



# Party Pac-net<sup>sm</sup> Instant Party Kits

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Halloween



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# Party Games

Ooooh! What a spooky time to play a game. Something that is mysterious and fun. We have a few suggestions that will intrigue your guests.



Who's the Murderer: There is a murderer among the group. Find out fast before you become the next victim.

Candle-Light Murder: Can the murderer in the circle take their victims before being caught?

Mix n' Match: Use this introductory game to help others introduce themselves.

Print File: Print pages for the above games.

# Who's the Murderer?

The game begins by assigning one of your friends to be the murderer. Only you and your friend (the murderer) will know the murderer. Don't let anyone else coming to the party know who the murderer is.

- Begin by providing the murderer a set of "Red" sticker dots — the kind used to tag packages. You can find these red dots in stationary supply stores.
- The murderer will use the red sticker dots to murder his/her victims during game play. He or she will stick the dot on another person's body to indicate a murder.
- A few days before the party, print the "[Murderer's Letter](#)" and seal it in an envelope. Write on the backside of the envelope the following message:

"Thank you for inviting me to your party. Open and read my RSVP when everyone has arrived at your party."

- Write your home address on the envelope and mail it back to you. Upon delivery, keep the letter sealed until the party.

[view and print the murderer's letter](#)

- At the start of your party when all of your guests have arrived, invite them to hear and view the contents of the letter. Open the letter and read it aloud.

## **The murder game begins.**

- The murderer now tries to murder the guests before anyone can single him or her out. The murderer mingles among the crowd and when under least suspicion, attaches a red dot onto the person without being seen or detected.
- The dot must be attached. If it falls off, it must be reattached before the murder is complete.
- The murderer can murder one person at a time. Upon a successful murder, the murderer signals to you (the umpire) to stop party activity to announce that a murder has taken place and to point the victim out. The victim is removed from further play (but may still mingle among the party guests).

The murder game resumes.



- After each successful murder, the murderer signals to you that a murder has occurred. You (the umpire), when it is most appropriate, announce in similar fashion that a murder has occurred and who was the victim.

This process continues through the night until the murderer is caught or until the last victim remains.

- Any guest who is alive may guess who the murderer is. There is a \$5 cost to make a guess (or some other monetary amount). The cost prevents frivolous guessing so that the game play can continue. Amounts collected can be returned after the party or used to buy a lotto ticket to be shared among friends.
- If the person making a guess chooses the murderer correctly, they win the prize and gets their \$5 back. If they guess incorrectly, they lose the \$5 and is out of the game for future play.
- If the murderer kills all of the guests except the last person, he/she wins the prize for game.
- Prizes can be of your choosing. May we suggest some interesting sites for prizes.
- You and the murderer must work out before hand how each murder will be signaled back and forth. Everything must be done in secret so that the murderer is not revealed.
- The game can last for the entire evening. The objective is to murder each of the guests before being caught. The game becomes fun and intriguing as the each murder drags out through the evening.
- You can add to the game two murderers. Neither murderer knows who the other murderer is. So each must get to each other before becoming a victim. The two-murder game insures that the game continues in the event the first murderer is detected early.
- If you play the two murderers game, have two “Murderer Letters” sent to you — one for each murderer.
- Add ambiance to the murder scene by turning down lights and lighting candles.



Dear Friends,

I am so excited to have been invited to your party. Something tells me that I am going to have a wonderful time. You see! My plan is to murder each and every one of you **TONIGHT**.

How am I going to do this? When you least expect it. I intend to walk up to you, strike a conversation about nothing, laugh at your silly jokes, and then when you feel comfortable being around me, I'm going to murder you.

So watch your back. I challenge anyone tonight to find out who I am before I get **YOU**.

Sincerely,

One of Your Invited Guests

# Candlelight Murder

Here is a game that is popular and fun to play in small groups.

- Begin by assembling groups of 6-8 people. Each group forms a circle around a table or on the floor.
- Link to our [Murder X Sheet](#). Cut out the number of squares for the number of people in the group minus one square. Cut out the square that has the "X". The total number of squares — both blank squares and the "X" square — should equal the number of people in the group.
- Fold the squares in fourths. Place them in a hat or bowl.
- Place a large candle in the middle of the group. Light it and turn off all the lights in the room.
- Pass the bowl with the squares around the group. Each person is to take one folded square and open it up. They do so by not showing the square to anyone else in the group. After they opened the square to see if it has the "X" or not, each player refolds the square and returns it to the bowl.
- The person whose folded paper has the "X" is the murderer for this round.
- All players in the group hold hands and then stare each other down around the light of the candle.
- The murderer now attempts to murder each member in the group. The murderer has two deadly weapons:
  - 1) they can squeeze the hand of the person next to them.
  - 2) they can wink to the person who may be eyeing them
- The person whose hand has been squeezed; or who has been winked at, must acknowledge that they have been murdered. They must then remove themselves from the group and sit out the rest of the game.
- The game resumes by clasping hands again with players left in the game.



