

A DUBOIS FAMILY HALLOWEEN BOOK

The Grandkids' Halloween Mystery & Fun Book

Three Mysteries - A Storybook - Coloring Pages - Crafts & Games!



For Madelaine, Adalina, Kali-Anna, Rowan, Kasen & Charlie - love, Mamaw & Pawpaw ... and Sassy

Head Detectives Mamaw Coni & Pawpaw Jay need YOUR help - three times!



Color this one! Every page in this book hides one thing left just for YOU to color - starting right here with this pumpkin!

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The Great Candy Caper

Head Detectives: Mamaw Coni & Pawpaw Jay Pumpkin Bats Mystery!

Someone emptied the candy bowl - grab a pencil, detective!



THE CRIME SCENE: The Dubois family was excited for Halloween movie night at Mamaw and Pawpaw's house! Mamaw Coni set out a giant pumpkin bowl of candy on the kitchen counter at **5:00 PM**. But when everyone came into the kitchen at **6:15 PM**, the bowl was completely **EMPTY** - and wrappers were everywhere! Somebody stole the candy! Use the evidence, the clues, and the suspect statements to figure out **WHO** took the candy, **WHEN** it happened, and **WHAT** candy they took! **REMEMBER:** Not everything is what it seems - there is only **ONE** correct answer!

SUSPECTS Meet the Suspects

MADELAINE

Loves sour candy. Living room, making decorations 5:00-5:45 PM, then porch.

ADALINA

Loves fruity candy. Helped Mamaw make popcorn 5:00-5:30 PM, then read in her room.

KALI-ANNA

Loves gummies. Homework at dining table 5:00-6:00 PM. Says she never came into the kitchen.

ROWAN

Loves anything chocolate. Outside playing 5:15-6:00 PM. Muddy shoes from the yard.

KASEN

Loves lollipops. Garage with Pawpaw, working on his bike 5:15-6:10 PM.

CHARLIE

Loves Kit Kats. Living room, building his model greenhouse 5:00-6:15 PM. Says he never left.

SASSY

The dog - loves snacks of every kind. "Napping" by the fireplace... so everyone thought!

EVIDENCE Follow the Clues

1 Security Camera

Mamaw's kitchen camera caught someone at the candy bowl at 5:42 PM. Look closely - the thief is **LOW** to the ground... and has **FOUR** legs! Camera stills: 5:41 PM - bowl is full. 5:42 PM - someone at the bowl. 5:43 PM - someone leaves the kitchen. Is that a **TAIL**?

2 Muddy Prints

Two sets of prints were found on the kitchen floor. **SHOE** prints - those are Rowan's boots; he came in at 5:20 PM for a glass of water (check the timeline!). And **PAW** prints. Whose paws do they match?

3 The Nose Print

A print was found on the candy bowl. Every suspect gave a fingerprint to compare... but this print matches **NONE** of the grandkids. It isn't a fingerprint at all. It's a **NOSE** print!

4 Candy Wrapper

A torn Kit Kat wrapper was found in the trash - that's Charlie's favorite! But look very closely: the wrapper is covered in tiny **TEETH** marks... and dog slobber.

5 Witness Statements

- Madelaine:** "I was in the living room making decorations the whole time. And I only like sour candy anyway."
- Adalina:** "I helped Mamaw with the popcorn until 5:30, then I went to my room to read."
- Kali-Anna:** "I stayed at the dining table doing my homework from 5:00 to 6:00. I didn't have any candy."
- Rowan:** "I was outside playing the whole time. My shoes are muddy from the field."
- Kasen:** "I was in the garage with Pawpaw working on my bike from 5:15 to 6:10. My hands were greasy from the bike."
- Charlie:** "I was building my greenhouse model in the living room. I didn't go into the kitchen at all!"
- Pawpaw Jay:** "Come to think of it... Sassy went awful quiet around 5:40. And that dog **NEVER** misses the sound of a candy wrapper."

