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Dear Crafters,

Halloween is such a spooky time of year! Scary costumes, creepy music, and terrifying décor are just a few elements that make this holiday utterly frightening. But Halloween is also a great deal of fun. With all of this excitement, it's no wonder Halloween is a delightful time of year for crafting. Sewists make their own Halloween costumes, party planners throw one heck of a rave, and paper crafters make all sorts of adorable Halloween projects!

With this free eBook, you will have an opportunity to make an array of Halloween paper crafts. Find homemade Halloween decorations, treat bag ideas, and other fun projects in this collection. You can even get away with printing out your decorations by using a few of the included free printables. With the help of a selection of fun tutorials and a whole lot of paper, you will make your Halloween spookier than ever!

Happy Halloween!

Sincerely,

Dana Byerwalter

Editor of AllFreePaperCrafts.com

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Homemade Halloween Decorations



Distressed Vintage Photo and Frame

By: Heather Mann from Dollar Store Crafts

Make super scary DIY Halloween decorations that are as simple as they are spine-tingling. Though you'll use brand new materials for this Distressed Vintage Photo and Frame, this craft will look at least a hundred years old by the time you're finished with it. People tend to stick to the same creepy icons every year. Don't get caught in a creative rut! Give the bats and ghosts a rest and show off these scary portraits instead. They're sure to spook the little goblins and ghouls who drop by your home this October.

Materials:

- 8" x 10" Framed mirror
- 1 Sheet of Craft Attitude Film
- Dark Acrylic Paint or Antiquing Glaze
- An old-timey photograph (this one is from the Graphics Fairy: <u>Vintage Clip Art – Sisters</u>)
- Craft Knife (with a sharp blade)
- Paint brush
- Tissue

Instructions:

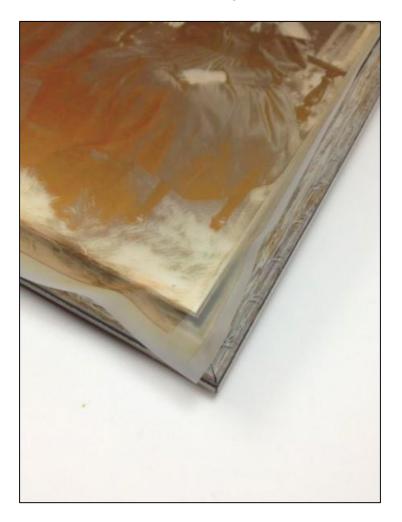
1. Print your desired photo onto Craft Attitude film using your favorite photo editing program and your inkjet printer. Note: Because Craft Attitude prints on the reverse side of the film, don't forget to flip the photo (it should be under printing options) as you print, if desired.

Fun Fact: Daguerreotypes were actually printed backward, so it's kind of a nerdtastic touch to leave the image reversed, but if you have words in the image, you will want the image to print the correct orientation.

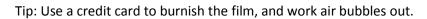
- 2. Clean the mirror with glass cleaner (or vinegar) and allow it to dry.
- 3. Gently lay the image down on the mirror, centering image, and avoid trapping air bubbles beneath. Usually you use glue with Craft Attitude, but I found that the film stuck right to my mirror with no adhesive. Because the film wanted to stick to the mirror, it was slightly tricky to get the film to lay perfectly flat with no air bubbles. Read the next step for a tip to deal with the bubbles.

See photo on next page.





4. With a sharp craft knife (new blade is recommended!), trim the film right at the edge of the frame. Remove excess film.







5. Next, antique the frame. Use antiquing glaze or you can use dark acrylic paint (black or brown).

To antique: paint a thick-ish layer of antiquing glaze or paint onto the frame, then wipe most of it off with a tissue. I also added some splotches of antiquing gel around the edges and corners of the picture to dirty it up a little and make it look a little older.







6. Let the frame dry, and you're done!









Quilled Spider Picture FrameBy: Ann Martin from All Things Paper

Make Halloween memorable for your child with this easy craft. You can make this Quilled Spider Picture Frame to display a photo of your child in his or her Halloween costume. Homemade picture frames like this are a great way to get your kids involved in crafting. Your child can help lay out the paper spider web on the frame for the decorative spider. Check out the tutorial to learn how to quill paper and create a picture frame that is sure to grab your house guests' attention. Don't forget to embellish the frame with other decorations like bats and pumpkins.

Materials:

- Quilling Paper 1/8 Inch Black, Orange
- Quilling tool Needle Tool or Slotted Tool, whichever you prefer.
- Glue any kind that's suitable for paper
- Scissors detail
- Ruler
- Tweezers
- Paper Piercing Tool or T Pin
- Glass Head Pins
- Plastic Lid to use as a glue palette

- Non-stick Workboard cork, Styrofoam, waxed paper over foam core board (something into which you can stick pins)
- Damp Cloth to keep fingers free of glue
- Photo Frame paper mache
- Mulberry Paper Orange
- Glue Stick to adhere mulberry paper to frame
- Buttons pumpkin, 2
- Pliers to snap shanks off

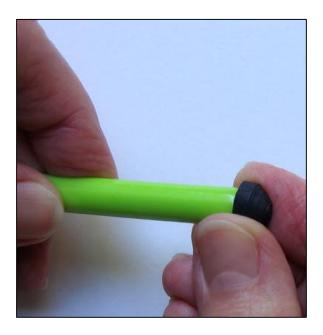
Spider Instructions:

1. **Body:** Roll a 24 inch strip of black paper on quilling tool. Glue torn end (a torn edge blends best) and slide this tight coil off tool.