- Any remaining player can guess the murderer. Upon a correct guess, the game ends. Upon an incorrect guess, the person making the false accusation must remove themselves from game play.
- The murderer's challenge is to murder everyone in the group.
- Groups larger than 6-8 people should set up two circles to play simultaneously.





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## Mix n' Match

Use this game to mingle people among each other and to help newcomers introduce themselves.

- Link to our ["Mix n' Match"](#) set and cut out a matching pair for every two people coming to the party. Fold each paper in half and mix them in a bowl or hat.
- As each guest arrives at the party, have them take a folded slip of paper from the bowl.
- Each person is to mingle among the party to find their match set. For example, a guest with the work "pumpkin" needs to find the person who has the word "patch", hence "pumpkin patch".
- Use this game to help others introduce themselves.

Pumpkin

Patch

Vampire

Bat

Full

Moon

Black

Cat

Mad

Dog

Jekyll

Hyde

Witches

Brew

Bride of

Frankenstein

Werewolf

of London

Count

Dracula

Trick 'r

r' Treat

Old

Woman

Night

Stalker

Bloody

Corpse

Headless

Horseman

Apple

Cider

Monster

Mash

Spider

Web

# Party Ideas

Halloween is a great time to be absurd. Inside this package are some nifty ideas on how to be really absurd.



[Wear Your Costume:](#) Halloween time is costume time. The more creative, the better.

[Party Decorations:](#) See what ideas we've cooked up to help decorate your event.

[The Haunted House:](#) How about building your own haunted house? We'll show you how.

[Pumpkin Patch:](#) Everything you need for pumpkin carvings and decorations.

[Print File:](#) Print pages for the above ideas.

## Make It a Costume Party

Turn your Halloween party into a costume party. Invite your friends to be creative. Let them know that their costumes will be judge:

- most identifiable (someone who simulates a famous person)
- most scary
- most creative
- best overall costume

Have prizes available for winners from each category. Select prizes that can be shared among the guests or some joke prize. Check out these gift web sites for ideas.

Note: at time of publication, the following web sites were in operation.

### Gift Baskets:

Joke and Gag Gifts

<http://www.jokeitem.com/>

Something Nice from the Gift Tree

<http://www.gifttree.com/>

## Who's going to judge best costume?

Have your guests judge each other's costume by handing out the ["Costume Judges Sheet"](#). Instruct them to vote best costume under each category.

[View/Print the "Judges Sheet"](#)

## Need Some Costume Ideas?

We have searched the web for the best costume-making and buying web sites. You can order your own costume on-line or pick up some creative ideas for your designing your own costume.

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### **Halloween Costumes:**

Monster Masks / Makers:

<http://www.nightmarefactory.com/>

<http://www.screamteam.com>

Not-So-Scary Halloween Costumes:

<http://digory.com>

<http://www.halloweenstreet.com>

<http://www.halloweencostume.com>

<http://www.badplanet.com/>

Create Your Own Halloween Costume Index:

<http://users.aol.com/nebula5/hallocst.html>

Knights in Shining Armor:

<http://www.varmouries.com>

# Halloween Party

## Costume Judging Contest

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# Party Decorations

Need some ideas on how to decorate your place for Halloween? Well, you need some props, pictures, music, fonts, and some creative thinking. Let's get started.

[Create Your Own Props:](#) Ideas on creating your own Halloween decorations from items in your home.

[Buy Professional Props:](#) Web site references for elaborate Halloween party decorations and props.

[Sounds, Fonts, Pics:](#) Complete list where you can download Halloween sounds, fonts, and pictures.



# Create Your Halloween Decorations

You can pay a hefty penny for elaborate party and costume decorations. But you can create your own Halloween decorations from items around the house. Here are some ideas:

- *The Uninvited Guest*

A stuffed person sitting silently in a dark corner makes an eerie introduction to any party.

- 1) Simply grab some old clothes from the closet and stuff them with fall leaves or newspapers. You need to tie the ends of the pants and arm sleeves in order to pack the shirt and pants tightly to look like a full body inside. Use safety pins to attach the shirt to the pants. Tuck the end of the pants into some old shoes. Use gloves for hands.
- 2) Take a straight stick (similar to a broom stick) and put it down through the collar of the shirt. Place an empty plastic milk carton (1 gallon size) over the end of the stick to form the head.
- 3) Dress the head with a wig. Place a mask over the carton to form the face. Top the person with a hat and sit them in a dark corner. Tuck up the collar to support additional leaves or paper to hide the stick. You can use some back lighting to add to the effect.

- *Hangman*

Create a stuffed person similar to the instructions for the Uninvited Guest.

- 1) Take a stick (shoulder width) and place it inside the shirt of the stuffed person from shoulder-end to shoulder-end. The stick will be used to support the suspension of the person in midair.
- 2) Find a hangman's rope (or any regular rope; [visit this web site](#) to learn how to tie your own hangman's rope). Attach the end of the rope to the stick inside the shirt. Wrap the rope around the neck of the stuffed person to make it appear the person is being hanged.
- 3) Tie the other end of the rope to a tree or rafter. Pull the rope and suspend the person in midair.

- 4) Tie the hands behind the back. Try some creative faces to give the effect of someone being hanged. Other props might include a stuffed bird pecking at the person, flies swarming around the person, creaking sounds, etc.