6 Extra Evidence

A trail of candy wrappers leads behind the couch... straight to a dog bed, where one very full, very sleepy dog is snoring.

7 Timeline

5:00 PM - Bowl is full. 5:30 PM - Popcorn is finished. 5:41 PM - Bowl is still full. **5:42 PM - Someone takes candy.** 5:43 PM - Someone leaves the kitchen. 6:15 PM - Bowl is empty.

DETECTIVE LOG Cross Them Out!

Suspect	1 Camera	2 Prints	3 Nose Print	4 Wrapper	5 Statement	6 Timeline	Still a Suspect?
Madelaine							
Adalina							
Kali-Anna							
Rowan							
Kasen							
Charlie							
Sassy							

Use the clues to cross out suspects that don't match. One suspect will be left!



DETECTIVE'S HINT: Check the paw prints once more - who has a nose that fits that print, four legs for the camera, and a dog bed full of wrappers?

Solve the Mystery!

Who stole the candy?

What time did it happen?

What candy did they steal?

What clues helped you?

ANSWER KEY A: SASSY did it - at 5:42 PM - the Kit Kats (and a little bit of everything else!). The camera shows four legs and a tail; the paw prints and the nose print are hers; and every grandkid's story checks out. Charlie is innocent - his Kit Kat wrapper was stolen fair and square... by the dog.

The Porch Ghost of Mamaw's House

A cozy Halloween story about Glowbert - snuggle in, detectives!



Chapter One - The Glowing Ghost

Every Halloween, on Mamaw and Pawpaw's porch, there hung a ghost. He wasn't a scary ghost. He was a sheet-and-string-lights ghost with two big round eyes and a pointy witch hat, and when the sun went down, Pawpaw plugged him in, and he GLOWED - soft and gold, like a big friendly night-light for the whole street. His name, said Madelaine, was Glowbert. "Ghosts don't have names," said Kasen. "This one does now," said Madelaine.



Color Glowbert's
bat friend!

Chapter Two - The Night He Danced

On Halloween night the wind came up off the bayou, and Glowbert began to sway. Then he began to swing. Then - "He's DANCING!" shouted Charlie - he danced, his sheet arms waving, his two bat friends bobbing on their strings beside him. Sassy barked at him eleven times, then sat down and watched, her head tipping side to side. Adalina waved back. Kali-Anna said it was only the wind. Rowan said wind doesn't dance to music, and there wasn't any music, but Glowbert danced like there was. Even Kali-Anna had to smile.

Chapter Three - The Secret of Glowbert

"Is he real?" Charlie whispered, when the trick-or-treaters had gone and the candy bowl was low. Mamaw knelt down beside him. "He's real the way important things are real," she said. "Pawpaw made him out of an old sheet and last year's lights, and a hat from the costume box. But every kid on this street looks for him every Halloween. He tells them: this house is friendly. This porch is safe. Somebody here is glad you came." She patted Sassy, who had fallen asleep under the bench, one paw on a candy wrapper. "That's not pretend, baby. That's the realest thing there is." And Glowbert glowed on, all night long, watching over the street - a little bit sheet, a little bit light, and a whole lot of love.



The End - almost! Two more mysteries are waiting for you, detectives.
Turn the page when you are ready...



Color this one! This is Glowbert himself - his witch hat is waiting for your colors!



The Case of the Missing Kit Kats

Head Detectives: **Mamaw Coni & Pawpaw Jay**. The sequel case! A brand-new story, a brand-new trap, and a brand-new culprit - even if you solved Version A, this notebook will fool you!

Chapter 1 - The Next Night (Mamaw's Trap)

After the Great Candy Caper, Mamaw Coni was ready. The very next night - movie night, round two - she set out a fresh pumpkin bowl on the kitchen counter at 5:00 PM, loaded heavy with Kit Kats, and this time she had a PLAN. "Let them try it now," she said, and she checked her kitchen camera twice. But when everyone came in at 6:15 PM, every last Kit Kat was GONE - and this time, it wasn't the dog! Somebody two-legged outsmarted the trap. Use the notebook clues to find out **WHO, WHEN, and WHAT they took!**

Chapter 2 - The Suspects

MADELAINE

Loves gummies.

