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Homemade Halloween Costume Ideas For Children

By Nicole Dean

You can find a large variety of Halloween costumes available at stores in your neighborhood.

However, when you consider the cost and lack of originality, homemade costumes are a more fun and oftentimes more cost-effective option. Plus, if you involve your children in creating the homemade costumes, the results will be worth more than any store-bought costume in any store.

Here are some inexpensive, homemade Halloween costume ideas that will cost little money and show lots of imagination.

Scarecrow: An over-sized flannel shirt, some straw, and faded jeans with patches will make a great scarecrow. Stuff the jeans and shirt with plastic grocery bags and leave a little straw hanging out of the shirt and jeans. A little makeup will complete your scarecrow costume.

Ghost: Ghosts are an old stand-by that never goes out of style. Use an old white sheet with holes cut for the eyes and sew a simple treat bag out of a scrap of material or a worn out pillow case. You can dress your ghost up a bit by making lips out of red lipstick and a few false eyelashes. Or you could color a beard and moustache with markers. You may want to create a colorful ghost by using a sheet covered with polka dots or one that is brightly colored.

Clown: You can create a great clown with sweat clothes that are a bit too large decorated with fabric paint or markers. Sew on some pom poms, use an inexpensive wig with a large, colorful hat, and you could even stuff the clothing with tissue (although the tissue will be a problem if the need for a restroom break arises).

Hippy: You can become a hippy from the 1960s with a tie-dye shirt and faded jeans with holes in the knees. Combine this with a headband, a ponytail wig, and a jacket or vest covered in fringe and you will have the most authentic looking hippy costume of all time.

Nerd: Halloween is the time to dress like something completely out of character. You can dress your child as a typical nerd, complete with white shirt, pocket protectors, pants that are too short, horn-rimmed glasses, white socks and black dress shoes. Don't forget to tape one corner of the

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glasses for a true nerd appearance. Make sure you use plenty of hair gel to slick back the hair and a few overly large fake teeth will be a great addition.

Soda Can: Find an inexpensive plastic barrel and cut a hole in the bottom. Paint the entire barrel the colors and design of your favorite brand of soda in a can. With holes for arms and your head, a simple barrel can transform your child into a soda can.

Your child can be the hit of your block or at the neighborhood Halloween party if you use a little imagination and create special homemade costumes out of inexpensive, household items.

Like the commercials say "The memory of your child in a costume you made together"... priceless.

For money-saving tips, don't miss Frugal Mom Tips (link to

<http://www.showmomthemoney.com/timesavers.asp>

) And, if you're a mom who likes to have fun with

your children, visit ShowKidsTheFun (link to

<http://www.ShowKidsTheFun.com>

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Halloween Payday Loans

By Peter Garant

Halloween, which is celebrated on October 31, the eve of All Saints' Day, is a tradition that may be fraught with horrifying expenses. A person will need money for costumes, parties, and Halloween gifts.

Halloween costumes don't come cheap. Making these costumes has grown into a thriving business because people demand that the costumes appear as authentic as possible. And to make the elaborate costumes appear like the real thing, expensive materials are utilized. Thus, the finished products are expensive. Perhaps a woman has friends who suddenly decided to come to a party as a coven of witches. To save money, this woman may decide to simply wear a long black dress and a pointy hat. But, two days before the Halloween, she finds out that her friends are actually dressing up as modern witches wearing metallic and black leather accessories. The woman realizes that her own chosen costume will make her look out of place. She needs money to buy a costume that will make her fit in.

Perhaps the adult has outgrown his need to wear a costume during the Halloween. But his children want to dress up. The father or mother couldn't very well tell the children to let the Halloween pass by just like any ordinary day, especially if the children's friends have decided to dress up as the heroes of

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the Justice League. Buying an acceptable Batman costume is expensive. But a boy couldn't be happy wearing a costume that has a too-short cape. Teasing friends won't let him get away with it.

Throwing a party is one of the most enjoyable activities during Halloween. The venue should be decorated accordingly. There should be authentic looking cobwebs, strange picture frames, dark thick curtains, and ancient-looking chandeliers. Acquiring or renting all these will need extra money. And then, the food should also fit the occasion. While ice cream is always welcome, it is not particularly Halloween-ish. This is why special Halloween foods are sold. And these are certainly more expensive than ordinary take-out Chinese food.

Even if a person does not throw a party or wear a costume, his house should have at least one jack-o-lantern. There will also be children forever ringing the doorbell and chirping "trick or treat". In other words, everyone could use some extra money for the Halloween.

Fortunately, there are a few lenders who can grant a Halloween payday loan. Obtaining this type of loan is similar to obtaining any other regular payday loan. A person may fill-up an online application form and then wait for either a call or an email from a representative of the lender. Then, the next day, he may use the loaned amount. Some lenders even offer a free payday loan for the Halloween. That is, the finance charges are waived when the client pays the full amount on due date.

The sites

<http://www.faxless-paydayloan.org/>

and

<http://www.sameday-payday-loan.com/>

are both

dedicated to help you find the best information available on how to utilize payday loans.



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