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**Getting everything you need
this Halloween doesn't need
to be scary!**

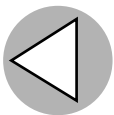
**From costumes to home decór
and more, Goodwill has
everything at prices that won't
make you scream.**

**We've got so many great tips,
tricks and treats to share that
we created our Halloween
Guide to make the holiday all
about fun. So, just like
our Goodwill Store & Donation
Centers, everything you need
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1. Halloween is on October 31st, the last day of the Celtic calendar. It was originally a pagan holiday, honoring the dead. Halloween was referred to as All Hallows Eve and dates back to over 2000 years ago.

2. Orange and black are Halloween colors because orange is associated with the fall harvest and black is associated with darkness and death. EEK!

3. In 2010 Belleville, IL bans trick-or-treating for children over the age of 12.

4. Pumpkins also come in white, blue and green. Great for unique monster carvings!

5. Halloween was brought to North America by immigrants from Europe who would celebrate the harvest around a bonfire, share ghost stories, sing, dance and tell fortunes.

6. Tootsie Rolls were the first wrapped penny candy in America.

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7. The ancient Celts thought that spirits and ghosts roamed the countryside on Halloween night. They began wearing masks and costumes to avoid being recognized as human.



8. If you see a spider on Halloween, it is believed to be the spirit of a loved one watching over you.

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9. Halloween candy sales average about 2 billion dollars annually in the United States. That equates to about 600 million pounds!

10. 74 percent of all American households pass out Halloween treats to trick-or-treaters.

11. Chocolate candy bars top the list as the most popular candy with Snickers #1.

12. In 2000, trunk-or-treating (kids receive candy from the trucks of cars gathered at a school or church parking lot) caught on.

13. The largest pumpkin ever measured was grown by Tim Mathison and weighed in at 2,032 pounds.





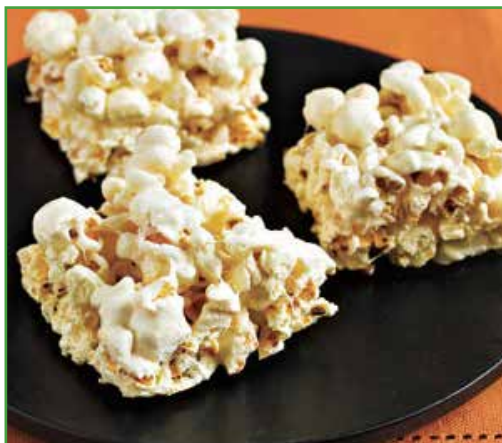
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Treats

Whether you're looking for a festive addition to your party or a fun after-school snack, these treat are a hit with boys and ghouls alike



Marshmallow Popcorn Bars

Makes 24 bars
Time: 20m

Ingredients

2 tablespoons unsalted butter, plus more for the dish

1/2 cup popcorn kernels or one 3.5-ounce package plain microwave popcorn

1 10-ounce bag marshmallows

Directions

1. Butter a 9-by-13-inch baking dish. Pop the popcorn according to the package directions.

2. Melt the butter and marshmallows in a large saucepan over medium-low heat, stirring until smooth, 5 to 7 minutes.

3. Fold in the popcorn until coated. Press into the prepared dish and let sit for 10 minutes before cutting into 24 bars.

<http://www.realsimple.com/food-recipes/browse-all-recipes/marshmallow-popcorn-bars-recipe-0000000021365/>

Mummy Dogs

Makes 12 Snacks
Time: 20m



Ingredients

1 11 ounce package refrigerated bread sticks (12 bread sticks)

12 jumbo frankfurters

Catsup and mustard

Capers

Directions: Preheat oven to 375 degrees F. Unwrap breadsticks. Stretch each bread stick to 12 inches. Wrap dough around frankfurters, letting the frankfurters show slightly through the bread. Press in capers for eyes. Bake in preheated oven for about 12 minutes or until bread is golden brown. Serve with catsup and mustard. <http://www.bhg.com/recipe/appetizers-snacks/mummy-dogs/>

Peanut Butter Cup & Pretzel Terrine

Makes 1 loaf
Time: 20m, and 1 hour for freezing

Ingredients

1 1/2 pints softened vanilla ice cream

20 mini peanut butter cups

3/4 cups broken pretzels



Directions: Line a loaf pan with parchment, leaving an overhang. Press 1 1/2 pints softened vanilla ice cream into the pan, top with 20 chopped mini peanut butter cups, another 1 1/2 pints vanilla ice cream, and 3/4 cup broken pretzels. Freeze until firm, at least 1 hour and up to 2 days.