Making Halloween decorations in the living room.

ADALINA

Loves sour candy.

Helped Mamaw with popcorn, then read in her room.

KALI-ANNA

Loves fruity candy.

Homework at the dining table the whole time.

ROWAN

Loves lollipops.

Outside playing; muddy shoes from the yard.

KASEN

Loves anything chocolate. In the garage with Pawpaw, fixing his bike.

CHARLIE

Loves Kit Kats.

Says he was in the living room building his greenhouse model "the whole time" and "didn't go near the kitchen at all."

SASSY

The dog - loves snacks.

"Napping" by the fireplace... or was she?

Chapter 3 - The Clues

Clue A - The Small Shoe Print

One small muddy shoe print was found by the counter. It matches the SMALLEST sneakers in the house.

Clue B - The Fingerprint

A fingerprint on the candy bowl matches ONE suspect. (Panel of all seven prints - Sassy's is a paw.)

Clue C - The Paw Prints (a red herring!)

Paw prints are everywhere - BUT Pawpaw saw Sassy outside in the yard through the garage door at 5:42 PM, chasing a squirrel. She couldn't have been in the kitchen!

Clue E - The Camera

Mamaw's kitchen camera shows a small figure at the bowl at 5:42 PM - wearing a hood with little BEAR EARS.

Clue D - The Note

A handwritten note was found crumpled in the recycling bin. Look closely at the details! "Movie night is going to be the best! I couldn't wait and grabbed a Kit Kat before everyone came down. I'll be more careful next time!"

Notebook reminder: Read all the clues carefully. Not everything is what it seems! There may be multiple clues that point to the same suspect. There is only ONE correct answer!



Color this one!

Chapter 4 - The Detective Log

Suspect	Clue A	Clue B	Clue C	Clue D	Clue E	Still a Suspect?
Madelaine						
Adalina						
Kali-Anna						
Rowan						
Kasen						
Charlie						
Sassy						

Use the clues to cross out suspects that don't match. One suspect will be left!

Chapter 5 - Solve It!

Who stole the candy?

What time did it happen?

What candy did they steal?

What clues helped you?

ANSWER KEY B: CHARLIE did it - at 5:42 PM - the Kit Kats. He just couldn't wait for movie night! The small shoe print, the matching fingerprint, the bear-ear hood on camera, and his own note give him away. Sassy is innocent this time - she was chasing a squirrel.

The Case of the Vanishing Pumpkin Pie

One last case, detectives - a quick one! Mamaw set her famous pumpkin pie on the porch bench to cool at **4:30 PM**, right under Glowbert. At **4:50 PM** the pie was GONE - plate, pie, everything. Only crumbs remained!

The Suspects Speak

Madelaine was carving her pumpkin at the table.

Adalina was inside frosting cupcakes.

Kali-Anna was raking leaves into a pile "for jumping."

Rowan was riding his bike up and down the street.

Kasen was feeding the cat.

Charlie was "guarding" the pie - and fell asleep in the porch chair.

Sassy was... asleep under the bench (probably).

Pawpaw Jay says: "I didn't take the pie. I MOVED it!"

The Clues

Clue 1 - The Crumb Trail: a trail of pumpkin-pie crumbs leads from the bench to the GARAGE.

Clue 2 - The Camera: the porch camera at 4:41 PM shows a GROWN-UP carrying the pie plate toward the garage.

Clue 3 - The Fork: someone has a fork in his shirt pocket - with pumpkin on it.

Clue 4 - Pawpaw's Statement: "I didn't take the pie. I MOVED it - into the garage fridge - so Sassy wouldn't get it while it cooled!" ...Then why is there pumpkin on the fork, Pawpaw?

Solve the Mini-Mystery!