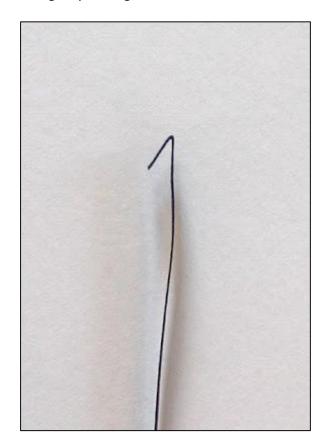
Use the end of tool or a fingertip to press against one side of the coil to give it a rounded shape. Pinch this domed coil between thumb and index finger to form an oval. Apply glue to underside to preserve curve.

See photo on next page.



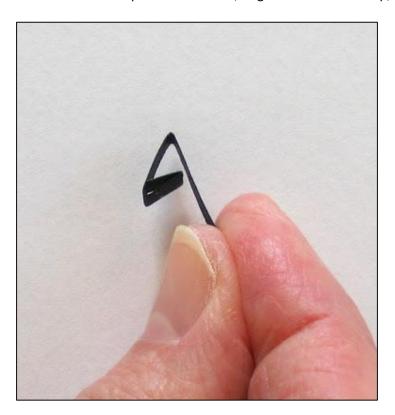


- 2. **Head:** Roll a 10 inch strip and proceed as for body, making a domed tight coil. Glue head to body.
- 3. Legs: Make 4 pairs of legs two short pairs (4 loops) and two long pairs (7 loops)
 - a. Begin by making a 1/8 inch fold at one end of a black strip.





b. Make a loose loop around the fold, larger than the first loop, encircling it.



c. Holding loops at bottom, continue wrapping strip to create more loops, making each one about 1/8 inch taller than the previous loop.





- d. Glue strip at bottom and cut off any excess.
- e. Hold at glue join and slide thumb and index finger of opposite hand along sides of loops, pinching them to form a narrow 'leg' column.
- f. Bend leg and glue to side of body as pictured. (Tweezers are essential when handling small parts.)



- 4. Eyes: (make 2) Make a 2 inch black, domed tight coil. Pinch into oval shape. Glue on head.
- 5. Antennae: (make 2) Follow directions as for legs (2 loops). Curve and glue on head between eyes and front legs.
- 6. **Marquise:** Cut a 4 inch strip of orange quilling paper lengthwise in half. Roll one of the strips; allow coil to expand, slide it off tool, and glue end. Pinch at two opposite points to make a marquise shape. Center and glue marquise on spider's back.
- 7. Glue the heart "window" onto the card base.

Covered Frame Instructions:

1. A papier mache frame is inexpensive and can be found at any big box arts and crafts store. To cover it, separate the front from the backing and coat front surface with glue (glue stick is easiest). Next, apply a sheet of orange mulberry paper and fold the corners around to the back as if wrapping a package.

For the oval photo area, make a slice through the mulberry paper that covers the oval and trim away all but a half inch of paper that extends beyond the oval margin. Make cuts every inch or so around the oval,



perpendicular to the frame, forming tabs. Fold these tabs to the back of the frame front and glue them in place. This gives the edge a finished look. Then glue the two frame parts back together, laying a heavy book or two on top while the glue dries completely.

Spider Web Instructions:

1. The web is made of black quilling strips. For the cross pieces, trim the ends with scissors to give a curved effect. Glue each strip on the frame referring to the picture. Use either liquid glue or a glue stick... this can get a bit messy, so keep a damp cloth handy to wipe your fingers. If you get some glue on the front of the strips, fear not... simply wipe off with the cloth before the glue has a chance to dry completely.

Holding spider with tweezers, dip its underside in a glue puddle you've spread on a plastic lid. Place it where desired on the web.



Final Step - Buttons:

1. Cut shanks off two little pumpkin buttons so they'll lie flat and glue them on the right side of the frame.





Happy Halloween Printable Banner and Bats By: Lia Griffith from Handcraft Your Life

Celebrate Halloween with homemade decorations! The Happy Halloween Printable Banner and Bats are fabulous Halloween party decorations for your home. The banner is designed in perfect Halloween colors, and the bats are super easy to make. Simply print and cut the banner and bats from the provided templates. The banner strings together in a cinch, and the spooky bats hang from the ceiling and look scary! These printable Halloween decorations will look excellent in your home.

Materials:

- 16 Pieces of Printer Paper
- Printer
- Free Printable Template

Click here to download the Halloween Banner Printable.















