



# Halloween

tips, tricks & treats

Our frightfully fun Halloween Living Amazing guide is here! From costumes to home décor and more, Goodwill has everything at prices that won't make you scream. Visit our website often, so you can rest in peace.



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Getting everything you need this Halloween doesn't need to be

# Scary

We've got so many great

# tips, tricks & 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 is in one place!

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. The largest jack-o-lantern ever was carved by Scott Cully in 2010 from a 1,810 pound pumpkin. (Guinness World Records)
3. Illinois produces the most pumpkins each year.

4. According to Zillow in 2014 the best city to Trick or Treat was San Francisco. Chicago was #3 and Milwaukee was #18.
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. Mars Haunted House is Milwaukee's only truly Haunted House.

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.



# Halloween Fun Facts

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. Legendary Dungeon of Doom in Zion is rated one of the Top 25 Ranked Haunts in the Country two consecutive years by HHA Magazine.



# Treats

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

## Skewered Eyeballs

From: <http://www.myrecipes.com/>

### Ingredients

- 2/3 cup olive oil
- 3 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
- 2 tablespoons balsamic vinegar
- 2 tablespoons fresh sage leaves, chopped
- 1 1/2 teaspoons kosher salt
- 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper, plus extra for seasoning
- 1 1/4 pounds skinless, boneless chicken breasts, cut into 16 bite-size pieces
- 16 cremini mushrooms, wiped clean and stems removed
- 8 round carrot slices, blanched
- 4 small, pitted black olives, halved
- 4 large, pimento-stuffed green olives, halved

### Directions

1. Soak 16 round, wooden toothpicks in water for 30 minutes.
2. Whisk together olive oil, lemon juice, vinegar, sage and 1/2 tsp. each salt and pepper.
3. Pour half into a separate bowl. Add chicken to one bowl and mushrooms to other. Toss; let sit for 30 minutes.
4. Remove chicken from marinade and season with 1 tsp. salt and pepper to taste.
5. To make an "eyeball," place a cube of chicken on cutting board and push toothpick through. Push mushroom onto toothpick, cap side down; center carrot round on toothpick and push an indentation in mushroom to make "iris."
6. Finally, center black olive half on toothpick and push onto carrot to make "pupil." Make 8 "eyeballs" this way. For other 8, omit carrot and black olive and push green olive half into indentation in mushroom. Discard chicken marinade; reserve mushroom marinade. ("Eyeballs" can be made up to this point and kept, covered, in refrigerator for up to 8 hours.)
7. Preheat broiler. Place "eyeballs" on a broiler pan. Position in oven so that chicken is 6 inches from heat source. Broil until chicken is cooked through, basting occasionally with mushroom marinade, 6 to 8 minutes. Arrange on a platter, in pairs, to look like a plate full of shifty eyes.



## Halloween Fruit Apple Teeth Treats

AllRecipes Magazine <http://allrecipes.com>

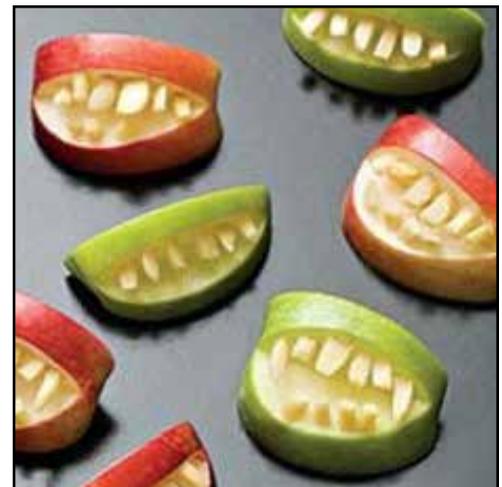
Prep Time 15 minutes  
Total Time 15 minutes

### Ingredients

- 4 Honeycrisp apples - cored and quartered
- 1 teaspoon lemon juice (optional)
- 1 (2.25 ounce) package blanched slivered almonds

### Directions

1. With a small, sharp paring knife, cut a lengthwise wedge from the skin side of each apple quarter, leaving the peel around the wedge for lips. If desired, rub the cut portions of the apple quarters with lemon juice to prevent browning.
2. Poke 5 or 6 slivered almonds into the top and bottom of the cut-out area to make snaggly teeth.