Who took the pie? _____ What time? _____
Where is the pie now? _____

ANSWER KEY #3: PAWPAW JAY - 4:41 PM - he moved the pie to keep it safe, then "tested" just one slice with his pocket fork. The pie (minus one slice) is safe in the garage fridge. Case closed - and Pawpaw owes Mamaw a slice of honesty... and gets dish duty.



Color this one! Color the famous pumpkin pie - before Pawpaw Jay gets to it!

The Haunted House

Bats, pumpkins, and one very spooky old house - color it if you dare!



The Pumpkin Patch

So many pumpkins! Pick your favorites and give them their Halloween colors.



The Friendly Ghost Family

Not all ghosts are scary - this ghost family is floating out to say hello.



Sassy in Her Pumpkin Costume

Our number-one suspect, dressed for the big night. Guilty? You decide!



The Witch and the Moon

A friendly witch flies across a big Halloween moon - add all the purple and gold!



The Spooky Tree and the Owls

Wide-eyed owls are watching from the spooky tree. Whoooo goes there?



Trick-or-Treat Night

Costumes on, buckets ready - it is time to knock on doors and say trick or treat!



The Cat on the Fence

A Halloween cat sits on the fence under the moon, keeping watch over the pumpkin patch.



The Skeleton Party

The skeletons are dancing and making music! Give this party all your brightest colors.