Easy Peasy Paper Pumpkins By: Jodi Baune from Dancing In the Rain

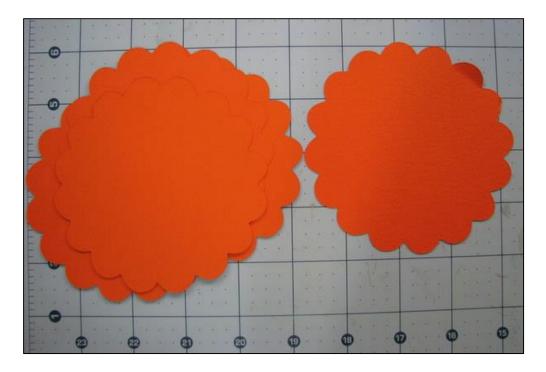
Everyone loves decorating for Halloween, but cleaning up is a different story. Make these Easy Peasy Paper Pumpkins to simplify your November 1st cleaning process. Instead of real pumpkins, which can smell bad as they rot, these homemade Halloween decorations can be used year after year. This is a great craft to make with your kids in the fall. You'll only need a few supplies, and you can decorate the pumpkins however you want. Don't waste money on decorations you'll have to trash when you can teach each of your kids how to make a paper pumpkin instead.

Materials:

- Orange Cardstock
- Green Scrap Cardstock
- Black Cardstock (optional)
- Circle Punch/Stencil/Cutting Tool
- Adhesive

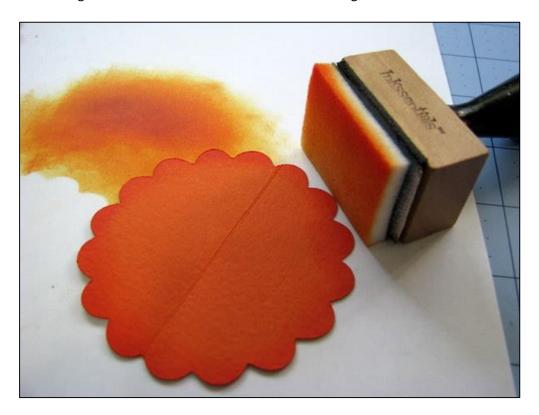
Instructions:

1. Cut 6-10 circles of the same size. More circles will create a fuller pumpkin. You can use six 3" circles for the smaller pumpkin, and the larger eight 4" circles. Cut scallop circles with the Cricut and Storybook cartridge.

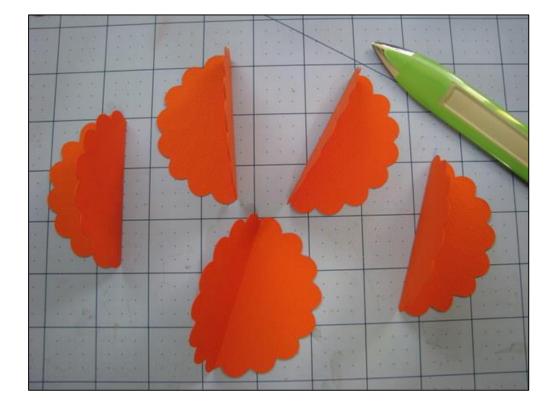




2. Ink the edges with the Tim Holtz Distress Inks for shading and dimension.



3. If you wish to emboss your circles, do so now. Next, fold your circles in half.

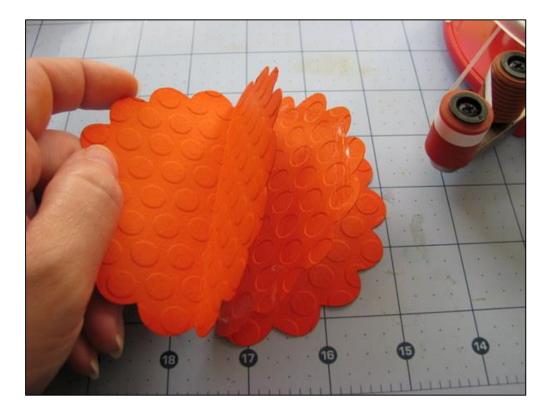




4. Apply adhesive to one half of your circle.

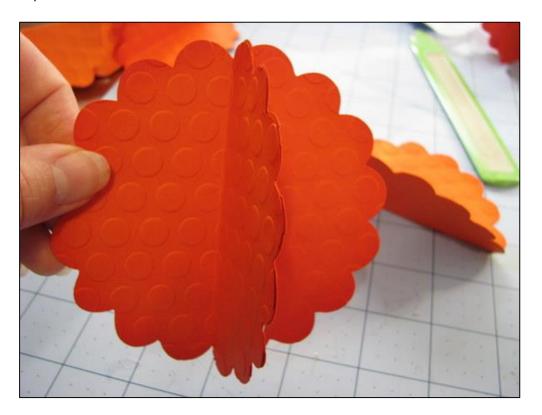


5. Lining up the edges, place the adhesive side to half of a second circle. Add the next circle to the back of the other half.