## Kellogg's® Rice Krispies Treats® Colossal Candy Corn

From: <http://www.recipe.com/>

Prep Time 15 minutes  
Total Time 35 minutes  
Servings: 12

### Ingredients

- 3 tablespoons butter or margarine
- 1 10 ounce package (about 40) regular marshmallows or 4 cups miniature marshmallows
- 6 cups Kellogg's® Rice Krispies® cereal
- Canned frosting or decorating gel
- Candy corn



### Directions

1. In large saucepan melt butter over low heat. Add marshmallows and stir until completely melted. Remove from heat.
2. Add KELLOGG'S RICE KRISPIES cereal. Stir until well coated.
3. Using buttered spatula or wax paper evenly press mixture into 13 x 9 x 2-inch pan coated with cooking spray. Cool. Cut into candy corn shape using a cookie cutter. Decorate with frosting and/or candy corn. Best if served the same day.

### MICROWAVE DIRECTIONS

1. In microwave-safe bowl heat butter and marshmallows on HIGH for 3 minutes, stirring after 2 minutes. Stir until smooth. Continue with recipe as directed above. Microwave cooking times may vary.

### Special Note

For best results, use fresh marshmallows. 1 jar (7 oz.) marshmallow cream can be substituted for marshmallows. Diet, reduced calorie or tub margarine is not recommended. Store no more than two days at room temperature in airtight container. To freeze, place in layers separated by wax paper in airtight container. Freeze for up to 6 weeks. Let stand at room temperature for 15 minutes before serving. Kellogg's has reduced the sodium content of Rice Krispies to meet current consumer flavor- and nutrition-preferences. Rice Krispies Treats made with the lower sodium cereal taste great without any added salt, but, if you desire, add 1/4 teaspoon salt to the butter before melting. Continue with recipe as directed.

## Traditional Popcorn Balls

Prep Time 20 minutes  
Total Time 20 minutes  
Servings: 20

### Ingredients

- 7 quarts popped popcorn
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 cup light corn syrup
- 1/4 cup water
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 3 tablespoons butter
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- Food coloring, optional

### Directions

1. Place popcorn in a large baking pan; keep warm in a 200° oven.
2. In a heavy saucepan, combine the sugar, corn syrup, water and salt. Cook over medium heat until a candy thermometer reads 235° (soft-ball stage).
3. Remove from the heat. Add the butter, vanilla and food coloring if desired; stir until butter is melted. Immediately pour over popcorn and stir until evenly coated.
4. When mixture is cool enough to handle, quickly shape into 3-in. balls, dipping hands in cold water to prevent sticking.

*Twists on Tradition: Try adding your favorite Halloween candy to the mix! Candy Corn, M&Ms, Rolos, Reeses Pieces or whatever sounds good to you can be stirred into the mix for a sweet surprise!*



# Trends

Get those Halloween baskets ready, these trends are sure to be a hit!

As usual, television and movies are taking the top slot in 2015 for Halloween costume trends. While many of this year's trends are kiddo-oriented, adults can definitely have some fun with them too! We love that all of these looks can easily be assembled using items you already have in your closet, along with a quick trip to your local Goodwill for added supplies.

## Dinosaur

Inspired by the blockbuster hit Jurassic World, this costume is perfect little ones, or those who are simply young-at-heart.