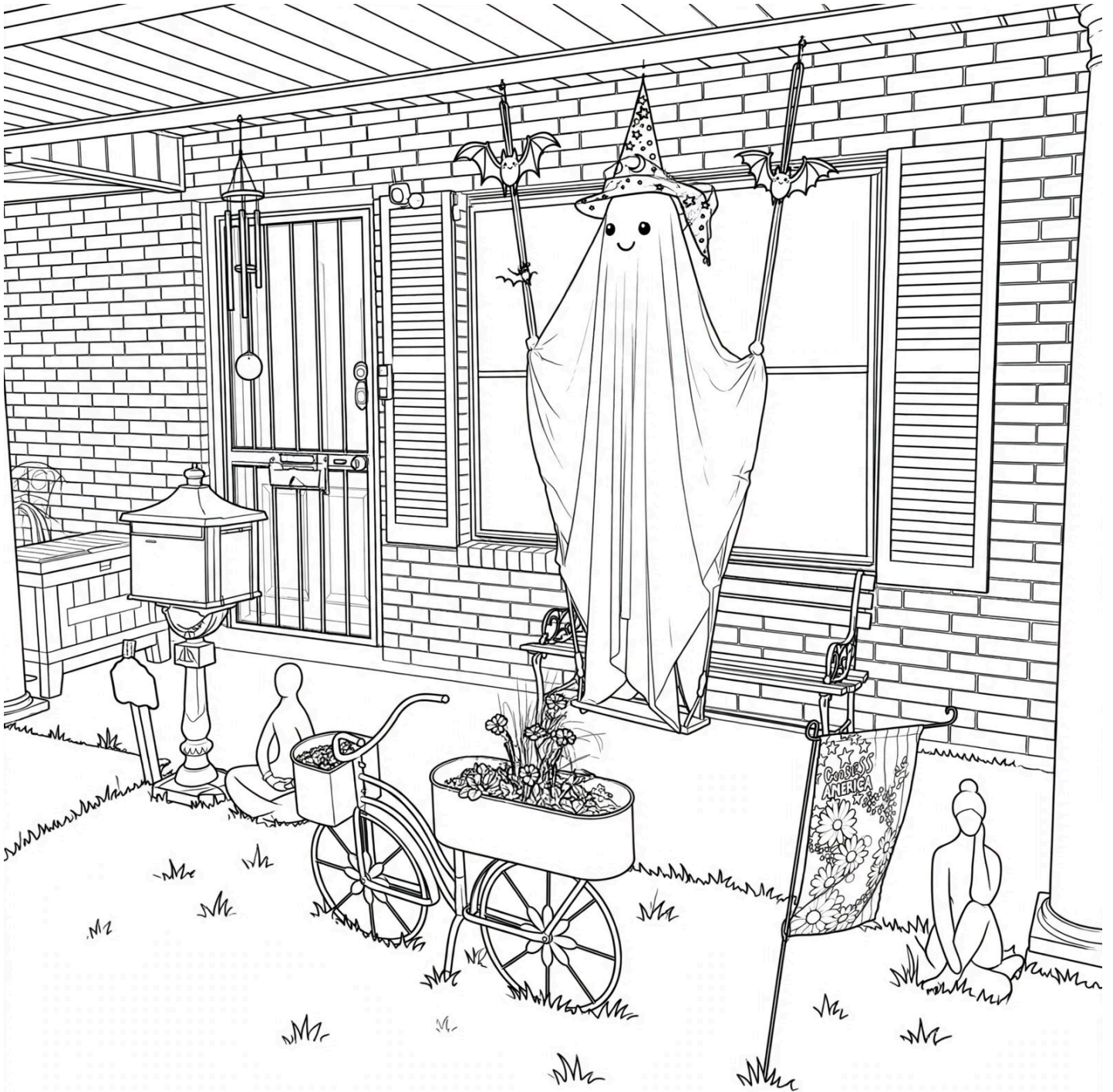
The Great Candy Pile

Candy, candy everywhere - and one little bat keeping guard. Color every sweet!



Color Mamaw & Pawpaw's REAL Haunted Porch!

This is the REAL ghost that hangs on Mamaw & Pawpaw's tree at the front of their house - drawn from Mamaw's very own photo!



Spooky Word Search

Ten Halloween words are hiding in the puzzle - forwards, backwards, up, down, and diagonal. Circle each one when you find it!

Y	G	H	O	S	T	Y	B	H	B	S	P
Z	K	W	A	W	A	M	M	I	C	A	U
G	S	W	K	N	O	O	M	G	U	S	M
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J	U	Q	T	G	E	L	Y	F	R	T	Y

PUMPKIN

GHOST

CANDY

WITCH

SPOOKY

SASSY

MAWAW

TREAT

MOON

BAT

Detective tip: Two of the words are special names from our story. If you get stuck, ask a head detective - Mamaw and Pawpaw know where every word is hiding!



Color this one! This bat snuck onto the word search page - color him in!

Spooky Mad Libs

How to play: DON'T read the story first! Ask a friend or a grown-up to give you a word for each blank below and write it in. Then read the whole silly story out loud!



Color this ghost!

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|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Adjective: _____ | 6. Adjective: _____ |
| 2. Room in a house: _____ | 7. Plural noun: _____ |
| 3. Animal: _____ | 8. Verb: _____ |
| 4. Verb ending in -ing: _____ | 9. Silly noise: _____ |
| 5. Food: _____ | 10. Type of candy: _____ |

The Night the Candy Vanished

It was a (1) _____ Halloween night at Mamaw and Pawpaw's house. Suddenly, a sound came from the (2) _____ ... the candy bowl was EMPTY! "Who could have done it?" cried Pawpaw. Just then, a (3) _____ came (4) _____ past the couch, carrying a whole mouthful of (5) _____ ! Mamaw put on her (6) _____ detective hat and followed a trail of (7) _____ straight to the dog bed. "Aha!" she said. "Sassy, did you (8) _____ all the candy?" Sassy just wagged her tail and said "(9) _____ !" - which every detective knows means: "Save me one (10) _____ for later!"