2. To serve, remove from pan and slice.

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Short on Time?

You can still throw a festive gathering when your guest list is long but your time is short! Buy store bought snacks and give them your own flair.



Check out the Halloween shops at your local Goodwill for goblets and glasses to pour candy corn or chocolate candy into.

Frozen pizza can be made into jack o'lantern faces with pepperoni or veggies cut into triangles. It's a great project for the kids, too!



Ready made cupcakes can be dressed up with Halloween candy and liners. Add a ribbon to a cake plate for a fun presentation!



Spiced Candy Corn Crispies

Makes 2 dozen snacks
Time: 45m

Ingredients

- 1 bag(s) (10-ounce) marshmallows
- 4 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 1 teaspoon pure ancho chile powder
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1/2 teaspoon ground coriander
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- Orange food coloring
- Yellow food coloring
- 6 cups Crispie Rice Cereal
- 1/4 teaspoon cayenne



Directions: 1. Spray two mini muffin pans with vegetable oil spray. In a large saucepan, combine half of the marshmallows with 2 tablespoons of the butter. Add the chile powder, cumin, coriander, and 1/4 teaspoon of the salt, and cook over moderate heat until the marshmallows have melted. Stir in enough orange food coloring to dye the marshmallow orange. Stir in 3 cups of the rice cereal. Spoon the mixture into the muffin cups and pack it down with lightly oiled hands.

2. Wash and dry the saucepan. Add the remaining marshmallows, 2 tablespoons of butter, and 1/4 teaspoon of salt and cook over moderate heat until melted and smooth. Pour half of the melted marshmallow into a heatproof bowl and stir in 1 1/2 cups of the rice cereal to make the white layer. Add the cayenne and yellow food coloring to the marshmallow in the saucepan and stir in the remaining 1 1/2 cups of rice cereal. Using lightly oiled hands, mound the yellow mixture on top of the orange layer, packing it down to firmly attach it. Top with the white layer, tapering the mixture to a point so the crispies resemble the conical shape of candy corn. Serve or store overnight in an airtight container.

<http://www.delish.com/recipefinder/spiced-candy-corn-crispies-recipe-fw1011>



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Red Carpet costumes

This year, the big screen has had a big influence on the costumes that trick-or-treaters, of all ages, will be wearing. Here are a few of the top looks, along with tips on how you can assemble them yourself with the help of Goodwill!



