



The Art Angels Press Release

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The Art Angels Get Spooky Just In Time For Halloween!

Children's craft specialist, The Art Angels (<http://www.the-art-angels.co.uk>), are always happy to make any occasion a reason to get busy with the cutting and sticking and this Halloween is no exception. To celebrate the spookiest of seasons they have added more crafts to their website to help children and parents alike make their homes craftily creepy...

As ever all the crafts are made from inexpensive materials that are easy to source - often already something most crafty kids have hidden away in their craft box. "Joining in the fun this Halloween needn't be expensive. Decorations are easily made from a few strands of wool, some card and a few pipe cleaners," says Vicky Connor, Owner of The Art Angels and designer of their signature crafts. "And now that the UK is following the US trend of holding Halloween themed parties parents are always asking me for ideas. Our web crafts are easy and effective and even better - they are absolutely free!"

Members of the Art Angels Online Craft Club get a special exclusive Halloween supplement to help them create their creepy crafts but for those who would like a taster of what Membership will bring the free downloads are just a small example of what an Art Angel Member can expect. From bat badges made from clothes pegs to spooky spiders with hairy pipe cleaner legs there is something for all ages and abilities!

So if you are having a Halloween party here are a few helpful hints to make any soiree spooky...

The Art Angels Top 5 Halloween Party Ideas

1) Atmosphere

It's so easy to make a room look spooky - turn the lights down for a start! Candles are great for atmosphere and carving a pumpkin to make a lantern is a must. However, where you are involving children and you are concerned about the dangers of naked flame why not try one of the new battery powered tealights? Some have a flickering effect and have the benefit of allowing you to relax knowing that nobody will get burnt. Oh - and don't throw away the mountain of pumpkin seeds you will get from carving the lantern. Dry them out, paint them and make some brilliant necklaces and bracelets!

2) Dressing The Part

If the idea of wandering around all night in a sheet with holes cut out for eyes doesn't do anything for you then why not step it up a gear? With the Supermarkets all fighting for our weekly shopping money seasonal events like Halloween are now more affordable. Children can get outfits for next to nothing but they really look the part.

3) Food

Don't forget to make the food a bit freaky too - simply renaming each item can make it more scary...boiled eggs become pickled eye balls, hot dogs with red sauce become severed fingers and a little bit of green food dye can transform lemonade into a brilliant witches brew!



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4) **Ghoulish Games**

Preparation is everything here and if you have the time 'The Terrible Trials' is really worth putting the effort in. Using tupperware type boxes fill them with things that are slimy and cold to the touch. Cover them with black material and make a blindfold. Then, tell the story of an age old custom where children had to endure 'The Terrible Trials' every Halloween and how this included putting their hands into tubs with unknown inhabitants inside...scary for the kids - hilarious for the adults! Try cold baked beans (putrid mutant frog spawn), jelly worms in jam (bloodsucking leeches) and pickled onions (witches eyeballs)...

5) **Trick or Treat?**

The custom of visiting the neighbours to collect treats is no longer encouraged as we live in a society that doesn't necessarily know who are neighbours are. The kids love it though so I would visit a few select neighbours in advance and ask for their cooperation - maybe even offer to provide the treats if it helps! Just to make it even more interesting why not get one of the neighbours to be mean and dramatically refuse to give out treats? This gives the children a chance to carry out a planned and controlled trick (but remember to check with the neighbour if covering his car with silly string is ok before you let the kids go mad with it).

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Notes for Editors

The Art Angels was launched by Vicky Connor in 2006 to entertain and educate children through the use of arts and craft techniques. The three main aspects of the business, which is based near Bolton, are children's parties, an online craft club, and corporate activities. The business has recently expanded from the north-west, and Art Angels are now available to attend children's parties in Berkshire, London, Kent, Essex, Hertfordshire, Buckinghamshire and Surrey.

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