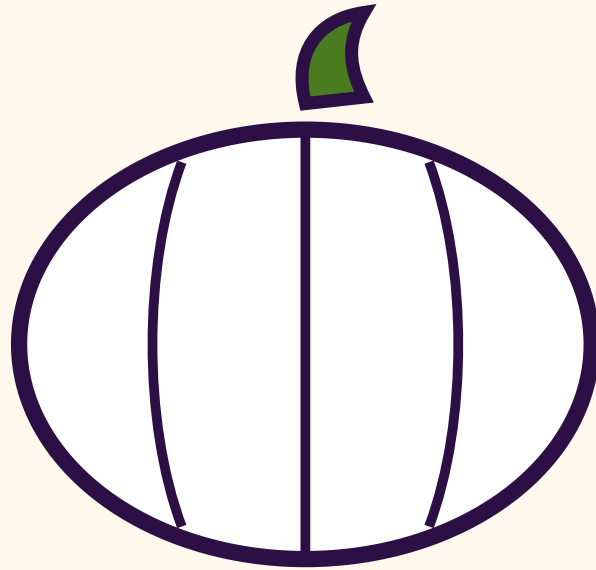
Paper Pumpkin Garland

Make a whole string of jack-o'-lanterns to hang across the porch or your bedroom door!

You will need: orange paper, green paper, scissors, glue, a long piece of string, and a pencil.
Grown-up helper for scissors, please!

1. **Trace** the pumpkin below onto your orange paper - or draw your own round pumpkin shape.
2. **Cut out** lots of pumpkins - make 6, 8, or even 10!
3. **Add faces** - draw a different silly or spooky face on every pumpkin.
4. **Glue on green stems** - little green paper rectangles on top of each pumpkin.
5. **Hang them up** - glue or tape each pumpkin along the string, then hang your garland where everyone can see it!

Trace-me pumpkin (put your paper right on top and trace the outline - and color this one, too!):



Cut-Out Halloween Bookmarks

Color each bookmark - color EVERY one! - then cut along the dashed lines. **Grown-up helper for scissors!**

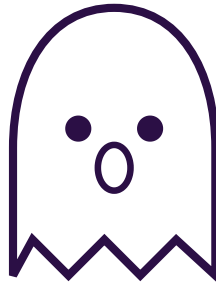


The Great Pumpkin

Color me, cut me out,
keep my page!

This book belongs to:

Mamaw & Pawpaw's
Halloween Book

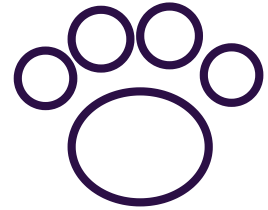


The Friendly Ghost

Color me, cut me out,
keep my page!

This book belongs to:

Mamaw & Pawpaw's
Halloween Book



Sassy Was Here

Color me, cut me out,
keep my page!

This book belongs to:

Mamaw & Pawpaw's
Halloween Book

Bats & Mummies

Crafts you can make TOGETHER out of simple things around the house - scary fun, no store trip needed! (1 of 5)

1 Toilet Paper Roll Bats

You will need: an empty toilet paper roll, black construction paper (or black paint), white paper, glue, and string.

1. Paint the roll black, or cover it with black paper.
2. Fold the top edges in - those are his ears!
3. Cut paper wings and glue them to the back.
4. Add white paper eyes and fangs.
5. Tie on the string and hang him upside down - just like Glowbert's bat friends!

Grown-up helper: Help with cutting the wings, please!



Color this one -
it's what you're
about to make!

2 Toilet Paper Roll Mummy

You will need: an empty toilet paper roll, toilet paper or white gauze strips, glue, and black paper.

1. Wrap the roll round and round with toilet paper or gauze strips.
2. Tuck the ends in with glue as you go.
3. Leave a gap near the top - that's where he peeks out!
4. Glue on two black-paper eyes in the gap.

Grown-up helper: Little hands can do the wrapping - grown-ups are on glue duty!



Color this one -
it's what you're
about to make!

A Glowbert of Your Own & Ghost Treats

Crafts you can make TOGETHER out of simple things around the house - scary fun, no store trip needed! (2 of 5)

3 Make-Your-Own Glowbert (Milk Jug Ghost Lantern)

You will need: a clean, empty gallon milk jug, a black marker or black paper, and a battery tea light.

1. Draw Glowbert's face on the jug - or glue on black-paper eyes and a mouth.
2. A grown-up cuts a hole in the back of the jug.
3. Pop the battery tea light inside.
4. Set him on the porch - your very own glowing porch ghost, just like Mamaw's!