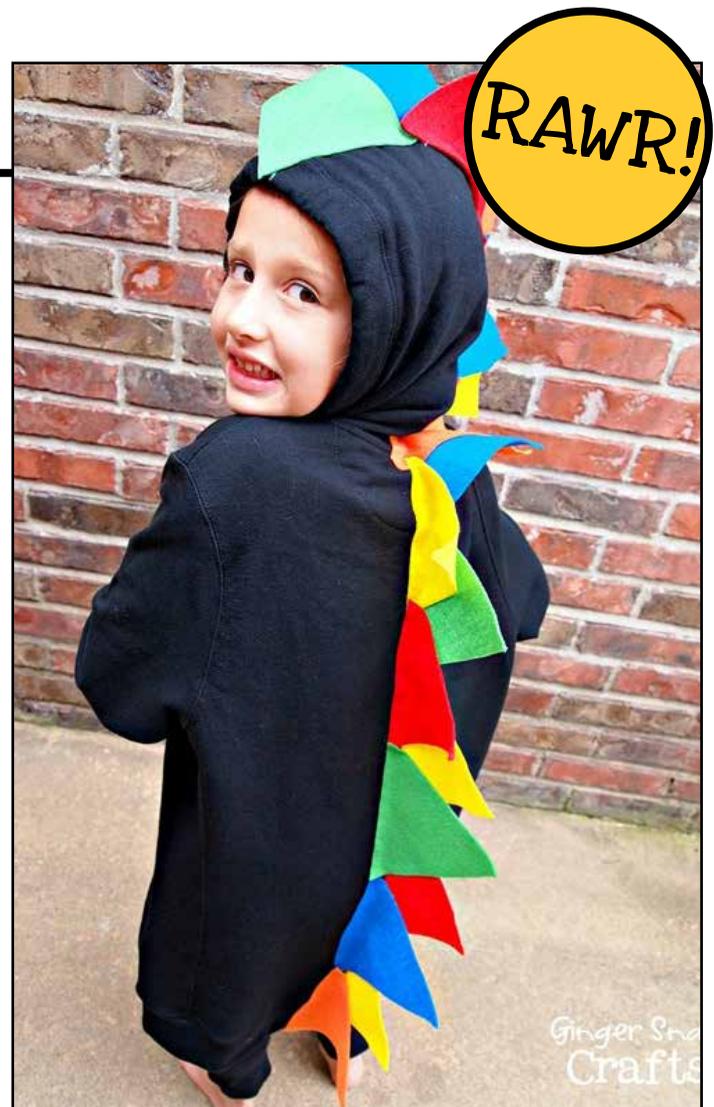
- Supplies:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Hoodie sweatshirt with matching pants/sweatpants/leggings  
Colorful pieces of felt  
Slippers  
Hot glue

**Bring it to life:**

Hoodies are perfect for dinosaur costumes; instant body and head cover without buying separate masks, supplies, etc. Give your hoodies some dinosaur "plates," by cutting your felt into large triangles, and hot gluing them along the spine of the hoodie (You could place cardboard in between felt pieces for added support too).

Don pants that match your hoodie and colorful fuzzy slippers, to really bring your costume to life.

Photo courtesy of: [www.gingersnapcrafts.com](http://www.gingersnapcrafts.com)



# Paw Paw Patrol – Marshall

Photo courtesy of [www.halloweenideasforwomen.com](http://www.halloweenideasforwomen.com)

Head on over to Adventure Bay, as Marshall the beloved fire dog from Paw Paw Patrol.

## Supplies:

White long sleeve shirt	Red vest
White sweatpants or leggings	Red backpack
White socks	Red firemen's hat
Black felt	Hot glue

## Bring it to life:

There's no better place to find Marshall's essential gear, than Goodwill! Check our clothing racks and school supplies for your clothing and backpack. Our Halloween shops are always great places to find hats; after all, Marshall isn't complete without his firemen's hat. To adorn the hat with the Paw Paw Patrol paw-print logo, simply look for a paw sticker at the craft store, or print a paw image from the computer.

Start by cutting your black felt into "cloud-like" shapes to create Dalmatian spots. Hot glue these pieces to both the arms and legs of your white clothing, as well as your white socks. Hot glue the socks to the inside of your firemen's hat to create fun ears. Zip on the red vest, gear up with the backpack, and your little one is on his/her way to keeping Adventure Bay safe and sound!



# Paw Paw Patrol – Chase

Photo courtesy of [www.halloweenideasforwomen.com](http://www.halloweenideasforwomen.com)

We couldn't possibly have Marshall, without his buddy Chase! This costume is fun for those kids who love the quintessential policeman look, but want the added fun of their favorite television show.