- *Gh o s t*

This is a simple prop that can be easily assembled using a white bed sheet and items to support a ghost figure.

- 1) Begin with a styrofoam ball that can be purchased from any craft store. Attach an eye screw (a screw with a round hook) to the ball.
- 2) Take a large white bed sheet (king size best) and drape it over the styrofoam ball (slit a hole for the eye screw). Use some fishing line to tie a noose below the ball to form the neck.
- 3) Tie some fishing line on the end of the eye hook. Locate a place for your ghost and suspend at eye level.
- 4) Extend the sheet on both sides to form the arms. Place a safety pin on each side — half way between the head and the end of the sheet. Tie fishing line from the safety pins to the eye hook to stretch and suspend the arms.
- 5) Decorate the face of the ghost. Use a small fan to create movement. You can attach the eye hook to a wire to move the ghost. Make sure the wire and all devices are high enough to prevent potential accidents.

- *H a l l o w e e n R o w*

- 1) Carve and decorate pumpkins to use as lighting guides, candy dishes, or party decorations. See our [pumpkin patch section](#) for ideas.
- 2) Gather several corn stalks and tie them together. Stack them around your party place for decoration.
- 3) Scarecrow:  
use our directions for [stuffing a fake person](#).

Dress the person in checkered clothes, with a hat and pipe. Use hay or corn stalk to stick outside the ends of arm, leg, front and neck sleeves. Tie the scarecrow to a pole or sit him among the corn stalks.

[other ideas](#)

# *Buy/Build Your Halloween Props*

If you have money to spend, link to these web sites for props that imitate the real scare:

Note: at time of publication, the following web sites were in operation.

## **Costumes and Masks:**

Costumes for any Halloween event:

<http://www.halloweencostume.com/>

<http://digory.com>

Monster Masks / Makers:

<http://www.nightmarefactory.com/>

<http://www.screamteam.com>

## **Props and Professional Designed Decorations:**

Props and other Halloween ideas:

<http://www.vol.com/~infidel/halloween/halloween.html>

Halloween Items:

<http://www.halloweenunlimited.com/shop.html>

Big money productions:

<http://www.halloweenproductions.com>



## *Sounds, Fonts, and Pics*

The Internet has hundreds of web sites to download FREE Halloween sounds, fonts and pictures. Here is our pick of the best of the best web sites:

Note: at time of publication, the following web sites were in operation.

### **Pictures, Fonts, and Music:**

Halloween sound and graphics:

<http://home.rmci.net/gatemi/index.htm>

Download pictures, sounds and fonts:

<http://www.geocities.com/Area51/Vault/9012/download.html>

Variety of activities, music and drawings:

<http://www.abhall.com/>



## Build Your Own Haunted House

How about putting together your own mini-haunted house as a Halloween event? Nothing too elaborate. Only something that will bring a few laughs and a scare. Listed are some inexpensive suggestions:

If you prefer to visit a haunted house, [see our places to go section](#).

- First, you need a place or room(s) where you assemble a haunted house. Consider an old home, barn, attic, basement, orchard or your back yard.
- Determine how many people will be participating in your haunted house. You can stage the haunted house by yourself, but that will require electronic rigging and other contraptions that can control.
- Keep it inexpensive. You can have fun weaving together a scary house without spending a lot of money.
- You might consider inviting some neighborhood kids to put together your haunted house. They would have fun doing it and it would save you a big headache. Make sure you set the rules on what can and cannot be done.



### Haunted House Ideas

- You need an entrance to set the scene. A gate keeper, dressed as some ghoulish person, is needed to control the crowds. Consider adding some stuffed dummies, ghosts, and pumpkins ([see decorations](#)).
- Only allow 2-3 people at a time to enter the house. Allow a group to make its way through the house with enough distance and time before sending in another group. This will allow your performers to prepare for the next group.
- Set up guides or directions to direct people through your haunted event. You can post glow-in-the-dark signs and other instructions.

You can also use rope that individuals can hold onto. Rope is ideal if your haunted event is outdoors.

You may consider using guides — someone dressed like the black reaper. Guides will require additional people, however.

- You might consider having the exit of the haunted house function as the entrance to your party.
- Here are some suggestions on making your haunted house a success. We are using inexpensive props and items that can be collected freely.

- *Box Crawl*

Pick up some large boxes from a moving van warehouse or appliance store. These boxes must be large enough for a adult to crawl through on their knees. Connect the boxes to form a long tunnel.

Inside the tunnel, tape or tack single strings of cob webs that you can pick up in Halloween store. Tape and secure single strands to create the feeling that you are crawling through a tunnel with spider webs. Lay a thick carpet of leaves along the floor of the tunnel.

On the outside of the tunnel, cut holes in the side and/or top of the tunnel. Use these holes to:



- grab them with a ghoulish hand as they crawl by
- insert a flashing light
- stick a ghoulish face with a light inside the mask
- use a fake spider to come down a web
- let your mind run wild

- *Witches Brew*

This is an old favorite from years back. Start with someone dressed like a witch, stirring a pot of a brew in a witches cauldron. Use dry ice to simulate a boiling concoction.