Grown-up helper: Grown-ups do ALL the cutting, and it's a battery light only - never a real candle!



Color this one -
it's what you're
about to make!

4 Ghost Lollipops

You will need: lollipops, white tissues or napkins, string or ribbon, and a marker.

1. Drape a tissue over a lollipop.
2. Tie it under the candy with string or ribbon.
3. Draw two eyes with the marker.
4. Make a whole ghost family of treats to share!

Grown-up helper: Grown-ups check every treat first - just like the safety rules in this book!



Color this one -
it's what you're
about to make!

Spiders & Monster Puppets

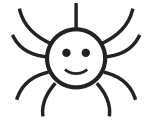
Crafts you can make TOGETHER out of simple things around the house - scary fun, no store trip needed! (3 of 5)

5 Egg Carton Spiders

You will need: an egg carton, black paint, pipe cleaners or black paper strips, glue, and thread.

1. Cut out one cup from the egg carton.
2. Paint it black and let it dry.
3. Poke or glue on 8 legs - pipe cleaners or paper strips.
4. Add eyes on top.
5. Hang him from a thread so he dangles and dances!

Grown-up helper: Help with the cutting and the poking, please - spider legs are tricky!



Color this one -
it's what you're
about to make!

6 Paper Bag Monster Puppets

You will need: a paper lunch bag, colored paper, glue, and crayons.

1. Put the monster's face on the flap of the bag - that's his mouth!
2. Glue on paper horns, spots, and wild hair.
3. Color him as wild and silly-scary as you like.
4. Put your hand inside... and make him ROAR!

Grown-up helper: Grown-ups, beware - puppet monsters love to sneak up and say BOO!



Color this one -
it's what you're
about to make!

Fluffy Ghosts & Keepsake Spiders

Crafts you can make TOGETHER out of simple things around the house - scary fun, no store trip needed! (4 of 5)

7 Cotton Ball Ghost

You will need: paper, cotton balls, glue, and black paper.

1. Draw a big ghost shape on the paper.
2. Fill the whole shape with glued-on cotton balls.
3. Add black-paper eyes and a mouth. Fluffy!
4. Hang him up where he can float over the fun.



Grown-up helper: This one is safe for even the littlest detectives - just keep the glue on the paper!

8 Handprint Spider Keepsake

You will need: black paint (or black paper), paper, and wiggly eyes.

1. Make two handprints, palms together and fingers out - that's 8 legs! (Or trace your hands on black paper and cut them out.)
2. Add wiggly eyes in the middle.
3. Write your name and the year on the page.
4. Give it to Mamaw - it's a keepsake for her fridge!



Grown-up helper: Paint means grown-up helpers AND hand-washing after - spider artists get messy!

Sock Pumpkins & a Hungry Monster

Crafts you can make TOGETHER out of simple things around the house - scary fun, no store trip needed! (5 of 5)

9 No-Sew Sock Pumpkin

You will need: an old orange sock (any color works!), rice or stuffing, a rubber band, string, and brown paper or a twig.

1. Fill the sock with rice or stuffing until it's pumpkin-plump.
2. Tie off the top with the rubber band.
3. Wrap string around the sock to make pumpkin ridges.
4. Add a brown paper stem - or a real twig on top.

Grown-up helper: No sewing at all - but a grown-up can help tie the knots tight!



Color this one -
it's what you're
about to make!

10 Tissue Box Monster

You will need: an empty tissue box, colored paper, glue, and white paper.

1. Cover the box with colored paper.
2. Cut white paper teeth and glue them around the slot - that's his mouth!
3. Add big paper eyes on top.
4. Now FEED THE MONSTER - toss crumpled paper balls into his mouth!

Grown-up helper: Help with cutting the teeth - monster dentists are grown-up work!

