



CREATE A SPOOKTACULAR HALLOWEEN AT HOME

Halloween may look a bit different this year, but you can still celebrate! Start planning your celebration with the help of Goodwill. Take a look at some unique ideas to safely celebrate Halloween this year. And, don't forget to visit your local Goodwill for the costumes and supplies you need to make the 2020 Halloween as fun as ever!

HAVE A TRICK-OR-TREAT CANDY HUNT.

Your kids may or may not be visiting the neighbors to fill their treat buckets, but they can still experience the fun of trick-or-treating at home. Take a lesson from the Easter Bunny and hide treats around your house and yard for them to find. Get the kids involved by asking them to get crafty and decorate Easter eggs to hold all the special treats.

Bonus – Upgrade to a Trick-or-Treat Scavenger Hunt by providing clues or a map for added fun.

COSTUMES ARE STILL A THING.

Why stop at dressing up just one time? Decide on family theme nights during October and turn a one-night holiday into fun all month-long! Even if you decided to stay home on Halloween, it may provide the opportunity to wear costumes you haven't been able to before. No more fitting that princess costume over a snowsuit! Visit Goodwill for limitless costume options! Decide on a family theme or let everyone's individual styles come out. ***Bonus – Video chat with Grandma and Grandpa for a vote on the best costume (if they have the heart to choose!).***

TURN AN EVERY DAY MASK INTO A HALLOWEEN-THEMED MASK.

There is no reason a simple mask can't be transformed into a robot, spooky character, or your kids' favorite animal. Grab some craft supplies like fabric paints, googly eyes, and string and let your family decorate a mask as a part of their costume.

CHALLENGE EVERYONE TO DECORATE THEIR BEDROOM DOORS.

What better way to dress-up the house for Halloween than letting each family member decorate their door for Halloween. Watch their creativity as regular doors turn into entrances to enchanted realms, portals to outer space, or doorways into spooky mansions! But, don't stop at just the doors in your house ...

DECORATE THE WHOLE HOUSE.

There is no better way to celebrate the month of October than setting the mood by decorating your entire house. Visit Goodwill to find the perfect items to up-cycle into spooky decorations. Let your imaginations run wild, scary, or silly, whatever decor style you want to embrace. ***Bonus - Take the decorations outdoors and turn your yard into a haunted maze!***

CREATE YOUR OWN SCARY STORY.

Give everyone a few days to write their own scary story. On Halloween set up a podium to read your spooky stories. Challenge them to create drama through delivering their story with sound effects and stage props from Goodwill.

Bonus - Take this a step further and make a scary movie! You'll find plenty of costumes and DIY decor and props at Goodwill.

FORMALLY INVITE EVERYONE TO A SPOOKY DINNER.

Transform a typical dinner with family and maybe a few close friends into a meal fit for a ghoul. Send invites for your guests to formally attend a Halloween-themed dinner. Set the mood with dramatic lighting, a Halloween music playlist, and fill the dining room with a variety of Halloween decor (you can find plenty at Goodwill). Then wow your family and friends with yummy eats that fit the theme, like worms and eyes (spaghetti and meatballs), mummy meatballs (meatballs wrapped in dough), or eyeball pasta (add mozzarella cheese balls topped with olives for the "eyes"). ***Bonus – Get your kids involved with preparing some of the food – like dessert.***

GET YOUR PET INVOLVED.

Don't leave your pet out of the Halloween fun. Let Sassy the cat's inner lion come out. Tap into Fido's secret crime-fighting powers and transform him into a superhero.

SET UP A HALLOWEEN PHOTO BOOTH.

Add some special photos to the memory books and provide plenty of giggles by building a photo booth to snap some fun and creative pictures. Find a corner or empty wall to decorate with a Halloween backdrop. Grab a few fun props from Goodwill - like hats, scarves, and jewelry to create all sorts of festive photo ops in your custom photo booth! ***Bonus – Challenge your friends and other family to do the same and create a special place to virtually share all the photos in real time.***

GO SIMPLE AND WATCH HALLOWEEN MOVIES.

Feeling short on energy? There are plenty of fun flicks for a younger audience or some pretty serious scary movies for everyone else. Check your Goodwill's movie selection for some Halloween DVDs. Then jazz up the experience by popping some popcorn and snacking on some Halloween cookies. ***Bonus – Set up an outdoor projector, grab some blankets, and view your movies in your backyard. Depending on what kind of movie you choose it could be an extra fun experience for young kids or an extra spooky experience for teens! Warning: If you pick a classic old horror movie, your teens will laugh with you about the terrible special effects.***