Take an old pair of pants and stuff one leg tight with leaves. Tie the end of the pant legs and attach a shoe. Lay the pants inside the witches cauldron with the one stuffed leg hanging out over the side of the cauldron, giving the effect that the witch is cooking a person.

Instruct your witch to create some ghoulish effects like splashing the witches brew (water) on the guests, adding another body part to the witches brew, grabbing someone from the crowd to compete the recipe, etc.

- *Dr. Jekyll's Operating Room*

This exhibit requires two individuals: Dr. Jekyll and the unfortunate patient.

You will need a wooden table supported by saw houses or other supporting structure. Cut a hole in the table for a person (the patient) to stick and rest their head on a pillow. The table must be elevated high enough so the patient can sit underneath the table comfortably. Drape a sheet over the table to hide the patient underneath. The head will be the only section of the body exposed.

Dress up a stuffed person ([see decorations](#)). Arrange the stuffed body close enough to patient's head so that it appears to be one person. Strapped the body to the table.

You need to dress the stuffed body with the chest opened and internal organs exposed. Dr. Jekyll is going to remove the organs while the patient is alive.

You can use linked sausage, different cuts of meat, peeled fruit, grapes, etc., to simulate the internal organs.



- *The Morgue*

You will need one person for this exhibit.

Lay the person flat on a table. Cover the person completely with a sheet exposing only their feet.

Light a large candle next to the table. Position the candle close enough so that the person laying on the table can lean up and blow it out.

The person can be dressed in a mask or with makeup. Try to create a person who is dead, either killed in an accident or by some other horrible death.

As a group enters the room, the person (playing the corpse) will remain still. Nothing will be done until the group decides to move onto the next event. As the group begins to exit, the corpse will lean up from the bed and removes the sheet that covers their gruesome face. The corpse will blow out the candle, jump down from the table, and approach the group.



When the candle is blown out, the room must be entirely dark. The objective is to create the dark feeling that something is about to grab them.

- *The Shirt*

Find a vacuum that pushes air out.

Take an old shirt and hang it using a regular shirt hanger in a crawl space where your group must crawl through on their knees — like under a table or some other crawl space.

Button the collar, sleeves and front. Stuff the arms lightly with some leaves — just enough to create arms. Inside the shirt, attached a large plastic garbage bag liner.

Attach the end of the vacuum inside the garbage liner. Seal the end with a rubber band and/or string. Make it a tight seal so the vacuum end does not come loose. The objective is to produce a sealed bag for air to inflate.

As the group crawls through the space, turn on the vacuum. The air inflates the bag and the shirt comes alive.



- *Hang Man*

Set up a hangman scene similar to the [hangman decoration described earlier](#). The hangman in this event will not have a head. A live person will substitute for the head.

Assemble the hangman without a head. Suspend the stuffed man from a rafter or other. Drape a sheet behind the stuffed person to hide the ladder with a live person who will function as the head. Place a loose rope around the person's neck.

Invite the person to act out any scene to simulate a hangman coming back alive. One good scare is to drop the body but leave the head suspending by the rope.

- *Count Dracula*

Count Dracula laying in a coffin should be decorated with multiple candles to create an eerie effect.

Assemble a coffin by using some large boxes or wooden props. Create a make-

shift lid that can be opened by hinges or removed like a drape. Place the coffin on a table, low enough so that people stepping by can look inside coffin. Drape a sheet over the table to hide a second person who waiting underneath the table.

Close the coffin before a group enters the room. Lead the group close to the coffin with instructions to open the lid. Upon lifting the lid, Count Dracula will be laying inside the coffin. You can use a live person or dress up a stuffed dummy as the Count ([see decorations](#)).

As the group lifts the lid, Count Dracula will open his eyes and expose his teeth. Base on a time signal, the person underneath the table will grab the legs, shoes, or ankles of the group peering inside the coffin.

As the group becomes startled, and looks down to investigate what has grabbed them, Count Dracula leans from the coffin and grabs the nearest person. The person underneath the table remains hidden.

- *The Abandoned Room*

Make this event the last event of your haunted house. This should be your finale — using the imaginations of the dark to scare your guests.

Find a dark room where a person or group can be trapped for 1-2 minutes. You don't need any props or effects. A plain dark room with the expectation that something is going to happen. Let the group create their own scare.

Have a person dressed in a fur coat or other strange outfit crouched in the corner of the room. Make sure no one from the group see this person when they enter the room.

As the group enters the room, shut and lock the door so that they cannot escape. The person inside the room will control the scene.

Allow the group to stand in the room for about 30-40 seconds, anticipating something to happen. The person dressed like an animal quietly emerges from the corner, crawling on their knees over to the spot where the group is standing. This person must be very quiet. Don't let the group know that someone else is in the room.

Have the person quietly brush up against the group with their furry outfit creating the impression that there is an animal is in the room. This room may be the scariest room in your haunted house.



# The Pumpkin Patch

Halloween is pumpkin time. We have everything you need to decorate that special pumpkin:

Note: at time of publication, the following web sites were in operation.