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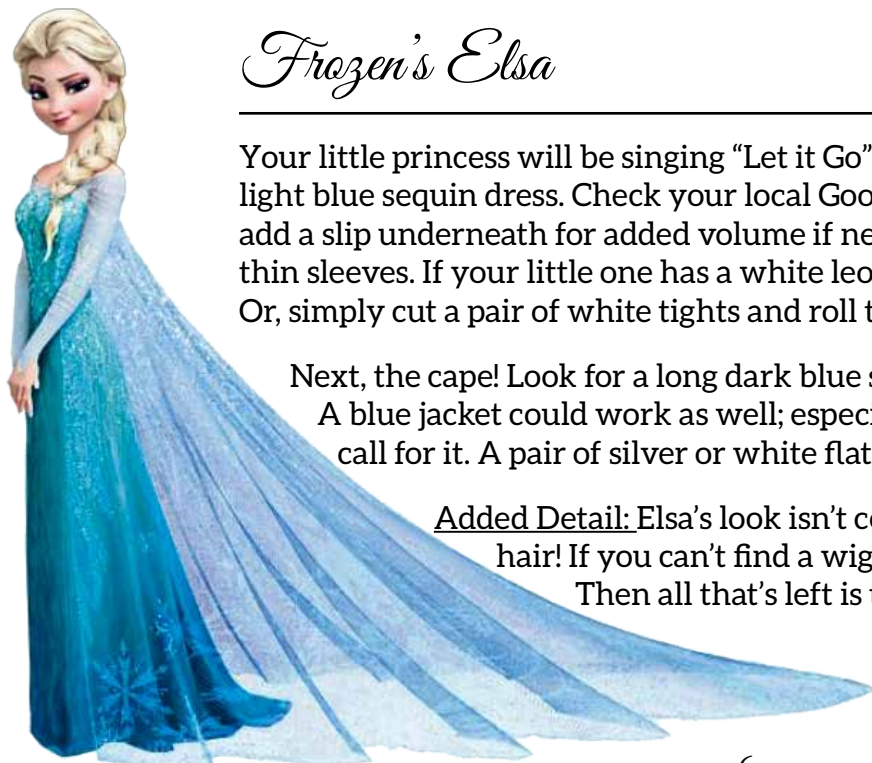
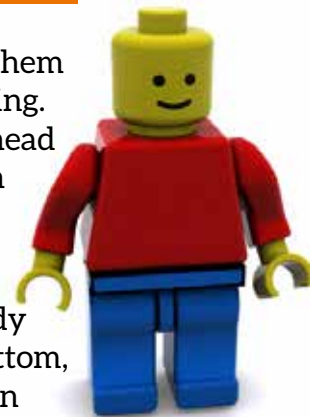
Lego Character

Many of us grew up playing with Legos. We love that kids (young and old) still play with them today! Out of each of the top costumes this year, this one involves the most time and crafting. The final look is not difficult to achieve and is so worth it! Materials you'll want to have ahead of time include yellow paint, large pieces of cardboard (flat pieces, large round pieces from food canisters and boxes), approximately 6-inches of PVC pipe - sliced into two (2) 3-inch pieces, then sliced in half lengthwise by the local hardware store.

Your cardboard box, which will act as the body, will want to be wide enough for your body to fit inside. Cut a hole in the top for your head to fit through. Your second hole, on the bottom, will need to be big enough to slide over your head and rest at your hips. Two small holes on either side give you the perfect arm holes. Check your local Goodwill for an oversize red sweatshirt. This needs to be large enough to fit over you and your cardboard box. Blue sweatpants work perfectly for the legs. If you'd like, add strips of flat cardboard down the front and back of the pants to make your legs look hard and stiff - just like a Lego character's would be!

For the Lego head, begin by painting your round cardboard piece yellow. Next, cut holes for your eyes and mouth from the cardboard, once dry. The round cardboard should rest at the neckline of the red sweatshirt, while sitting about 1-2 inches taller than your head.

Added Detail: a Lego character's hands are one of the trickiest parts but also one of the most important! For this portion, you'll use your pre-sliced PVC pipes. Start by painting each one yellow, and allowing to dry fully. Each piece is long enough that it can slip slightly inside the wrist area of the sweatshirt. If the sweatshirt is not tight enough to hold it the piping in place, simply wrap a rubber band around for an extra tight hold.



Frozen's Elsa

Your little princess will be singing "Let it Go" in style with this look! It all starts with Elsa's light blue sequin dress. Check your local Goodwill for a light blue skirt or dress. You can also add a slip underneath for added volume if needed. Elsa's blue dress is adorned with white thin sleeves. If your little one has a white leotard, this could work perfectly under the dress. Or, simply cut a pair of white tights and roll these on the arms to act as sleeves.

Next, the cape! Look for a long dark blue sheet that can double as Elsa's gorgeous cape. A blue jacket could work as well; especially if the fall trick-or-treating temperatures call for it. A pair of silver or white flats work great to complete the look.

Added Detail: Elsa's look isn't complete without her infamous white braided hair! If you can't find a wig that you like, use white colored hairspray! Then all that's left is to braid your little one's hair to the side.