## Supplies:

Brown long sleeve shirt	Small pieces of cardboard - cut into two triangles for the ears	Blue backpack
Additional brown shirt for tail	Paper towel roll	Hot glue
Brown sweatpants or leggings	Blue vest	Blue baseball hat or policeman hat
Brown felt		

## Bring it to life:

Check your closets for the brown clothing, and then head to your local Goodwill to fill in the items you don't have. Chase's tail and ears are where the majority of your crafting will be applied. To create the ears, hot glue your felt pieces to both sides of your cardboard. You can then hot glue these to both sides of the police hat. To create the tail, wrap and glue your felt pieces around your paper towel roll, then glue this piece to the back of the brown pants/leggings.

To adorn the hat with the Paw Paw Patrol paw-print logo, simply look for a paw sticker at the craft store, or print a paw image from the computer. Pull on that blue vest, strap-on the backpack and your pint-size hero is off to save the day!



# Shark

With “Sharknado 2” hitting television by storm (pun intended), homemade shark costumes are taking a bite out of Halloween!

Supplies: \_\_\_\_\_

Grey hoodie

White felt

Black felt

Cardboard

Grey sweatpants/leggings

Hot glue

## Bring it to life:

What’s a shark without his fin? Start by cutting your cardboard into the curved triangular shape of a fin. Glue your grey felt to either side of the fin, then glue this piece onto the back of the hoodie – in between the shoulder blades.

Next, cut your white felt into multiple small triangular pieces, to form the teeth. These will be glued along the entire rim of the hood – how fun! For the essential white belly of the Great White, glue a large felt piece to the belly of the hoodie. Make sure your little one can see that candy from afar; glue two round pieces of felt on either side of the head for the eyes!

Photo courtesy of [www.fiskars.com](http://www.fiskars.com)



## Don't forget Fido!

Goodwill IS Halloween central, even for your furry BFF. Look for pet costumes and accessories in our Halloween sections, but don't stop there! Hats, scarves and even kid's costumes can work. Get creative and don't forget to post your pics to:

[www.facebook.com/AmazingGoodwill](http://www.facebook.com/AmazingGoodwill)





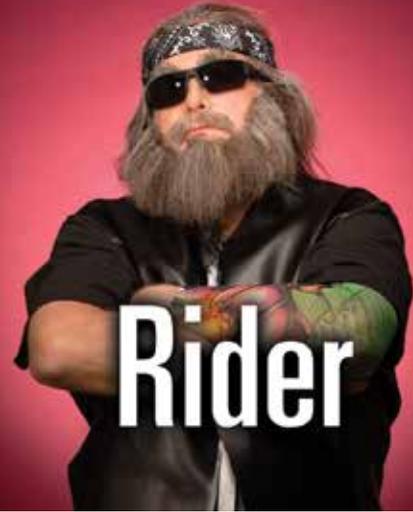
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These easy DIY projects are guaranteed NOT to scare you away! Share your DIY project photos with us: #Halloween on Facebook and Twitter

## Pumpkin Snowwoman

By: Pam Pierson, Goodwill's multi media manager

Using a hot glue gun, attach the two pumpkins together with stems facing out. Now you have a head and a body. Allow to cool.



1.



2.

Cut a toilet paper roll in half. This will be your stand. Use a black marker or paint to color.

3.

Cut two (2) pieces of ribbon. One will be for the front strip and the other one will be for a scarf.

4.

Pin (glue to make more secure) first piece of ribbon to the front of the pumpkin. Pin or glue on the buttons.



5.

Using hot glue gun, attach bow to the stem on the top of the pumpkin head (pin to make it more secure).

6.

Tie the second piece of ribbon around the pumpkin to make the scarf (pin to make it more secure).

### Supplies needed:

- 2 white craft pumpkins
- Scissors
- Hot glue gun
- Craft glue
- Girl's Bow
- Ribbon
- Black construction paper
- Toilet paper roll
- Black marker or paint
- Buttons & stick pins

Use black construction paper and cut out two eyes and a mouth. Use craft glue to attach to the head.



# Pumpkin Vampire

By: Pam Pierson, Goodwill's multi media manager



1.

Using red construction paper, cut out a thin red rectangle for the vampire's mouth. Glue to pumpkin.

Using red construction paper cut three (3) tear drops for the blood dripping from the mouth. Glue to pumpkin.

2. Using white construction paper, cut out two (2) white triangles for the vampire fangs and glue to pumpkin.

Using black construction paper, cut two (2) eyebrows and two (2) circles for the eyes. Glue them onto the pumpkin

3.



