



Carve a pumpkin

What you need

- An old newspaper
- A pumpkin – whatever size you like
- A serrated knife
- A big spoon
- A marker pen, like a Sharpie

Instructions

First, lay the newspaper down so you don't make a terrible mess. Now, get your pumpkin and cut all the way around the top, just under the stalk, using the serrated knife. It's best to get an adult to help with this, as you could cut yourself if you slip. Lift off the top and use the spoon to scoop out all the pumpkin's guts – the seeds and fibres, as well as some of the flesh. Now, using the marker, design the pumpkin's face. If you need some inspiration, why not do a Google search to find the scariest possible version? Carefully use the knife to cut out the eyes, nose and mouth. Make sure you cut all the way through. Now, put a tealight inside and ask an adult to light it to make a spooky glow. Make sure you send a picture of your pumpkin to the email address at the bottom of the page. We'll show the freakiest on the Over to you pages.

Give your pumpkin a face.

WARNING!

Ask an adult for help before using sharp knives, and never leave a lit candle unguarded.



TOP TIP

Pop fake, plastic spiders in your cotton-wool webs for a freak-tastic Halloween decoration.

Make your house spooky with cobwebs.



Make fake cobwebs

What you need

- Cotton wool
- A warm radiator

Instructions

Halloween is the spookiest night of the year, and to get into the spirit you'll need to create the right atmosphere. The most important decorations are plenty of cobwebs – after all, there's not much scarier than a spider's lair. Cobwebs are simple to make. All you need to do is warm a few balls of cotton wool on a radiator. When the cotton wool is nice and soft, stretch and tease it apart into strands, then you can drape it wherever you want. Now, dim the lights – and watch out for ghosts.

Go bobbing for apples

What you need

- A large tub
- Water
- Apples
- A stopwatch

Instructions

This classic autumn game has been played since Romans invaded Britain's shores almost 2,000 years ago. All you need to do is fill the basin about three quarters full with water, and then drop in the apples. The aim of the game is to try and catch a floating apple with your teeth – no hands allowed. The person able to catch an apple and get it out of the tub in the fastest time is the winner.



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