## **Pumpkin Carving Kits:**

Pumpkin Carving:

<http://www.pumpkinmasters.com/>

Carving a Jack o' Lantern:

<http://www.kraftfoods.com/html/features/halloween/op.html>

<http://www.thepumpkinfarm.com/carvemenu.html>

## **Pumpkin Clip Art:**

Clip Art:

<http://www.backyardgardener.com/pump.html>

Virtual design of your pumpkin:

<http://thepumpkinfarm.com/jack/jackboard.html>

# Let's Go



Perhaps you need a diversion from a normal Halloween party. How about an adventure either outside or in the mind:

- [Land of the Dead:](#) Take a drive to the cemetery. But first, tell this story of a visit that went wrong.
- [Halloween Events:](#) Web sites that list Halloween events from around the country.
- [Hauntings:](#) Haunted houses and other virtual tours.
- [Ghost Stories:](#) Great stories and books plus a directory of famous halloween movies.
- [Knowing Halloween:](#) Tis the history and mystery of Halloween.
- [Print File:](#) Print pages for the above events.



## Visit the Land of the Dead

The cemetery is a great “place” to spook your friends. Visit a cemetery that is old with large granite stones. But before you go, prepare your guests on what could possibly happen.

This package includes a short story about some college students who visited the cemetery “for some fun” and then found one person missing when they returned to their vehicles to leave. A party of three went back into the cemetery to find the missing person. They found the missing person’s hat and a small tombstone with the missing person’s name:

Susan Aldrich  
Born: June 14, 1982  
Died: Halloween Night

[Click to download short story \(part of this package\)](#)

# Halloween Events

Arrange an event outside of your home. Ideas include:

- Visit a haunted house — [click for listing](#)
- Commission a farm house to sponsor a hay ride
- Visit an old pumpkin patch
- Drive to a lake or campground, have a fire, tell stories. [There is a great “ghost” story attached with this package.](#)
- Visit something unusual in your local community.

Note: at time of publication, the following web sites were in operation.

## Halloween Events:

Event Listing:

<http://www.halloween.com/>

Everything Halloween:

<http://www.everythinghalloween.com/>

Haunted Houses:

[click here for haunted house listing](#)



# Hauntings

Feel the real thing. How about a visit to an actual haunted attraction? Or take a haunted on-line tour:

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## Haunted Houses:

State-by-State Listing:

<http://theshadowlands.net/places/>

List of haunted attractions:

<http://www.halloween.com/>

<http://www.iahaweb.com/>

<http://www.hauntedamerica.com/>

<http://www.hauntworld.com>

<http://www.hauntedattraction.com/>

[haunted attractions search engine](#)

All About Ghosts:

<http://www.camalott.com/~brianbet/ghosts.html>

Virtual Haunted Tours:

<http://bonegarden.com/>

<http://www.kraftmstr.com/halloween/>

The ghosts, poltergeists, and phantoms of Borley Rectory

<http://borleyrectory.com/>

# Ghost Stories

Add some “spook” to your party. Tell or recite a ghost story with the lights dimmed, candles burning and the pumpkins glowing.

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## **Ghost Stories:**

Short story about students who didn't return from a cemetery visit:

[inside this package](#)

Halloween books:

<http://usacitylink.com/boo/bestboo.html>

Halloween stories:

<http://www.themoonlitroad.com/>

Ghost stories:

<http://www.crown.net/X/GhostStories.html>

<http://www.camalott.com/~brianbet/tales.html>

Halloween Movies:

<http://www.halloweenmovies.com/>





# Knowing Halloween

Where did Halloween come from? What are the myths? Listed are some web sites that can answer these questions:

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## **Halloween History and Myths:**

Halloween myths and history:

<http://www.illusions.com/halloween/>

Burning of Witches:

<http://www.illusions.com/burning/>

Origins of Halloween:

<http://www.neopagan.net/Halloween-Origins.html>



# Party Food

Every party has its food — Halloween is no exception. But this time, you can be really creative.



[Let's Start with Nuts:](#) You can't go wrong with an assorted nut and dried fruit tray.

[Halloween Candy:](#) Forget Trick 'r Treat. Offer your own bag of favorite Halloween treats.

[Monster Mash Pizza:](#) Let them create their "monster mash" pizza served with a "gremlin" salad.

[Dessert:](#) Jack o' Lantern cake, ghost cookies, and the traditional candy apple.

[Web Site Recipes:](#) Did we forget something? Check the web for other great recipe ideas.

[Print File:](#) Print pages for the above items.

## Assorted Nut n' Fruit Tray

Start your party with an assortment of nuts and dried fruit. They make a great appetizer and require little or no preparation. Serve them in decorative trays scattered around your room(s).

dried apples  
dried apricots  
banana chips  
dried pineapple  
dried figs  
cashews  
peanuts  
pistachios  
walnuts  
almonds  
pecans  
sunflower  
popcorn  
caramel popcorn

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### On-line Order and Information:

Dried Fruits and Nuts  
<http://www.zoria.com/>  
Popcorn Treats  
<http://www.popcorn.org/>

And for a little twist, try this recipe below. They are easy to make and can be eaten alone or in salads.