4. Using black construction paper, cut a black rectangle as tall as the pumpkin and 11 ½ inches wide.

5. Using the red construction paper, cut a red rectangle 1/4 inch shorter than the black rectangle and 11 inches wide.

6. Glue the red rectangle onto the black rectangle. This will be the vampire's cape. Pin cape on each side of the pumpkin.

## Supplies needed:

- 1 white craft pumpkin (medium size)
- Scissors
- Craft glue
- Stick pins
- Black construction paper
- Red construction paper
- White construction paper

You can "count" on this adorable pumpkin to be a hit with your Halloween decór!



# 5-Minute Mummy Pumpkins

By: Merri Cvetan, Goodwill's Home Decór Expert



## Supplies needed:

- Pumpkins
- Cheesecloth
- Scraps of ribbon or yarn
- Black paper or felt
- Scissors

1. Cut cheesecloth into two-inch wide strips.
2. Wrap around pumpkin until covered. (I used five-or-six strips for the mini ones, you will need more for larger pumpkins)
3. Tuck the loose end in one of the strips
4. Cut eye shapes from black paper or felt. Slip the eye under a piece of cloth. The felt will stick, but paper might need a little glue to hold it in place.

# 5-Minute High-Fashion Pumpkins

By: Merri Cvetan, Goodwill's Home Decór Expert



## Supplies needed:

- Pumpkins
- Black netting or tulle (You can find it at a fabric store OR find a dress at Goodwill made with netting)
- Scraps of ribbon or yarn
- Scissors

1. Cut large squares of netting; you will want about two inches at the top when gathered.
2. Gather around the pumpkin.
3. Hold in place with a piece of ribbon or yarn.

*Voila! Pumpkins  
Audrey Hepburn would be proud of!*

# Costume Couture



By: Fashion Expert, Bjorn Nasett

*Halloween parties can be fun, but really stressful!*

Leave it to our style expert, Bjorn, to provide creative & easy to do Halloween costume ideas!

## Real Housewife

Reality can be unattractive, and this humorous costume pokes fun at the over-the-top reality shows we all say we don't watch but actually do!

Here's what you'll need:

- Wig/ Rollers
- Housecoat/ Robe
- Slippers
- Coffee mug with Milwaukee logo or logo of another town, or state
- Any other branded merchandise that might fit the town or state

This costume is suitable for a guy or a girl!

1. Find a gaudy housecoat or bathrobe that is over-the-top.
2. Take a wig and randomly "set" the wig and leave the clips and rollers in for a great comic effect.
3. Get some slippers or slip-on shoes and add feathers, jewels, or anything you like to make them fun and colorful. You can wear sunglasses like the mannequin pictured here, or you could go dramatic on your make up – the sky is the limit with comic looks.
4. The make up should be heavy on the eyes, with false lashes applied. (Follow directions on package of lashes.) Use excessive blush and bright lipstick.

Carry the coffee mug with you to your parties. Wear name tag that says "Real Housewife of ....." wherever you want! You can go very elaborate with this if you want. The more crazy you go, the better!! Just like on those awful shows! TIP: Don't throw tables at people or start fights okay?

For real housewives make up tutorial go here: [real housewives makeup tutorial - YouTube](#)

**A kitschy coffee mug from your hometown or state makes the perfect accessory!**



# GOING TO THE DARK SIDE

Halloween is all about scary stuff, and what is more scary than a vampire or another type of dark ghoul?

Here's what you'll need:

- Vinyl coat or jacket
- Black Heavy Duty Garbage Bag
- Black Duct Tape



1. This is all about making some cool bat wings. Lay out your heavy duty vinyl garbage bag flat and fold the bottom part across the bag to make a square. Cut off the excess at the bottom.



2. Fold again, and then once more. Cut half moon shapes into the bottom of the triangle. These are the details at the bottom of your wings. Now you should have two separate wings.



3. Starting at the center, use the duct tape to create the spines of the wings going from the top point to the point on the half moon. Continue this on both sides matching up the duct tape. Leave the outside edges free of tape.



4. Once you have your wings taped and trimmed, it's time to use the black duct tape to secure them to your vinyl coat, shirt or jacket. The adhesive on the tape will really stick to the vinyl, so go slowly or have someone wear the jacket while you attach the wings.