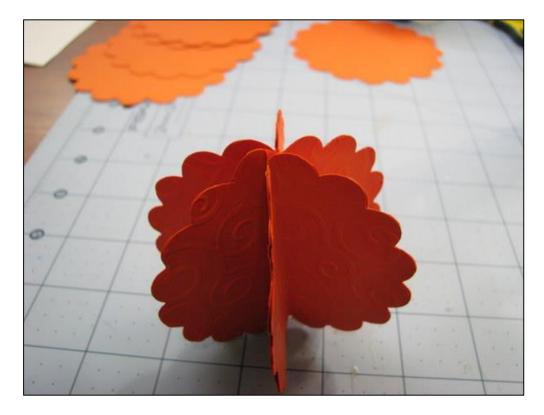




6. Repeat 4 & 5 until all the circles are attached to each other.



When all the circles are connected, you should have this.





7. To make the stem, tightly wind a strip of brown cardstock, then glue to the top of the pumpkin. Used 1/4"x3" for the smaller pumpkin, and 3/4"x5" for the larger.



8. Cut the leaves freehand, ink the edges, and fold for dimension. To create the green curls, wind narrow strips around a pencil and cut them to desired length. You can use a variety of green shades...just because!





9. Apply adhesive to leaves and curls. Attach to pumpkin. This is the completed project:







Spooky Halloween Candle Wrap By: Angie Holden from The Country Chic Cottage

Spend time crafting with goblins and ghouls this Halloween. Create a Spooky Halloween Candle Wrap as a great home decor craft to spruce up your home. If you have a plain candle, create a spooky candle wrap that screams 'BOO' at anyone who passes it by. Family members and guests are sure to be scared of this Halloween paper craft, and that's exactly the point. Turn your home into a creepy, crawly place filled with Halloween spirit with this home decor craft.

Materials:

- Candle
- Wide Black Ribbon or Black Paper
- BOO Stencil (optional)

- Pencil or Chalk
- Craft Knife
- Tape

Instructions:

1. Trace around your letters on the black paper or ribbon. Chalk shows up the best and wipes right off the black paper or ribbon, but a pencil will totally work too!





2. Cut them out with a craft knife.

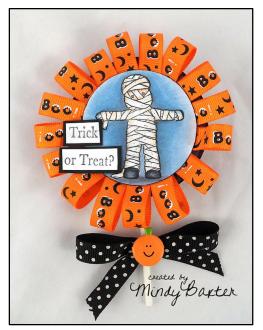


3. Wrap it around your candle and tape it in the back.





Halloween Treat Bag Ideas



Halloween Candy Pops

By: Mindy Baxter from Stampin Mindy's Creative Clutter

With one simple paper craft, you can make your Halloween treats the talk among all your trick-or-treaters. These Halloween Candy Pops are absolutely adorable and are a simple way to add some sweetness to the spookiest time of year. Paper crafts for Halloween are both fun and inexpensive, making them an obvious go-to project. Follow along with this photo tutorial for the best idea on what to make for Halloween. You'll have fun making these treats, and your guests will surely love them.

Materials:

- Halloween Images
- Plastic Domes / Cups for Candy
- Candy
- Black Card Stock
- Halloween Ribbon

- Lollipop Sticks
- Scor-Tape
- Scissors
- Coloring Supplies

Instructions:

1. Gather your plastic cup things (these are Stampin' Up! ones). Then cut out your image. Get a different color piece of cardstock and cut another circle a size bigger.





2. Poke a hole in the cup to fit the stick of the sucker through, and then add more candy, if you wish. Then glue the cup to the colored cardstock.



3. On the other side, add some Scor-Tape along the outer edges.





4. Take strips of ribbon and make a border all around.



Here's how it looks on the other side. Pretty cute, right?!





5. Add more Scor-Tape going all the way around and then make loops with your ribbon.

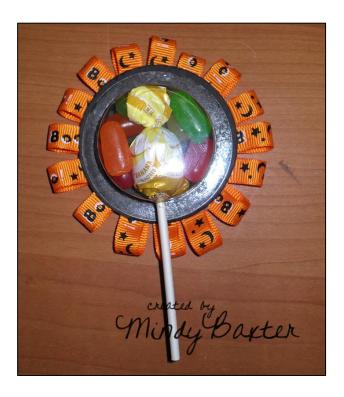


6. Color your image and add it to the pop.

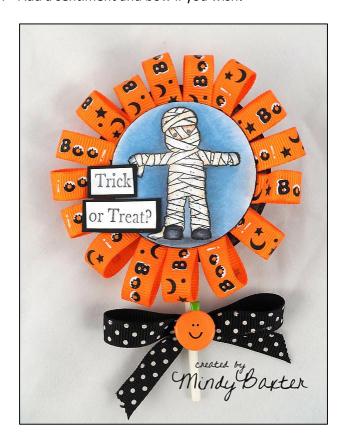




Here's the back.