## Candied Walnut Recipe

3 cups toasted walnut halves  
1-1/2 cups light brown sugar  
2 tablespoons light corn syrup  
1/2 cup cream sherry  
1/4 teaspoon salt  
1/4 teaspoon cinnamon

Place waxed paper on two cookie sheets. Combine all ingredients, except the walnuts in a heavy saucepan.

Melt sugar over medium heat while stirring. Cook without stirring until candy thermometer reaches 240 degrees (about 10 minutes). Stir in walnuts until syrup begins to cloud (about 2 minutes).

Quickly divide mix between cookie sheets separating nuts with a fork. Allow to cool.

# Halloween Candy

*"Trick r' Treat, smell my feet, give me something good to eat"*

Pick up an assortment of candy treats and candy corn and serve them in decorative trays. And if you want to try something different, order some candies on-line:

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**Godiva Chocolates:**

<http://www.godiva.com/>

**See's Candies:**

<http://www.sees.com/>

**Here is a Fun Site for Jelly Bean Lovers:**

<http://www.jellybelly.com/>

**Read About the History of Candy:**

<http://www.CandyUSA.org/History/historyindex.shtml>

# Monster Mash Pizza

Let your guests create their own “monster mash” mini pizza. Lay out the ingredients and let them go to work.

Ingredients and recipe: serves 6

6 individual pre-baked pizza rounds (store bought or [bake your own](#))

2 cups pizza sauce ([we have several recipes for great sauce](#))

8 oz shredded mozzarella cheese

8 oz provolone sliced thin

8 oz parmesan cheese, grated

(toppings of your choice — enough for six pizzas)

suggestions:

pepperoni

pineapple

mushrooms

anchovies

cooked sausage

cooked hamburger

green peppers

red bell pepper

onions

smoked ham / bacon

black olives

spinach/ tomatoes

Preheat oven to 425 degrees.

Place pizza crusts on a platter in the center of your buffet table.

Surround platter with toppings and sauces in separate bowls, and allow your guests to create their own monster mash pizza:

- 1) spread the sauce
- 2) sprinkle on the cheese
- 3) add the toppings

Place in oven on cookie sheet about 20 minutes or until cheese is melted and crust crispy.

Serve your pizza with a “gremlin” green salad:

basic mixture of salad greens with tomato, scallion, and other salad mixture.



## *Basic Pizza Crust*

2 cups warm water (110 -115 degrees)  
2 teaspoon sugar  
5 teaspoon granulated active dry yeast  
5-6 cups flour  
4 tablespoon extra virgin olive oil , +extra for bowl and pan  
1 teaspoon salt

Place water and sugar in a 4 quart bowl. Sprinkle yeast and mix gently until dissolved. Stir in the oil, salt and half the flour, combine well and slowly add the remaining flour.

The dough will be sticky, continue to mix until the dough starts to stick together and pull away from the sides of the bowl. Knead the dough on a floured surface until it is no longer sticky.

Place the dough in a lightly greased 6 quart bowl turning the dough to oil it on all sides. Cover the bowl with plastic wrap and allow to rise in a warm location for 1-1/2 -2 hours or until doubled in size.

Punch the dough to expel the air — it is now ready to use (allow the dough to rise again for a finer texture crust if you like).

Place dough on lightly floured work surface and divide it into 8 pieces. Roll each piece into a circle approximately 6 inch diameter. Brush with olive oil and pre-bake for 5-6 minutes in 325 degree oven.

Web sites with other pizza crust ideas and recipes:

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### **Pizza Pizza Pizza:**

Great Pizza Dough:

<http://www.recipesource.com/main-dishes/pizza/dough/>

Pizza Recipes:

<http://www.meals.com/PizzaRecipes.asp>

<http://www.whatscookingamerica.net/History/Pizza/PizzaRecipes.htm>

# Pizza Sauce

*Note: Always use stainless steel pots when cooking tomatoes. The acid in tomatoes causes a bitter taste when it reacts with aluminum.*

## Basic Pizza Sauce

Yield 3 cups

1 medium size onion, chopped fine  
2 tablespoon virgin olive oil  
28 ounce can Italian-style tomatoes in puree  
1 clove garlic, minced  
1 teaspoon dried oregano  
1 teaspoon dried basil  
1 teaspoon salt  
pepper to taste  
crushed red pepper flakes (optional for extra spice)

Cook onions in a 3 quart non-aluminum pan about 5 minutes until onions are translucent. Chop the tomatoes and add them and the puree to the onions. Add garlic and seasonings and simmer and stir about 5 minutes. Reduce the heat and cook uncovered 25 minutes.



## Red Bell Pepper Sauce

Yield 1-3/4 cups

8 oz can tomato sauce  
7 oz jar roasted red peppers, drained  
2 tablespoon fresh oregano (2 teaspoon dried)  
2 tablespoon red wine  
1/2 teaspoon minced garlic  
2 tablespoon virgin olive oil  
1/8 teaspoon cayenne pepper or to taste  
white or black pepper to taste

Puree first five ingredients in food processor or blender. Slowly add oil while continuing to blend. Season to taste.

