Paper Plate Ghost

HALLOWEEN CRAFT CARDS · CARD 1 OF 6

Ages 3–6 • 10 minutes • Low mess

YOU NEED

- ☐ 1 white paper plate
- ☐ Black construction paper or a black marker
- ☐ White crepe-paper streamers (or strips of white paper)
- ☐ Glue stick
- ☐ Scissors
- ☐ String and a hole punch (optional)

MAKE IT

1. Draw two black oval eyes and a round “O” mouth on the plate — or cut the shapes from black paper and glue them on.
2. Cut 5 or 6 streamers about 12 inches (30 cm) long.
3. Glue the streamers along the bottom edge of the back of the plate, so they hang down like a wispy ghost tail.
4. Punch a hole at the top, tie on a string, and hang your ghost somewhere it can sway.

★ TIP

No paper plate? Draw the same ghost on white card, cut around it, and add the streamers the same way.

Handprint Spider

HALLOWEEN CRAFT CARDS · CARD 2 OF 6

Ages 3–6 • 10 minutes + drying • Paint mess

YOU NEED

- ☐ Black washable paint
- ☐ White or light-colored card
- ☐ Googly eyes (or paper circles)
- ☐ Glue
- ☐ A paintbrush or foam brush

MAKE IT

1. Paint your child's palm and four fingers with black paint — leave the thumb clean.
2. Press the painted hand onto the card with the fingers spread out, then lift it straight off.
3. Turn the card around and press the painted hand down again, so the palms overlap and the fingers point the opposite way. Now your spider has 8 legs!
4. When the paint is dry, glue two googly eyes onto the middle, where the palm prints meet.

★ TIP

Prefer no paint? Trace both hands onto black paper, cut them out, and glue the palms together the same way.

Toilet-Roll Bat

HALLOWEEN CRAFT CARDS · CARD 3 OF 6

Ages 3–6 • 15 minutes + drying • Paint mess

YOU NEED

- ☐ 1 empty toilet roll
- ☐ Black paint (or black paper and glue)
- ☐ Black construction paper
- ☐ Googly eyes
- ☐ Glue
- ☐ Scissors

MAKE IT

1. Paint the toilet roll black and let it dry — or wrap it in black paper and glue the edge down.
2. Push the top edges of the roll inward from both sides, so the top curves down in the middle and leaves two pointy ears.
3. Cut two bat-wing shapes from the black paper.
4. Glue one wing to each side of the back of the roll.
5. Glue on the googly eyes, and draw two tiny white fangs underneath them.

★ TIP

Stand a whole row of bats along a windowsill, or hang them from strings to make a bat cave.

Pumpkin Suncatcher

HALLOWEEN CRAFT CARDS · CARD 4 OF 6

Ages 3–6 • 15 minutes • Low mess

YOU NEED

- ☐ Clear contact paper (sticky-back plastic)
- ☐ Orange tissue paper, torn or cut into small pieces
- ☐ Black construction paper
- ☐ Scissors

MAKE IT

1. Grown-up step: cut a pumpkin outline frame from the black paper, and stick it onto a square of contact paper, sticky side facing up.
2. Press orange tissue pieces inside the pumpkin shape until the whole pumpkin is filled in.
3. Add black paper triangles for the eyes and a smile.
4. Cover everything with a second square of contact paper to seal it, trim around the pumpkin, and hang it in a sunny window.

★ TIP

Torn tissue gives a soft glow. Small cut squares give a mosaic look — try one of each.

Cotton-Ball Ghost

HALLOWEEN CRAFT CARDS · CARD 5 OF 6

Ages 3–6 • 10 minutes • Low mess

YOU NEED

- ☐ Black construction paper
- ☐ Cotton balls
- ☐ Glue
- ☐ White chalk or a white crayon
- ☐ Googly eyes (optional)

MAKE IT

1. Draw a big ghost outline on the black paper with the white chalk — a rounded top and a wavy bottom.
2. Spread glue inside one part of the outline at a time.
3. Gently pull the cotton balls apart to stretch them out, then press them onto the glue until the ghost is filled in and fluffy.
4. Add two googly eyes — or leave two little black gaps in the cotton as eyes.

★ TIP

Stretching the cotton first is the whole trick: one cotton ball can cover a surprising amount of ghost.

Egg-Carton Bat

HALLOWEEN CRAFT CARDS · CARD 6 OF 6

Ages 3–6 • 15 minutes + drying • Paint mess

YOU NEED

- ☐ A cardboard egg carton
- ☐ Black paint
- ☐ Googly eyes
- ☐ Glue
- ☐ White paper (for the fangs)
- ☐ Scissors
- ☐ String (optional)

MAKE IT

1. Grown-up step: cut one strip of three connected cups from the egg carton.
2. Paint the strip black, inside and out, and let it dry.
3. Turn the strip so the cups face down. Cut a small wavy scallop into the bottom edge of each end cup — those are the wings.
4. Glue googly eyes onto the middle cup, and add two tiny paper fangs.
5. Tie a string through the top if you want to hang your bat up.

★ TIP

Make a row of egg-carton bats and hang them together as a Halloween garland.