7. Add a sentiment and bow if you wish!







Spooky Fence Gift Box

By: Erica Cerwin from Pink Buckaroo Designs

Give out Halloween treats by doing some paper crafting. This Spooky Fence Gift Box is the perfect way to give your friends or party goers an awesome Halloween-themed treat. Creative gift packing like this box can be hard to come by, so take advantage of this tutorial. You'll have a blast decorating these DIY gift boxes, which are sure to make all your friends smile. Grab your best cardstock, some black paint, and muster up all your creativity for this Halloween craft. When you're done, just stick it in the bottom of a clear gift bag and wrap it up.

Materials:

- White Cardstock
- Scissors
- Scoring Tool
- Frightful Fence Stamp

- Ink
- Adhesive
- Embellishments (optional)
- Treats

Instructions:

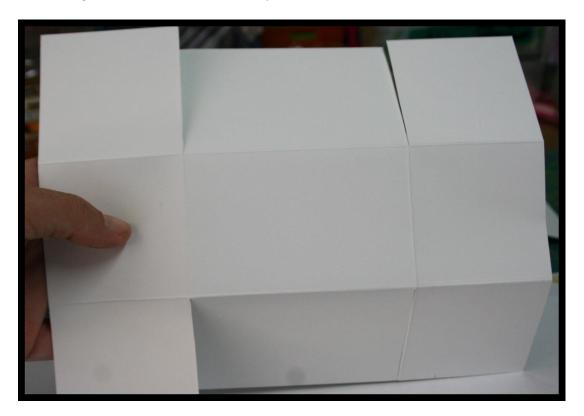
1. First, cut a piece of white cardstock 7 1/2" X 9". On the long side, score at 2 1/2" and 6 1/2" inches. Turn and score the short side at 2 1/2" and 5" inches.

See photo on next page.



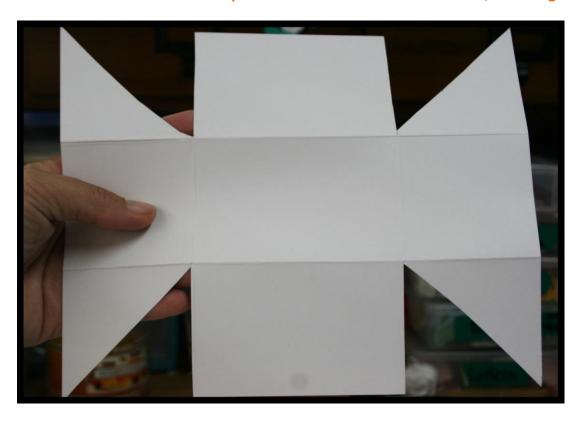


2. On the long side, cut in on the fold lines up to the middle lines as shown above.

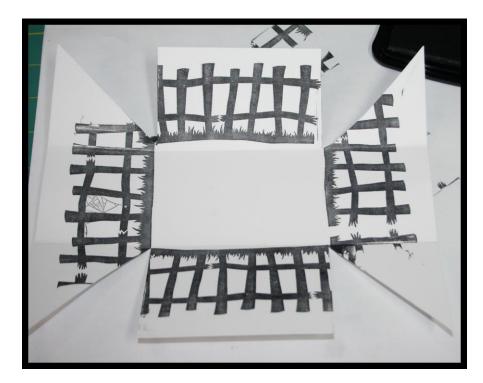


3. Cut on the diagonal on each corner square. This will cut out a triangle shape on each flap.



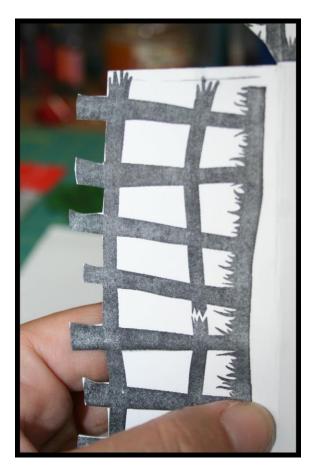


4. Stamp your spooky fence image on the outside flaps. I used Stampin' Up's Wheel called Frightful Fence.

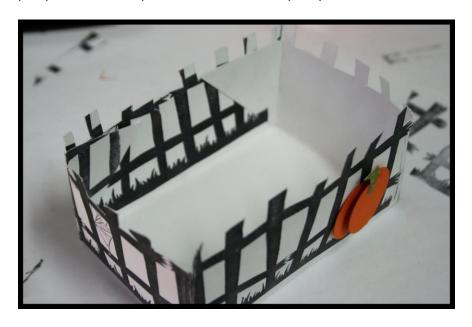


5. Next, you want to trim around the tops of the fence. Do this on all 4 sides.





6. Adhere the triangle flaps behind the long sides. Now, your little box is ready to decorate. You can make a pumpkin from circle punches and add a few spooky birds as well.