### Spinach Sauce

2 tablespoon butter

2 tablespoon flour

1 cup milk

10 oz package chopped frozen spinach, thawed and drained

1/4 cup heavy cream

1/4 cup grated parmesan

salt and pepper to taste

Melt the butter in a medium saucepan over low heat and whisk in the flour until well blended. Slowly add the milk, whisking until smooth and thickened. Add the spinach and cream and simmer for about 5 minutes, then add cheese, salt and pepper to taste.

Web sites with other pizza sauce ideas and recipes:

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#### **Pizza Pizza Pizza:**

Great Pizza Dough:

<http://www.betterbaking.com/baker2/pizza2rec.html>

Pizza Recipes:

<http://www.meals.com/PizzaRecipes.asp>

<http://www.whatscookingamerica.net/History/Pizza/PizzaRecipes.htm>





## *Dessert*

Calling all monsters. This will be the favorite item of the evening. We have included some halloween favorites that will make any monster smile. Take your pick, or serve them all.

[Candy Apple](#)

[Pumpkin Marble Cheese Cake](#)

[Jack o' Lantern Cake](#)

[Goblin Cookies](#)

## Candy Apple

8 small apples  
8 wooden sticks  
3 cups sugar  
1/2 cup light corn syrup  
1/4 cup red hot candies  
1/2 teaspoon red food coloring  
1 cup water

Wash and dry apples and insert sticks part way into stem side of apples.

Heat remaining ingredients to boiling stirring frequently until sugar and candies melt. Place candy thermometer in mixture and allow to continue cooking without stirring until temperature reaches 290 degrees, or hard candy stage.

Remove candy from heat, and immediately tip saucepan and swirl apples to coat evenly. Place apples on greased cookie sheet to cool for at least one hour.



## Pumpkin Marble Cheesecake

1-1/2 cups graham cracker crumbs  
1/2 cups walnuts or pecans, finely chopped  
1/3 cup butter or margarine

combine and press onto the bottom and up the sides of a nine inch spring form pan. Bake at 350 degrees 8-10 minutes until browned.

(2) 8 oz. packages cream cheese  
3/4 cups sugar  
1 teaspoon vanilla  
3 eggs  
1 cup pureed pumpkin  
1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg  
3/4 teaspoon cinnamon

Blend cream cheese 1/2 cup sugar and vanilla on medium speed with electric mixer.

Add eggs separately mixing well after each one. Set aside on cup of batter.

Mix pumpkin remaining sugar and spices with reserved batter. Spoon pumpkin and cream cheese batter alternately over the crust. Swirl a knife through the batter several times to achieve a marbled effect.

Bake in 350 oven for 55 minutes. Loosen cake from rim of pan but do not remove. Chill. Garnish with whipped topping and several whole pecans or walnuts.

## Jack-o-Lantern Cake

*You will need:*

2 bundt cake pans

2 boxed cake mixes

flat bottom ice cream cone

chocolate bars

candy corn

Prepare both cake mixes according to package directions. Pour half the batter into each bundt cake pan and bake per instructions.

Cool and remove from pans place flat sides together to form Jack-o-lantern. Frost cake with orange icing and frost the ice cream cone "stem" green.

Cut the chocolate bar into triangle shapes for the Jack-o-lantern's face, or use candy corn.



## Goblin Cookies

1-1/2 cup sugar  
2/3 cup shortening  
2 eggs  
1 teaspoon vanilla  
2-1/2 tablespoon milk  
3-3/4 cup flour  
2-1/2 teaspoon baking powder  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
heavy cream

\*Ornamental frosting, for decorating ([see recipe below](#))

Cream first 5 ingredients. Add flour, powder and salt and combine well with mixer on medium speed. Shape into a ball and refrigerate 3 hours, or place in the freezer for 30 minutes, to make handling easier.

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Grease or non stick spray cookie sheets. Flour surface and roll half the dough to 1/4 inch thickness. Refrigerate the other dough.

Flour ghost shaped cookie cutters and cut. Re-roll trimmings and cut more shapes. Place 1/2 inch apart on cookie sheets and brush with heavy cream. Bake approximately 8 minutes or until just golden. Remove from cookie sheets and cool on a rack.

Repeat with remaining dough. When cooled decorate with:

### Ornamental Frosting

16 oz confectioners' sugar  
3 tablespoons meringue powder\*  
1/3 cup warm water

Beat all ingredients, in small bowl with mixer low speed, until stiff. Tint a small amount of frosting with black food coloring for eyes.

Use a clean paintbrush or toothpick to apply the frosting for the eyes. Add a small amount of water so frosting will spread easily.



## Web Site Recipes

Did we forget something? Perhaps you want to serve something other than pizza. We have some great web sites that feature Halloween recipes and other food suggestions. Good luck!

