



## Pumpkin Roll

Give your extra toilet tissue a festive look this Halloween.

Craft Materials:

Toilet tissue rolls

Orange fabric

Brown paper bag

Glue

12 inch green pipe cleaner

green felt leaves



1. Set each roll in the center of a 22- by 18-inch piece of fabric, gather the fabric around it, and tuck the edges into the top hole (A).



2. For a stem, roll a strip of brown paper bag and glue the edge (B).



3. For a vine, glue one end of a pipe cleaner to a felt leaf, then curl the pipe cleaner around the stem (C). Insert the stem in the hole.



## Spooky Thumbprints

Your child and her friends are sure to give a thumbs-up to these silly and easy-to-make Halloween critters.

Craft Materials:

Nontoxic rubber stamp pad, or washable tempura paint

Card stock

Fine point markers

1. To make them, just help your child press her thumb onto a nontoxic rubber stamp pad (black for spiders and bats, orange for pumpkins), then onto a piece of heavy paper or card stock.

2. Add small dots of white acrylic paint (we used a dull pencil to apply it) for bat and spider eyes.

3. Let the ink and paint dry before using fine-point markers to add pupils, legs, wings, stems, and other features and details.



## Boa Bats

There's no better time than Halloween to let yourself go batty with your home decorating.

Craft Materials:

Black card stock (or construction paper)

Double sided tape

Black feather boa

White paper and marker

Fishing line

1. For each bat, trace and cut a wing shape from black card stock (choose from three printable templates; [Bat 1](#), [Bat 2](#) and [Bat 3](#)).
2. Use a piece of double-sided tape to stick one end of an 8-inch length of the boa to the center of the card stock. Wrap the boa twice around the wing shape, then stick the free end to the double-sided tape.
3. Use more double-sided tape to attach a pair of white paper eyes with black marker details, then hang the bats overhead with fishing line.



## Homemade Slime -- A Halloween Craft

Transform ordinary ingredients into a ghoulish concoction.

Craft materials:

Two mixing bowls

Measuring cups and spoons

Glue

Borax

Green food coloring

water

1. Mix together 3/4 cup warm water, 1 cup glue and several drops of green food coloring in the first bowl.
2. In the second bowl, mix together 4 teaspoons borax and 1 1/3 cups warm water.
3. Pour the contents of the first bowl into the second, but don't stir. Let it sit for 1 minute, then lift the now-congealed slime out of the bowl.
4. Divide slime so that each child has a piece to play with. The glue in slime can make it stick to certain fabrics. To minimize accidents, give each little monster a zip-top bag to store it in.

Tips:

SAFETY NOTE: Since borax is toxic in large doses, be sure to keep the slime away from kids younger than age three.

\*\*\* All ideas gathered from: [familyfun.go.com](http://familyfun.go.com)