7. Last, you want to add your goodies. Homemade or store bought, it doesn't matter! You can use a cellophane bag and add a little red tape to the inside bottom of the box. Then, fill the bag and stick it down to the red tape so that when you pick up the bag, the box stays attached.









DIY Halloween Goodie Bags

By: Lia Griffith from Handcraft Your Life

If you're throwing a Halloween party this year, don't send your guests home empty handed! Make these DIY Halloween Goodie Bags, and fill them with treats. Grab your favorite 12x12 stack of patterned scrapbook paper and fold the sheets into adorable Halloween treat bags. Fill them with any Halloween goodies of your choosing. Your guests will adore the bags even more than the treats inside! This tutorial is a must-make for any party host this Halloween.

Materials:

- Double-sided Halloween Paper 12x12
- Decorative-edge Scissors
- Black Ribbon

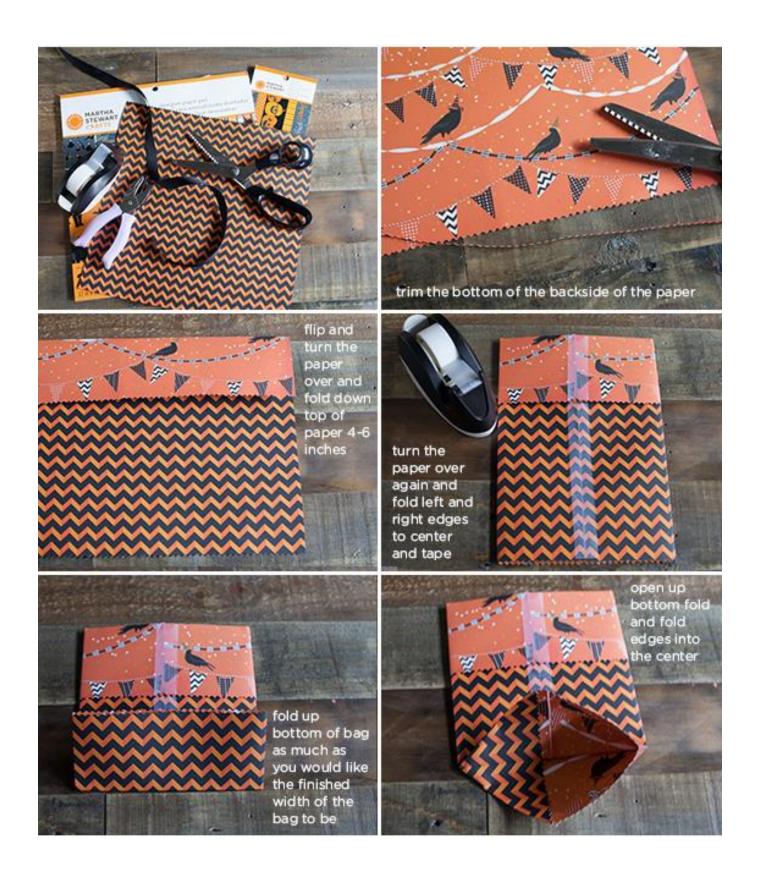
- Tape
- Hole Punch

Instructions:

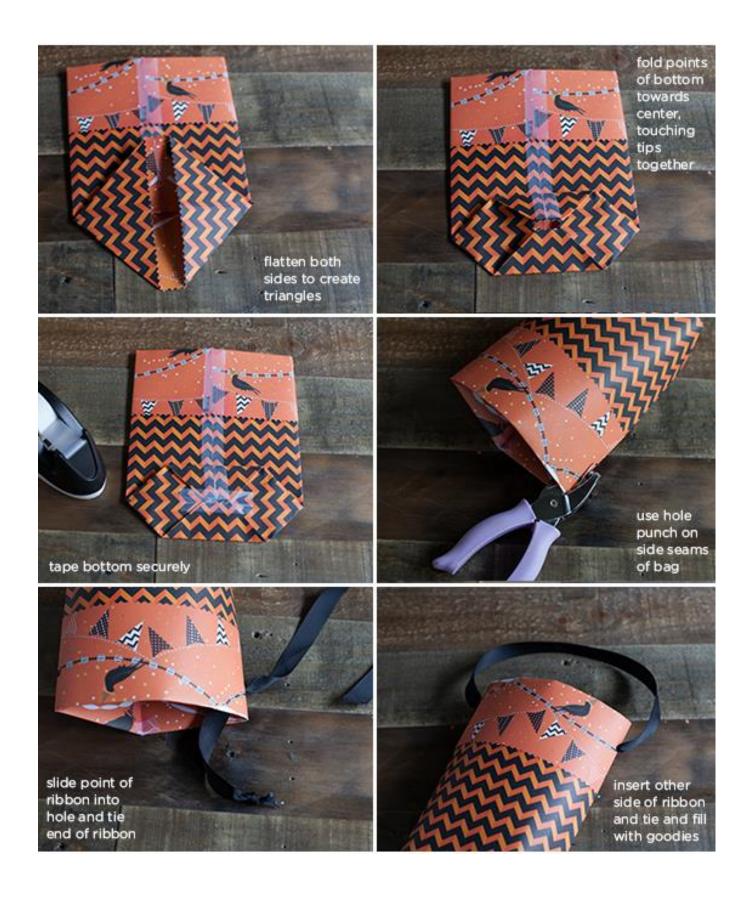
- 1. Trim the bottom of the backside of the paper.
- 2. Flip and turn the paper over and fold down top of paper 4-6 inches.
- 3. Turn the paper over again and fold left and right edges to center and tape.
- 4. Fold up bottom of bag as much as you would like the finished width of the bag to be.
- 5. Open up bottom fold and fold edges into the center.
- 6. Flatten both sides to create triangles.
- 7. Fold points of bottom towards center, touching the tips together.
- 8. Tape bottom securely.
- 9. Use hole punch on side seams of bag.
- 10. Slide point of ribbon into hold and tie end of ribbon.
- 11. Insert other side of ribbon and tie and fill with goodies.