Maleficent



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Sometimes it's fun to play the evil character; that's where Maleficent comes in! She's famous for her horn-like head piece and the powerful staff that she carries with her at all times. Start your wicked look off by looking for a long black dress at Goodwill. Maleficent's dress has purple underneath; you can recreate this detail by wearing an extra-long purple skirt under the black dress, or by sewing a strip of fabric near the bottom of your black dress – allowing it to hang lower than the black piece.



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Create your own horned head piece using Styrofoam triangular pieces found at the craft store. You can paint these black or simply cover them in black fabric. Then, use fabric glue to attach them to a black cap! Black heels or boots work great for this look – look for patent leather for that extra evil shine. Wear your make-up a little darker around the eyes than you normally would; Maleficent's eyes are always accented with dark eye liner.

Added Detail: your look isn't complete without the powerful staff! Start with a wooden stick or metal rod from the hardware store. Maleficent's staff has a green orb on the top. You can recreate this using a round paper weight, a children's ball, or even a green apple!

Frozen's Anna

If your little one is more of an Anna than an Elsa, this look is for you! Start by shopping Goodwill for a long royal blue or purple skirt. A-line is the best shape, but any long skirt will do. Only finding a dress? No problem; simply cut or fold the top portion over. Next, look to the shirts for a long-sleeve teal/light blue shirt.



Now for the fun additions! A black vest should be donned over the long-sleeve shirt, while black or brown boots round out the bottom. As with Elsa, a cape is a must-have! Anna's is a gorgeous maroon hue; check Goodwill's bedding section for sheets or blankets that can double as a cape. Anna wears her hair in two braids. You can re-create her red/brown locks with a wig or with colored hairspray.

Added Detail: Anna's skirt has lovely little rosettes around the bottom. Be sure to check out your local craft store for iron-on rosettes.

Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles

The infamous turtles are back this year, and we know a lot of children out there will want to dress up as their favorite one! Craft items you'll want to have ahead of time include yellow and brown fabric paint, four paper plates, fabric glue and red/purple/orange/blue ribbon.



Check your local Goodwill for a green sweatshirt and green sweatpants or leggings. These work perfectly as the base for the turtle body! Lay your sweatshirt flat, and paint a yellow oval across the front. Once dry, use your brown paint to draw abdominal muscles over the yellow paint. While this is drying, paint each of the paper plates brown. Once the plates and your sweatshirt are dry, flip the sweatshirt over and glue the four plates to the backside – two rows of two plates. Allow this to dry fully.

Cut your ribbon into five strips. Two strips will be worn around the forearms; two more will be worn around the calves; the final strip will be worn over the eyes as a mask (just don't forget to cut holes for the eyes!). Don't forget, the turtles are tough; use pillow filler to stuff the shirt for some added muscle!

Added Detail: each turtle dons a gold medallion, on a black belt, with their first initial on it. You definitely don't want to get this special detail. Use an extra paper plate, cut to about a 3-inch circle, for this piece. Paint the plate yellow, then use marker or your brown paint to add the initial. Cut two vertical slits on each side of your medallion, then loop a black belt through the slits to hold it in place!



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Fright This Way! Cheesecloth Ghost

Every Halloween party needs a ghost or two.
Floating ghosts are even better (and scarier!).

1. Fill the soda bottle at least half way and replace the cap. (It needs some weight so it won't tip over while you work.)
2. Blow up a balloon and tape it to the bottle.
3. Spread paper on the table to protect your work surface.



4. Cut a piece of cheesecloth longer than the bottle.
5. Drape the cloth over the balloon, arranging the excess around the bottom. It shouldn't be too neat; you want a realistic looking ghost!
6. Spray the entire cloth with the fabric stiffener. Allow to dry and repeat until the cheesecloth holds its shape.



NOTE: If it's humid, it will take several coats of starch and a few days to dry completely.

7. Once dry, glue felt eyes and mouth to the front.
8. Pop the balloon and gently loosen the "ghost" and pull it away.
9. Add fish line so it can float in mid-air.



