Runner**

#### By Melanie from The Crafty Cupboard

Halloween decorations can really make or break a party, so if you want ideas for Halloween decorations to make to impress your guests, you should try this Cool Spider Web Table Runner. The web design of this DIY table runner is elegant and spooky at the same time and is one of those Halloween party table decorations that sets the mood.



#### **Materials:**

- Black 72" felt
- Spiderweb design
- Orange fabric

- 1) Cut the black felt straight 16" wide.
- 2) Draw a spiderweb design on a piece of paper.



3) Trace the outline of the spider web onto the felt with a white crayon.



- 4) Cut out all the negative space from the spider web designs, leaving a border around the whole thing.
- 5) Cut 1 yard of orange fabric in half long-ways, and sew the ends together to make a long, narrow runner.



6) Hem all the sides and add any decorative things necessary.



# **Faux Bloody Votives**

#### By <u>Erin from Schlosser Designs</u>

Already spent a fortune and little money for accessories for your wedding dress? The flower appliqued bridal headband is a great money saver. Simply pick up a flower applique at a local craft store and a headband. This is an elegant way for you, the bride, to dress up your look.



#### **Materials:**

- Glass Votives
- Red acrylic paint

#### **Instructions:**

1) Wash votives so they are fingerprint free.



2) Hold the votive at an angle and put a bead of acrylic paint around the inner top edge of the votive.



- 3) Tap the bottom of your votive on the counter top to get the drip effect.
- 4) Let dry and drop in LED tea lights.



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## **Surprise Party Favors**

#### By: Molly de Aguiar from Charlotte's Fancy

If you're planning a Halloween party and want a fun idea your guests will love, you should make these Surprise Party Favors. Using crepe paper to decorate these adorable Halloween crafts is such a clever idea... and so simple to do! Kids will be so excited by the element of surprise of these party favors, and you'll love them because they are such easy crafts for Halloween parties!



#### **Materials:**

- Orange and black crepe paper cut into strips of about 36"
- Small plastic balls
- Small Halloween trinkets and treats
- Halloween stickers and/or ribbon

- 1) Put a couple of treats in the plastic ball.
- 2) Take the first length of crepe paper and wrap it around the ball.
- 3) Pull the crepe paper tight as you wrap.



4) Lay another treat on top of the ball and wrap another layer of crepe paper around it.



- 5) Keep adding the trinkets and wrapping.
- 6) Secure the end with a sticker or piece of tape.



# **Creepy Yarn Spider Eggs**

#### By Heidi from Honeybear Lane

Imagine these Creepy Yarn Spider Eggs hanging from the ceiling at your Halloween party. How spooky! We love how these homemade Halloween decorations make such a clever use of yarn and can't wait to make them as part of our homemade Halloween decor! Learn how easy these spider crafts are to make by checking out this tutorial.



#### **Materials:**

- Yarn
- Liquid Starch
- Some flour
- Balloons
- Cheap spider rings
- Ribbon

#### **Instructions:**

1) In a medium size bowl, mix liquid starch and flour.



- 2) Cut off a long piece of yarn and blow up some balloons.
- 3) Soak the yarn in the starch/flower mixture.



4) Start wrapping the soaked yarn around the balloon.



- 5) Cover most of the balloon but not all of it.
- 6) After balloons of varying sizes are wrapped, hang them up to dry for 24 hours.



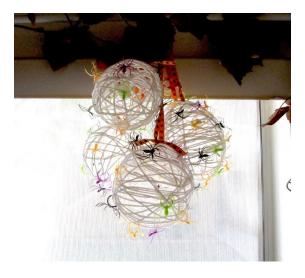
7) Once dry, pop the balloons inside.



8) Stick the spiders on by attaching the ring part to the string.



9) Hang up with Halloween-themed ribbon.



