

SPOOKTACULAR CRAFTS!

Start your Halloween fun with these simple games and activities – great for all ages!

ENCOURAGES: Exploring & Using Mixed Media & Materials

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BOUNCING SPIDER

STORE CUPBOARD

- Polystyrene ball
- Pipe cleaners in various colours
- Black paint & paintbrush
- Elastic thread
- Craft wire
- 2 googly eyes
- Sharp pencil
- Glue
- Scissors
- Newspaper

1 Take a sharp pencil and carefully push it into the poly ball to create a handle. This will make painting the ball much easier.

2 Cover your work surface with newspaper to protect from paint spills. Paint the foam ball black. Stand the pencil upright in a safe place and leave the paint to dry.

3 Glue on a pair of googly eyes. Next, cut a small length of pipe cleaner. Push the



wire ends into the poly ball to create a mouth for the spider.

4 Use coloured pipe cleaners to add eight legs and two feelers. Cut a short piece of

craft wire and bend it in half. Next, take a long length of elastic thread. Securely tie the elastic to the middle of the bent wire. Push the wire into the top of the foam ball to complete your bouncing spider!

Halloween Party Games & Books

Pass the Pumpkin

Ask the children to sit in a circle on the floor. Give them a small pumpkin (either real, plastic or cut out from card). Play some party music and ask the children to pass the pumpkin round the circle. Stop the music at random intervals. The player caught holding the pumpkin when the music stops is out. They should take a bow then leave the circle. The game continues until one child is left holding the pumpkin. Award the remaining winner with a special prize. Reward all other participants with a lollipop for taking part.

Ghost Hunt

Cut out 21 ghosts from white card. Draw on spooky faces with marker pens. When ready, hide the pumpkins around the house. Split the children into two equal teams. Give the teams 15 minutes to find as many ghosts as they can. The team that has collected the most ghosts wins!

Wrap the Mummy

Split the children into teams of 3-5 players. Each team should choose one child to be the mummy. Give each team a sufficient supply of toilet roll. The aim of the game is to wrap the mummy with toilet paper (leaving the eyes, nose and mouth uncovered). The first group to finish wins the game.



These two Usborne activity books (rrp £4.99) would make great gifts this half-term. **Monster Things to Make and Do**, includes 18 great ideas to keep even the busiest little monsters occupied, including finger puppets, wobbly monsters, monster masks and a bookmark, along with ideas for drawing and painting using different materials. **Monsters Colouring and Activity Book** has colouring, drawing and doodling activities including designing and naming monsters, and escaping the Minotaur's maze. For more information visit: www.usborne.com