Supplies needed:

Cheesecloth
Fabric stiffener or starch
2 liter soda bottle
Balloons
Fish line
Black felt





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Spider Pumpkins

Create a cute spider family to decorate your patio or foyer.

1. Spray paint 1 medium and 2 small pumpkins with flat black paint.
2. Flip 2 small pumpkins upside down and put into 2 spider cupcake stands.
3. Secure googly eyes on small pumpkins with craft glue.
4. Flip the medium pumpkin upside down and drill 4 small holes on the lower third of each side. This is for the spider's legs.
5. Take 4 black pipe cleaners and cut them in half. Bend each pipe cleaner into a Z shape, making one bend about 1 ½" from one end of pipe cleaner, and another bend, going in the opposite direction, 1" from the opposite end of the straw. Set medium pumpkin upside down and put into tea light candle holder.
6. Use the hot glue and insert 8 pipe cleaners (legs) into the holes. Secure googly eyes on medium pumpkin with craft glue.
7. Make teeth by cutting two small triangles out of white construction paper and secure with craft glue.



Supplies needed:

Craft pumpkins (various sizes)
 Flat black spray paint
 Black pipe cleaners (10-12")
 2 spider cupcake stands
 Tea light candle holder
 Googly eyes (various sizes)
 - Medium pumpkin ¾"
 - Small pumpkin ½"
 Craft glue
 Hot glue gun
 Drill
 White construction paper





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Rest in Peace

Line your sidewalk with tombstones to scare trick-or-treaters and party guests.

Goodwill is a good source for all kinds of Halloween decorations and props. If you can't find a tombstone, make your own.

1. Start with a rectangle piece of Styrofoam.
2. With a sharp knife, cut it into a tombstone shape.
3. Cut off one lower corner so it will lean when finished.
4. Carve lines to resemble cracks and RIP or a funny name.
5. Spray it with a grey textured stone spray paint.
6. Age it with darker shades of paint in the grooves and white paint along the edges (so it looks chipped).
7. Glue on pieces of moss (if you can't find it in your yard, check out the craft store).
8. After you plant it, scatter bark pieces around the base.



Supplies needed:

Styrofoam: 22"- 24" high x 14"-16" wide
 Serrated knife (to cut-out the form)
 Carving tools: flat-bald screwdriver, knitting needles, scissors, serrated knife, etc.
 Textured Stone spray paint - grey
 Craft paint - grey and white
 Artist brushes – angular and flat bristles
 Sheet moss
 Craft glue
 Wood chips





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Make Up tips

Goodwill Retail Stores are THE place to pull together your best Halloween costume ever.

Our style expert, Bjorn Nasett has put together a few tips and tricks to help you make it easy to do on any budget.

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Goth

All black flowing clothing, combat boots, white pasty make up, black eye-liner and spiky punkish jewelry.

Geisha

A kimono or floral robe can work to channel your inner geisha. A black updo wig, chopsticks and flip flops worn with white tights. Powdery white make up with pink cheeks and bee stung tiny lips complete the look.



Witch

Long black dress and a broomstick are all you need. Add a pointy hat and you're in! Now if you want to really look like the "Wicked Witch of the West," make sure to use a lot of green make up, draw on a mole with an eye-liner pencil, carry a little Scottie dog and say "I'll get you my little pretty and your little dog too!"

No matter what look YOU go for, Goodwill has what you need to do Halloween right!

'60s or '80s

Doing an era like the '60s can be done by finding an a line mini dress or color blocked dress. For guys think "Austin Powers" with a ruffled shirt and velvet or print jacket. Groovy Baby! '80s can be done by finding neon color t-shirts and making them into one shouldered flashdance looks. Tight-distressed jeans and an arm full of bracelets accessorize just right. Big hair and a bandana headband complete the look.

Flapper

The '20s look is a simple knee length, shift dress with no sleeves, long gloves and a long strand of pearls. A bob wig and sparkly jewelry make you shine.