#### **Halloween Peanut Butter Treats**

#### By: Brittany from One Charming Party

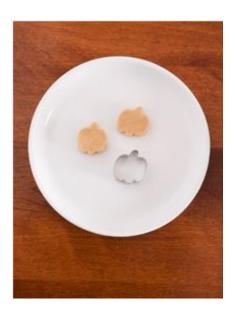
Need an edible Halloween decoration to add spooky sparkle to your party? These bat and cat shaped Halloween Peanut Butter Treats are a tasty craft idea that are as good looking as they are good tasting!



#### **Materials:**

- 1 cup smooth peanut butter
- 1/3 cup softened butter
- 1 lb powdered sugar
- Chocolate for melting
- Nonpareils for the eyes

- 1) Mix the butter & peanut butter until smooth using a stand mixer with the paddle attachment.
- 2) Slowly add the powdered sugar until it forms a stiff but moldable soft dough.
- 3) Roll out the peanut butter dough with a rolling pin to a 1/2 inch thickness.
- 5) Use mini cookie cutters in Halloween shapes.



- 6) Melt the chocolate in a double boiler on the stove top or in a glass dish in the microwave.
- 7) Dip the shapes into the chocolate with a fork and place onto wax paper or parchment to cool.



8) Place nonpareils or jimmies into the uncooled chocolate where eyes would be.



9) Use a thin metal spatula to remove them from the parchment to avoid getting finger prints on the bats, cats, pumpkins and ghosts.

## **Easy Nutty Ghost Cookies**

#### By: Abby Wlker from Feathered Nest

Always a classic wedding decoration, the name pomander actually comes from the French for a ball of perfume. It's a fitting name because when you look at these Pretty Paper Pomanders, you can almost smell a fresh flower scent! Using a handy paper punch, a Styrofoam ball and a ton of pearl-tipped pins, you can create your own chic DIY wedding pomanders for your big day! Find out how it's done with this tutorial.



#### **Materials:**

- Almond Bark
- Nutter Butter cookies
- Tiny chocolate chips

- 1) Melt the almond bark in a microwave for 20-30 seconds at a time, stirring until smooth.
- 2) Dip the cookies and roll them around with a fork.
- 3)Lift each cookie out, tap off the excess, and set them on waxed paper.
- 3) Put the eyes on before the chocolate hardens, and you're finished!

# **Chocolate Covered Strawberry Ghosts**

#### By Michele from Muffin Tin Mom

There are tons of great Halloween treat ideas, but sometimes you just want something easy like these Chocolate Covered Strawberry Ghosts. These spooky Halloween treats are a perfect activity to do with your kids. They'll love adding fun faces to their Halloween ghost treats, and you'll enjoy eating the fruits of their labor!



#### **Materials:**

- Strawberries
- 1 package white chocolate or almond bark
- Baking sheet
- Wax paper
- Chocolate sprinkles or chocolate chips

- 1) Line a baking sheet with wax paper
- 2) Slice the tops off of your strawberries.
- 3) Melt chocolate as directed on package
- 4) Dip the pointed end of the strawberries in the chocolate and lay them, flat end down on the baking sheet.
- 5) Apply sprinkles or chocolate chips for the eyes and mouth.

# **Spider Web Cookies**

#### By: <u>Heather from The Sadleirs</u>

Don't worry, there's no creepy crawly critter on these Spider web Cookies! If you want to make beautiful Halloween cookies like these to give to friends and neighbors, this easy tutorial will show you how. All you need to make these edible Halloween gifts is a web-shaped cookie cutter and some black and white frosting. These are also fun Halloween treats kids can make because they're so easy to design!



#### **Materials:**

- Your favorite sugar cookie recipe
- White and black frosting
- Ziploc baggies
- Toothpicks

#### **Instructions:**

1) Make your favorite sugar cookie recipe; cut them out into spider webs.



2) Then frost them with white frosting.



3) Put black frosting in a Ziploc bag, snip the corner of the bag, and make a spiral design on the top of the cookie.



4) Drag a toothpick from the center to the edge of the cookie; do this all the way around the cookie.



5) Add fake spiders to the center of each web.



6) Wrap them up and pass them out.



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