5. Start at the top shoulder and go all the way down the sleeve with tape and then fold the excess tape and wingtip under and secured to the sleeve. Do the same on the other side. Now you have a biker/batwing coat to be the basis for your spooky look.



**\$5.99**

jacket from Goodwill

There are so many ways to accessorize and make this exactly to your specifications. The jacket cost \$5.99, garbage bags were free, and the duct tape was some I had on hand, although you can purchase a large roll for around \$5. There will be a lot left for other projects!

# Excess Baggage

This one is really easy and could be for a guy or a girl. I found a black vinyl carry-on garment bag at my local Goodwill store for \$4.99. For some reason, I immediately thought of someone wearing it!

1. Simply cut a large opening at the top for the head, armholes at the side, and a large opening at the bottom for the legs. I had my friend Thom, put it on for me with the pockets facing the front, and simply zipped up the back. (You could wear a long sleeved black t-shirt underneath and black pants or tights or whatever you like. The key here is to have a good time!)

2. I made an oversized luggage tag out of soft foam children frames that I got from the Dollar Store, but you could just as easily make one from cardboard or paper, punch a hole in the top and add a string to attach.

3. Put on your tourist hat and sunglasses. You could even attach clothing or toiletries that you would take with you when you travel (they would peek out of the pockets.)

*Special note: You could also do this with a garment bag made of cloth too, and attach a label that says "Dry Clean Only" to the outside of the bag. This one is all about thinking of using unconventional things to make your costume this year!!*

**\$4.99**  
garment bag  
from Goodwill

Here's what you'll need:

- Vinyl Garment Bag/ Cloth
- Garment bag
- Hat, sunglasses
- Luggage tag



Thinking outside the box or suitcase, or garment bag, makes for a cool and unique costume like this one!

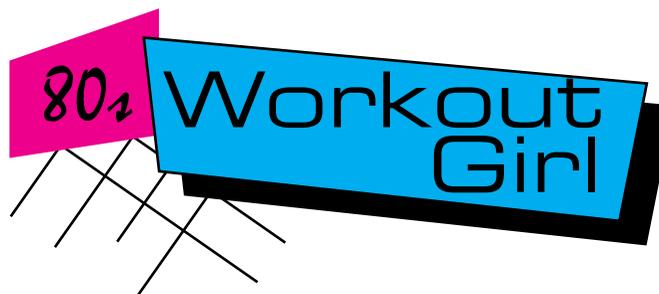
# Costume Ideas



By: Home Decór Expert, Merri

*Our Home Decor Expert, Merri, makes the costume ideas behind our award winning Halloween billboards come to life.*

Follow her step-by-step instructions here to create these costumes yourself!



**Need:**

- Leotard and tights in bright colors (coordinate, don't match)
- Skinny belt in a coordinating color
- Make leg warmers, head band and wrist bands from a sweat shirt!
- Cut the cuffs from the sleeves for the wrist bands
- Leg warmers are the sleeves, cut-off and scrunched up around your ankles.
- Head band is the waist band of the sweatshirt, cut-off and tied around your head. Add a big wig to really rock the '80s look.

## Biker

**Need:**

- Graphic t-shirt
- Leather vest. (I made one from fake leather purchased at a fabric store).
- Alternative if you don't sew: buy a leather jacket and cut off the sleeves!
- Tie a bandana around your head and pull on tattoo sleeves!
- Sunglasses, a long wig and beard complete the biker costume.



## Ghostly Ghost

### Need:

- White dress
- Tulle or netting (found at the fabric store) at least 54" wide.
- Stitch or pin the netting to the shoulders and back of the dress. You want it to drape and flow. When you put your arms out, the netting fills the space. Like a real ghost would!
- Make a "fascinators" (the style of hat that British women wear to weddings) from a mini hat. Add netting and bead trim.
- Long gloves with fringe add to the ghostly illusion.
- No self-respecting fashionable ghost would be seen without creepy white make-up and wig.