See photo tutorial on next two pages.













Spells and Potions Mini Halloween Treat Bags
By: Michele Kovack from Thoughts of a Cardmaking Scrapbooker

Don't let your Halloween party guests go without the Spells and Potions Mini Halloween Treat Bags. Halloween goodie bag ideas don't get much cuter than this. Find out how you can print your main image on the bags like an expert. With added color, distressed edges, and a few other crafty embellishments, these treat bags will look store bought when completed. Print out as many as you'd like! These goodie bags would also make great treats for students at a school Halloween party. Be sure to give this Halloween paper craft a try!

Materials:

- Crafty Secrets Halloween Labels Digital Stamps
- Printer Paper
- Printer
- Small Paper Sacks
- Alcohol Ink Markers in Your Choice of Colors
- Distress Ink and Sponge
- Doilies
- Scissors
- Black Sequins
- Black Twine

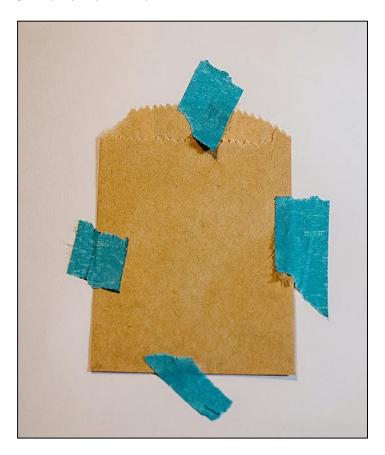
Instructions:

1. Open up the Crafty Secret's digital stamps on your computer and customize the size. Since these bags are fairly small, size them to 2.5 x 2.5 inches. Print it first on regular computer paper.





2. Use a low tack artist's tape to secure the bag to the paper. Hold it up to the desk light just to make sure you've got it properly lined up.

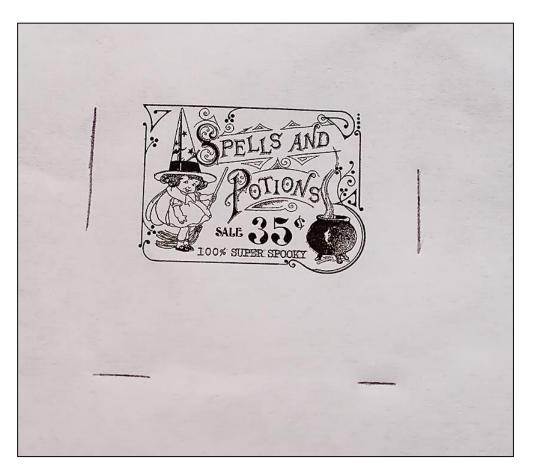


3. Once it prints and you are happy with the alignment, take a pencil and mark the 3 edges of the bag. That makes the next bag you print much easier to line up!





4. Those are the "cheaters" lines. Print as many bags as you want. You can even switch up the image and the lines should still work!



5. Grab the colors you want and color away!



6. Pull out your Tim Holtz Distress Ink and use a sponge to give a bit of color to distress the edges.



7. Follow that up with a bit of black ink.





8. Cut off part of your doily, and glue it into the inside portion of the bag.



9. Use tacky glue and put a piece of plastic packaging behind the doily so the bag doesn't stick together. Let dry.



10. Fill it up with candy corn or whatever small candies you like and voila!









More Halloween Paper Crafts



Pumpkin Paper Pad By: Mollie Johanson from Wild Olive

Jack-o'-lanterns are the symbol of Halloween, so show your spirit by crafting the adorable Pumpkin Paper Pad. Use orange and black felt to create a pumpkin that smiles back at you. This Halloween craft is perfect for kids who love to doodle or want to record every piece of candy they get. This paper craft is small enough to fit in your pocket, so you can take it with you everywhere you go. Give out a cute pumpkin gift on Halloween when you make this paper craft for kids.

