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Ranger Rick's Fall Fun Guide



Full of Fall Activities
Tasty Recipes and Creative Crafts!



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GHOUlish Goodies

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It's Halloween! Why not cook up some of these creepy creations and have a party?

Frightful Fingers

- 1 cup sugar
- ½ cup butter (1 stick, softened)
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 2 eggs
- 2½ cups flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- whole almonds
- green food coloring (optional)
- toothpick (optional)

1. Combine the sugar, butter, and vanilla in a large mixing bowl. (For Frankenstein fingers, add some green food coloring.) Add the eggs and mix well.
2. Stir in the flour and baking powder. Knead until dough is smooth. (If the dough is sticky, add a little more flour.)
3. Gently tear off pieces of dough and form finger shapes. Press an almond into the tip of each cookie for a fingernail. You can use a toothpick to make knuckle marks.
4. Place on a greased cookie sheet and bake at 350° for 8 to 10 minutes. (Ask an adult to help.)

Pumpkin Shake

- ¾ cup canned pumpkin
- 1 cup milk
- 2 cups vanilla ice cream or frozen yogurt
- 1 tablespoon powdered sugar
- ¼ teaspoon cinnamon
- ¼ teaspoon nutmeg

Combine ingredients in a blender until smooth. For a Halloween touch, add a bat straw (see next page).



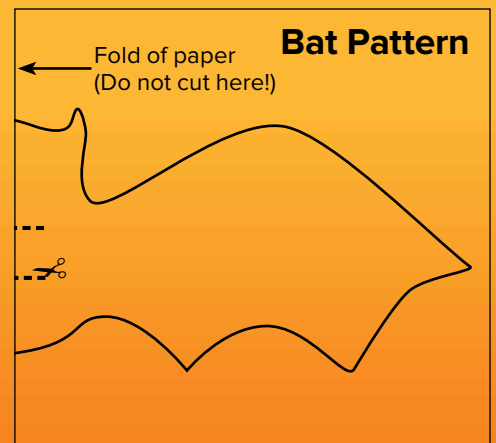
Tortilla-Chip Pumpkins

- 1 package of soft corn tortillas
 - ¼ cup vegetable or olive oil
 - salt
 - chili powder (optional)
 - pastry brush or paintbrush
 - pumpkin-shaped cookie cutters (available at many craft stores)
 - small bowl
 - cookie sheet
 - red and yellow food coloring
1. Use the cookie cutters to cut out pumpkin shapes from the tortillas.
 2. Pour the oil into a small bowl. Then add 2 drops of red food coloring and 5 drops of yellow. Wait a few minutes and then stir to blend coloring with oil.
 3. Dip the brush in the oil and then “paint” both sides of each cut-out until it’s well coated.
 4. Place the chips on an ungreased cookie sheet and sprinkle with salt. (For spicy chips, sprinkle on some chili powder.) Bake at 350° for 10 minutes or until crispy. (Ask an adult to help.)

Bat Straw

- bat pattern (see at right)
- black construction paper
- tracing paper (optional)
- pencil
- scissors
- drinking straw

1. Fold a piece of black construction paper in half. Trace or draw the bat pattern onto the folded paper, as shown.
2. Keeping the paper folded in half, cut out the bat shape. Then cut on the two dotted lines.
3. Open the bat and poke a straw through the pop-up flap on the bat’s back.





Spooky Spiders

- large marshmallows
- tub of chocolate or vanilla frosting
- package of black or chocolate licorice whips or sticks (for the legs)
- sprinkles
- candies (for the eyes)
- red and yellow food coloring (optional)
- spoon
- scissors or knife

For each spider:

1. With an adult's help, melt the frosting in the microwave. For an orange spider, use vanilla frosting and add a few drops of red and yellow food coloring once it's melted. For a dark spider, use chocolate frosting.
2. Use the melted frosting to "glue" two marshmallows together.
3. For the spider's legs, cut the licorice into eight pieces, each about three inches long. Push four pieces into each side of the marshmallow body.
4. Spoon the melted frosting over the spider until it's completely covered. While the frosting is still warm, pour the sprinkles over the spider. Press in two small candies for eyes. 🕷️



MAKE A MASK

Decorate your room and other spaces with one—or more—of these wild animal faces!

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CARDINAL



LEOPARD

WHAT YOU DO (FOR ONE MASK)

1. To create a 3D face, make a dot in the center of a plate (bottom side) with a pencil. Draw a line from the dot to the rim of the plate. Cut along this line with scissors. Slide one side of the rim over the other, overlapping by 1½ inches. Staple together.
2. Cut out the nose and ear (or tail) patterns from another paper plate.
3. For the nose, cut and fold along the lines as indicated in the pattern, then glue or staple in place. (If using glue, hold together with paper clips until the glue has dried.)

4. Brush two coats of paint over the plate and patterns you've cut out. Once the paint dries, glue or staple the pattern pieces to the plate, as shown.

5. Cut facial features (such as eyes, spots, nostrils, and tongue) from colored paper. Arrange them on the plate and glue in place. If you want, use googly eyes or buttons instead of paper eyes. You could also paint features on the plate.



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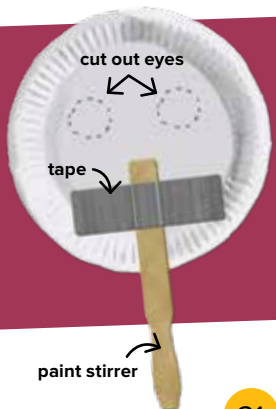


FOX



KOALA

Want to use one of these masks for Halloween? Ask an adult to help you cut holes for your eyes. Then attach a paper-towel tube or paint stirrer to the back of the mask at the bottom for a handle. 🦊



MASK DIAGRAM BY GREG HUDSON

paint stirrer