

Trick or treating isn't everyone's bag. Some families prefer to celebrate Halloween from the comfort of their own home and we've put together a great activity guide to help make it a fun night in for everyone!

# COSTUMES

Celebrating at home doesn't mean you shouldn't step out in your scariest, funniest, spookiest or cutest costume. But before you head out to buy a brand new costume, check what you already have in your wardrobe. Try sharing and swapping costume accessories between family members and if needed, a trip to your local second-hand clothing store could be the perfect option to complete your Halloween outfit.

# DECORATIONS

Create a spooky atmosphere and liven up your living area with some home made Halloween decorations. Think wastefree and by using what you already have, create an afternoon craft project for the whole family to join in!

1. Cut out cardboard shapes (think bats, spiders & witches hats) from packaging, cereal and tissue boxes. Paint or colour your shapes and once dry, thread onto a length of string to be hung in the doorway or across a wall.

2. Create mini ghosts to hang around the room using tissue paper or fabric from old clothing or sheets. Simply scrunch some paper/fabric into a ball to create the ghost's head, then tie a larger piece of paper/fabric around, securing with a piece of string. Ensure there's enough fabric to drape down and create the 'body' of your ghost. Use a felt pen to draw a scary or funny face!

3. Save your used, clean jars from the recycling bin and give them a second life as a spooky tealight holder. Paint the outside of your jars with creepy (or cute!) Halloween faces and place a battery operated tealight candle inside. Position around the room and enjoy!

# FOOD

Baking and creating terrible treats and horribly wholesome foods for your Halloween party can be a lot of fun! It's surprprising just how easy it can be to create novelty dishes from every day ingredients you have at home. How about some carved roasted potatoes or perhaps ghoulish green spaghetti for dinner? See our <u>blog</u> for some great food ideas for your Halloween party at home.





### GAMES HALLOWEEN SCAVENGER HUNT

Shopping list: 1x paper bag of treats

How to play:

- 1. Gather all the children and ask them to gather these items they can find around the house.
- 2. Once they bring the items back to you, have them placed in a pile.
- 3. Give them the next item to find.

4. Once all items have been collected the game is over. You can give them the winning bag of treats. Though if you want to you can ask the children to put all the items back in their rightful place to get the bag of treats.

List:

Superhero toy/costume	A leaf
Ghost	Spider
A white sheet	Hat

Something orange Something purple A sock Plush Toy Animal Toothbrush

#### HALLOWEEN TREASURE HUNT

Shopping list per child/hunter:

- 6x paper bags
- 6x pieces of string
- 100g Sour Squiggles
- 100g TV mix
- 2 x Milk Chocolate Freeze-Dried Strawberries

How To Play:

- Prepare the treat bags. You will need 6 for each child. Fill each bag with a treat or two, tie it with some string.
- 2. Gather the children and have them all stay in one bedroom.
- Hide the treat bags around the house in the places where the clue will lead them (skip ahead to read 'Treasure Hunt Clues'.
- 4. Ask the children to meet you in the middle of the house where you will give them the clue

Treasure Hunt Clues:

- 1. Witches like to fly around their fort, go to the place where you can find their mode of trans port (broom).
- 2. Creep and Crawl over to a seat, then try looking underneath (under the dining chairs).
- Black cats might cross your path, but I'm sure you won't see them taking a bath (bathtub).
- 4. Another spooky clue must be told, look where our milk and juice stays cold (fridge).
- 5. Even goblins, bats and ghosts get scared by scarecrows, maybe you'd better go hide behind your clothes (wardrobe)
- 6. Look into the warloads pouch. The next treat is behind, near, or under the couch (couch).