Materials:

- "trick-or-treat" PDF download
- Paper
- Index Cards or Cardstock
- Tacky Glue

- Binder Clip (one big one, or a few smaller)
- Orange and Black Felt

Instructions:

1. Begin by printing the PDF onto regular paper

(https://content.primecp.com/master_images/AllFreePaperCrafts/Holiday-Paper-Crafts/trick-or-treat-PDF-Download.pdf). The printed pages get cut into eight equal pieces, so it is recommended to print at least 3 or 4 copies for a notepad, depending on the thickness of your paper. You need enough sheets to give the glue something to hold.





2. Cut the index cards or card stock to match the size. You need two pieces. Stack all of the "trick-or-treat" paper, and then add the index pieces on either side.



- 3. Make sure that everything is neat and smooth, and then hold the stack tightly together. Squeezing the papers between your fingers works well. Squeeze a bead of glue along the top edge.
- 4. Keeping everything held tightly together, gently clip the top with the binder clip(s). Let this dry for at least a few hours, or even overnight to be safe. (The waiting is the hard part!)

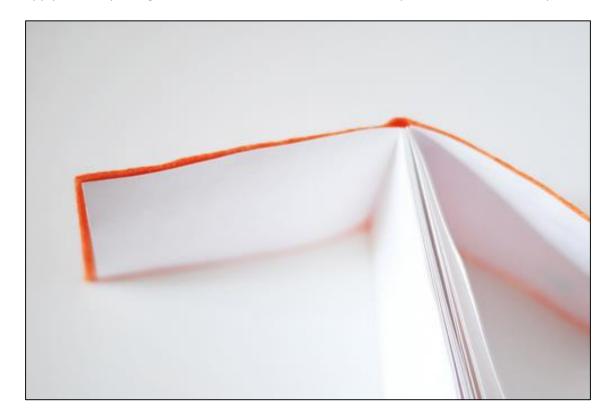




5. Now, cut a piece of orange felt that is big enough to wrap from front to back of the notepad. It can be a bit larger on all sides, if you like.



6. Apply a thin layer of glue to the index card outsides of the notepad, and stick the felt in place.





7. Cut some pumpkin face features from black felt.



8. Glue your face pieces down, and you're all done! Now you've got a sweet little notepad for jotting notes, or doing a bit of doodling for Halloween!







Frightful Friend Embellishments By: Rachel Ricks from The Little Blue Room

Add some spookiness to your scrapbook with some craft punches. These Frightful Friend Embellishments are easy to make and will add an adorable touch to a Halloween-themed scrapbook page or handmade card. Free scrapbooking tutorials are fabulous sources of inspiration for making your scrapbook pages the best they can be. You'll love using scrapbooking techniques like embellishing with craft punches. You can apply the skills you learn in this tutorial to all your future scrapbooking projects too. These embellishments would also look great on cards for Halloween, so maybe you'll want to give card making a go while you're at it.

Materials:

- Designer Label Punch (107590)
- Heart to Heart Punch
- 1/4" Circle Punch

- 1/8th" Circle Punch
- Cardstock in Black, White, and Green

Instructions for the Skull:

1. First punch a Designer Label out of white cardstock, then trim off one end following the curve of the circle. Tip: punch a circle and match it up with the circle part of the Designer Label punch, and trace it on the back so it is easier to cut.





2. Next punch a small heart in black using the Heart to Heart Punch. Cut the heart in half and attach upside down and separated a bit to the Designer Label punch, creating eye sockets for your skull. If you don't have the heart to heart punch, you can cut 2 small raindrop shapes to use as eyes. Next, simply draw on nose holes and teeth lines to finish the skull. See, super easy.



Instructions for Frankenstein:

1. First punch a Designer Label out of green cardstock. Then cut small thin rectangles out of black cardstock. There are no exact measurements for these; just use what you think looks good. These are the bolts.

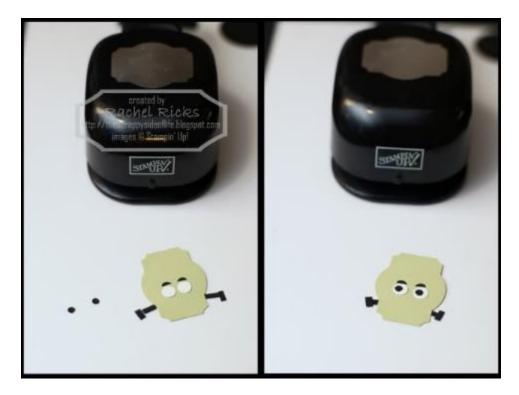




2. Next punch the smallest heart using the Heart to Heart punch out of black cardstock, then trim off the two humps. These will be the eyebrows.



3. Punch in white cardstock two 1/4" circles. Punch two 1/8" circles out of black cardstock. Place the "eyebrows" on the Designer Label, then place the white circles below the "eyebrows" and the small black circles on top of the white to create eyes. Tip: use liquid glue; it is easier to use on such small pieces.





4. Now punch another Designer Label out of black cardstock and trim it right above the eyes on Franky. Then cut zigzag fringe for his hair and attach. Draw on a mouth and you're done.





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