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### Great Halloween Recipes:

<http://showcase.netins.net/web/medea/hollow.html>

<http://www.hookerycookery.com/hween-menu.htm>

<http://southernfood.about.com/library/holiday/blhwidx.htm>

### Halloween Desserts:

<http://www.night.net/halloween/>

### Pumpkin Recipes:

<http://gonewengland.about.com/library/blpumpkinrecipes.htm>

### Tour Ben & Jerry's Halloween:

<http://www.benjerry.com/halloween/index.html>

# Invitation

You need to invite some monsters to your Halloween party. This package includes an invitation that you can snail mail and an electronic invitation that you can e-mail. All you need to do is personalize it using our simple input form.



There are two invitations to choose from: an invitation for a costume party and another invitation for a non-costume party.

Connect to our web site to download your FREE Invitation template:

[click here to download invitation template](#)

# Printing Menu



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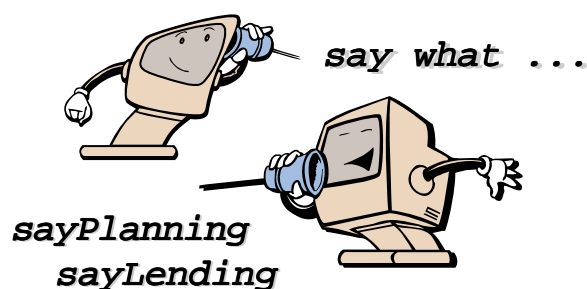
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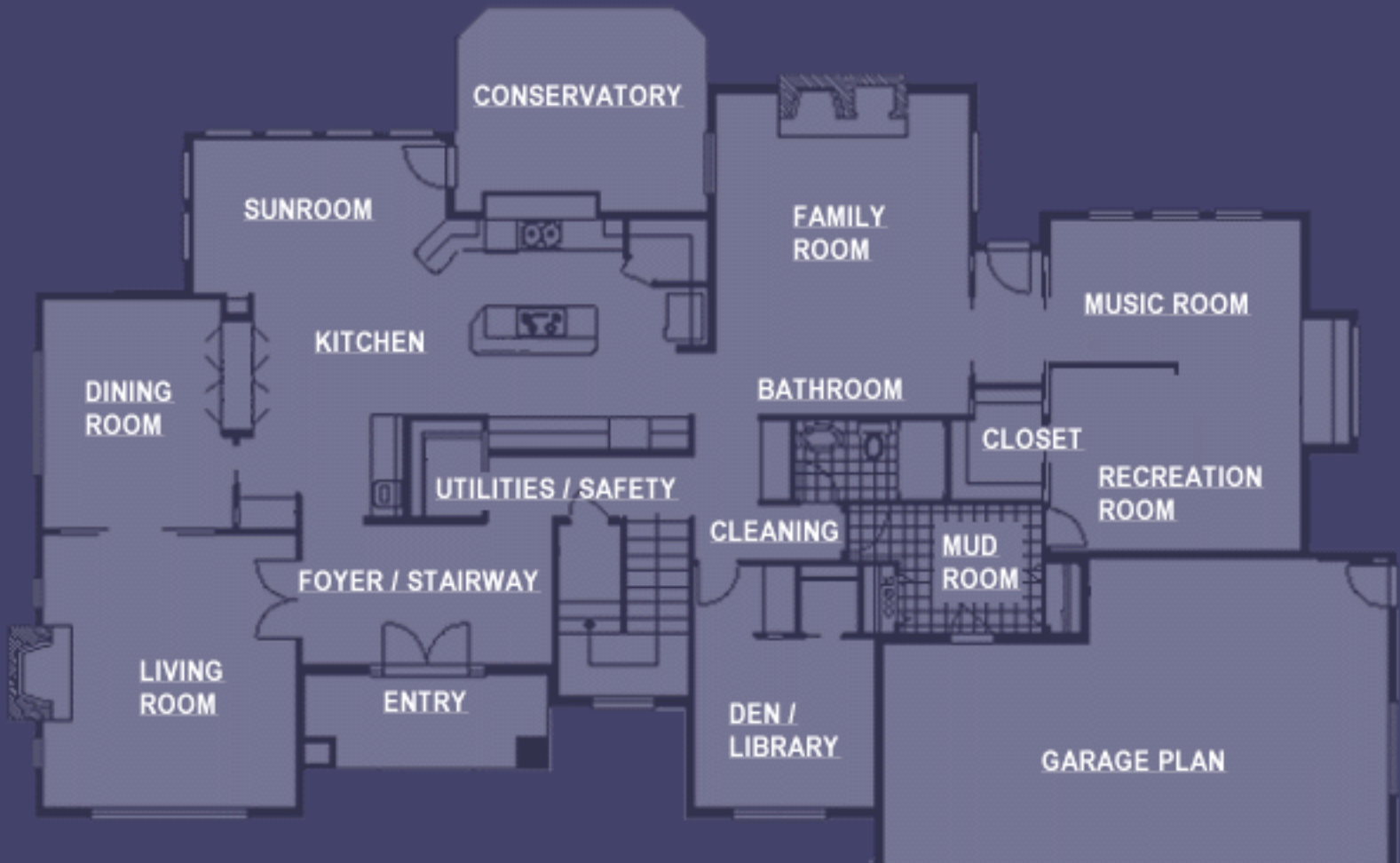
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