

Easy Halloween Costumes

Want to dress up for Halloween using just the materials you have around the house? Here are a few ideas you can try, or maybe they will inspire you to do something original. Always ask permission before using an item in your home, especially if you need to alter the item you are using. We gathered these ideas from [DIY Network](#) and [Good Housekeeping](#).



Bowl of Spaghetti

You will need:

- a colander
- white or yellow yarn
- glue
- red sweater or shirt

Take the colander and glue the yarn around the edge, cutting it to different lengths (like strands of spaghetti). Put on the red sweater or shirt. To add optional meatballs, take brown pom poms (or brown socks) and pin them to the shirt. You can even add a fork or two. Put the colander on your head; you are a bowl of spaghetti with or without meatballs.

Hot Air Balloon Rider

You will need:

- a laundry basket (note: you will destroy the basket)
- yarn or twine
- a helium balloon
- striped shirt
- scarf

Ask a grown-up to help you remove the bottom of the laundry basket. It's a good idea to use sand paper to make sure the exposed edge is smooth and will not cause cuts or scrapes. Cut two pieces of yarn or twine; they should be long enough that, when tied to the front and back of the laundry basket and set on your shoulders, the basket hangs around your waist (you can think of the yarn as basket suspenders). Cut four more strings about as long as your body. Tie one end of each string to the basket, with the strings evenly spaced around the top. Tie the other end of each string to the helium balloon. Put on the striped shirt and scarf and you're ready to step into your hot air balloon! For an extra touch, you can keep your Halloween candy in bags along the top of the basket like sand bags.

Macaroni and Cheese

You will need:

- a laundry basket (note: you will destroy the basket)
- yarn or twine
- paper
- tape or a stapler
- paint
- yellow paper (or cardboard tubes and yellow paint)
- yellow shirt

Ask a grown-up to help you remove the bottom of the laundry basket. It's a good idea to use sand paper to make sure the exposed edge is smooth and will not cause cuts or scrapes. Cut two pieces of yarn or twine; they should be long enough that, when tied to the front and back of the laundry basket and set on your shoulders, the basket hangs around your waist (you can think of the yarn as basket suspenders). Add the paper to the outside of the basket, taping or stapling it into place. Paint the paper the color you want your bowl to be. Take your yellow paper and roll it into tubes, or take cardboard tubes and paint them yellow; these will be your macaroni noodles. Attach the yellow tubes to a yellow shirt, raincoat, or sweater using tape. Put the costume on and you are mac and cheese.

PB&J Sandwich

You will need:

- two large pieces of cardboard
- twine or string
- paint

Cut the pieces of cardboard to look like slices of bread. Paint one side of the cardboard like a piece of bread with peanut butter and the other side like bread with jelly. Use the twine or string to create shoulder straps. Set the costume on your shoulders, create side ties with more twine to secure the costume, and ta-da! You're a sandwich. With cardboard and paint, you can create many fun, easy homemade costumes.

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