## Safari Hunter

### Need:

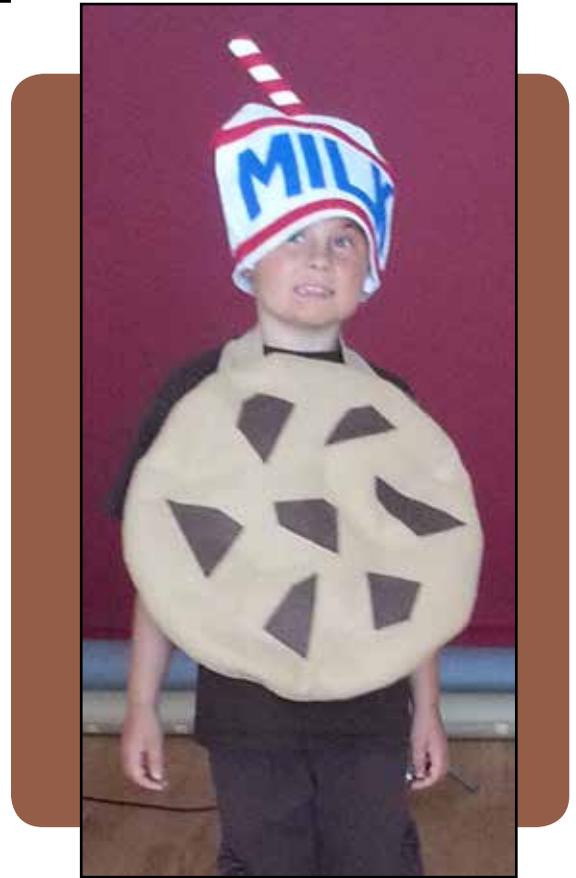
- Khaki shirt and shorts
- Pith Helmet
- White scarf
- Belt and binoculars
- Get into the mood with an ascot scarf tied at the neck and glue on a handlebar mustache.



# Cookie

## Need:

- $\frac{3}{4}$  yard of light brown felt
- Batting (inside) from an old quilt
- 2 white felt squares
- 1 blue, 1 red, 1 dark brown felt squares
- Paper
- Brown t-shirt and jeans
- Cut 2- 18" circles from the light brown felt. Sew together, turn right side out. Stuff with a thin layer of batting.
- Note: adjust the size of the "cookie" based on the size of the person. A baby will need a small circle and an adult will need a bigger one.
- Cut out random shapes from the dark brown felt and glue to the front. It should look like a chocolate chip cookie.
- The strap around the neck will hold the costume in place. Cut a 2" by 18" piece from the light brown felt. Pin in place.
- Milk carton hat is two squares of white felt sewn together on three sides. Turn right side out. Cut out MILK from the blue felt and glue to the front. Add two stripes of red felt.
- The straw is an 8  $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 11" piece of paper rolled into a tube shape. Hold in place with tape. Wrap a narrow piece of red felt around the straw and glue.



## MONSTER

### Need:

- I made this costume from fake fur purchased at a fabric store. If you don't sew, look for fuzzy sweaters or jackets at Goodwill to create one.
- Also, for the non-sewer, find a stocking cap and add ears.
- Paint on a mask with matching costume make-up and attach a few googly eyes to your forehead.



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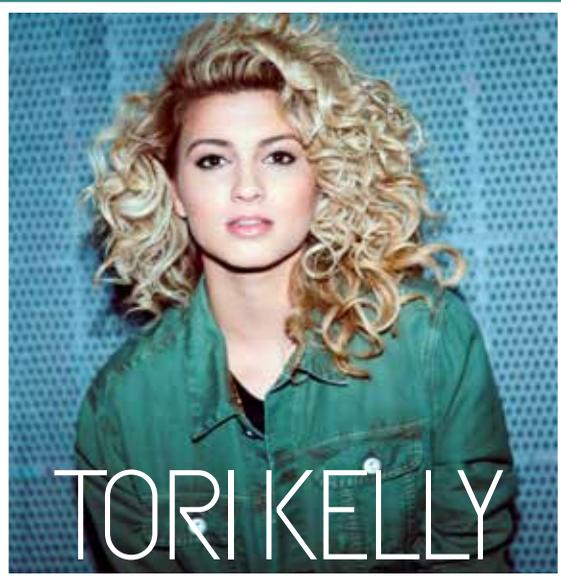
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