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Halloween is a fun holiday to decorate. Most of the décor will work for the whole fall season, and your house will

look festive for months with just a little bit of work.

There's just something about candles, which set both a warm and spooky mood. Pick out candles in the colors of fall, or black candles if you want to decorate for Halloween specifically.

Decorate clear glass votive candle holders with paint pens, drawing leaves and pumpkins or ghosts and witches in black and orange. Or paint stripes on a glass or terra cotta candle holder to make it look like candy corn.

Speaking of candy corn, fill a shallow dish with the sweet treat and then "float" candles on it (don't let people eat from this bowl).

Make fun spiders to decorate the house with the individual cups of an egg carton. Paint them black, then attach black pipe cleaners for legs and googly eyes. And don't forget to make some quick ghosts out of old sheets, with batting or fabric for a head. You can paint a face on them or not.

Pumpkins are great for decorating inside and out, whether you carve them or not. Or, instead of carving this year, why not paint the scary or funny face on your pumpkin this year? Bring in some fall leaves and acorns and you'll have a beautiful harvest centerpiece that will serve you through Halloween and beyond.

You can make wall hangings with cutouts of bats, spiders and pumpkins. Decorate plastic cups to hold candy or drinks.



Mobile

What you will need:

- Printed templates
- Glue
- String
- Scissors
- Hole punch
- Beads
- Contact paper



How to do it:

Color and cut out the characters.

If you want to waterproof your mobile, you can laminate the pictures using contact paper.



Another way to make a longer lasting mobile is to make the Halloween characters out of craft foam.



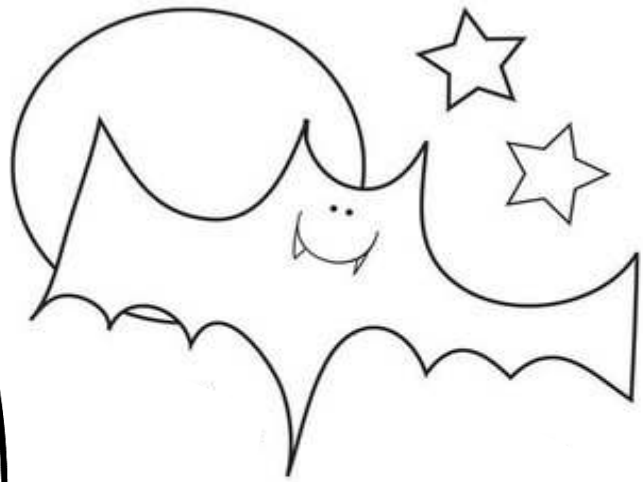
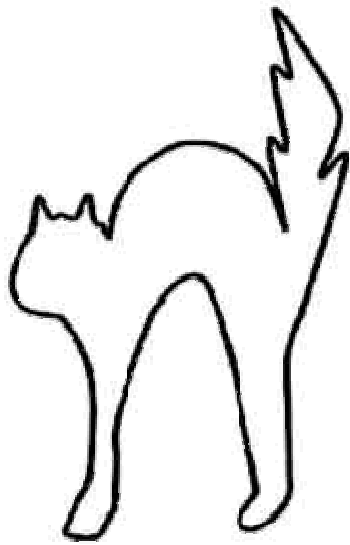
Punch a pair of holes on the Halloween characters - one on top and one at the bottom. Make an exception for the bottom piece, which should only have a hole on top.

Connect the pieces together with string. You may string some beads as you go along. The beads add weight and also give your mobile an added charm. Don't forget to tie a string around the upper hole of the topmost piece.



When you finish connecting all the pieces, hang your mobile where it can rotate freely.





Template

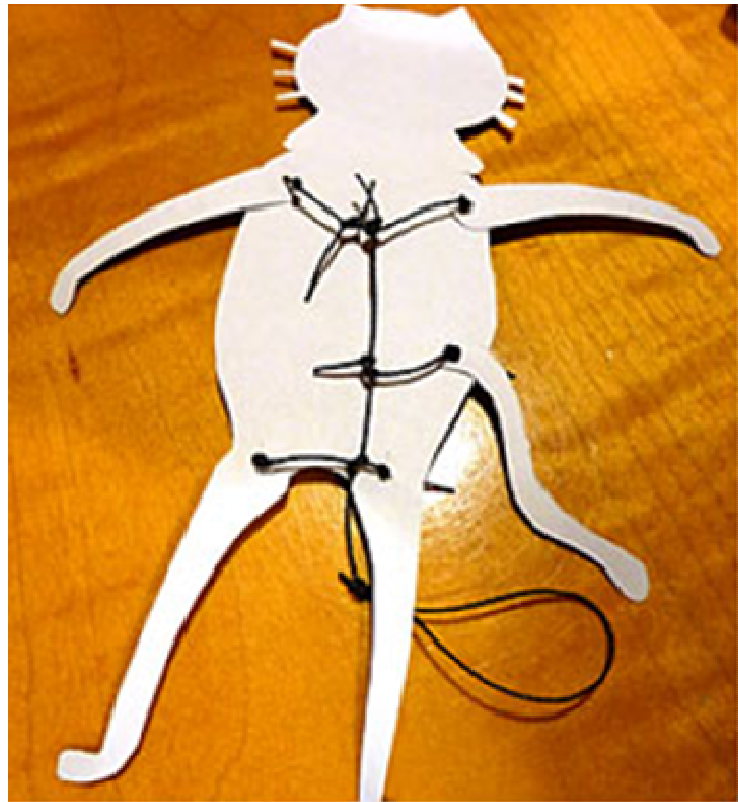
Dancing Cat

What you will need:

- Printable Cardboard Paper
- Scissors
- String or cord
- Glue
- Hole Puncher

How to do it:

- Print cat and cut out all parts.
- Punch holes in white and green spots.
- Cut 5 pieces of string
- Make a knot on one end of each string.
- Thread strings, from the front, through holes in body and attach arms, legs and tail at "white" spots and tie a knot on the back side.
- Cut off ends and then apply a tiny dab of glue to knots and let dry.
- Cut 4 lengths of string and connect arms with a string, slightly loose, and tie off ends. You are now working with the green spots.
- Repeat with legs. Now, connect the top string and bottom string, tightly.
- Attach another string to this vertical string to connect the tail.
- Poke a hole in the top of the cat's head and thread string through.
- Make a loop at the other end so Cat can hang around and be made to dance.
- Cut another piece of string and make a loop at one end of the string to allow for a finger to dance the cat.
- Tie other end around the string that connects the two legs.



Tips:

- **Kids can hang from a doorknob or cabinet knob, for example.
- ** Makes a cute Halloween craft to decorate the house.

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