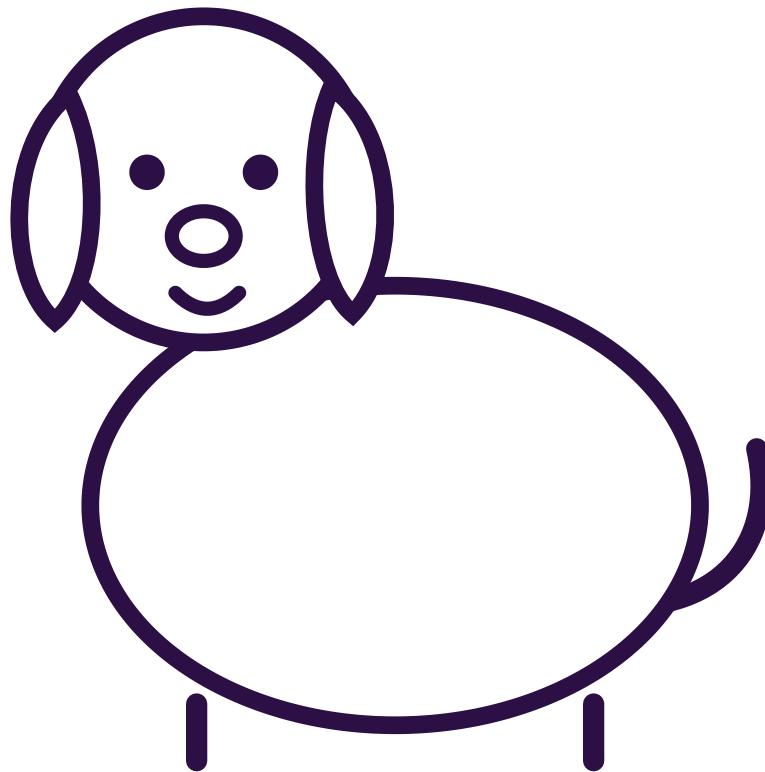


Color this one -
it's what you're
about to make!

YOUR TURN, ARTIST!

Draw a Costume for Sassy

Sassy needs a Halloween costume for the big night! Draw it right on her - a witch hat? A superhero cape? A pumpkin suit? It's YOUR design, detective-artist! (Color this one - Sassy's picture is yours to finish!)



Add Sassy's costume, her candy bucket, and anything else she needs!

Costume designed by: _____ | © 2026 Ever Widening Circle Research by Coni Dubois LLC. All rights reserved.

YOUR TURN, ARTIST!

Draw a Face on the Pumpkin

Every jack-o'-lantern needs a face! Make yours spooky, silly, sleepy, or surprised - then color this one all over, the whole pumpkin is yours!



Triangle eyes? A toothy grin? A tiny bat friend on top? You choose!

Pumpkin carved (with crayons!) by: _____ | © 2026 Ever Widening Circle Research by Coni Dubois LLC. All rights reserved.

Candy Counting

A good detective counts the evidence! Count the candies in each box and write the number on the line.

Wrapped candies



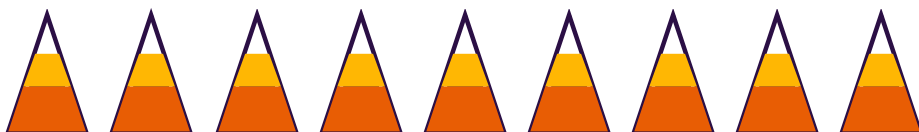
How many? _____

Lollipops



How many? _____

Candy corn



How many? _____

Chocolate bars



How many? _____



Color this one! Color this candy - it's the one piece Sassy missed!

Bonus question: How many candies are there ALL TOGETHER? _____

Answers (grown-ups only!): 6, 4, 9, 3 - and 22 all together. | © 2026 Ever Widening Circle Research by Coni Dubois LLC. All rights reserved.

Trick-or-Treat Safety

The best detectives always come home safe. Mamaw and Pawpaw's five golden rules for Halloween night:

Rule 1 - Always stay with a grown-up. Never trick-or-treat alone!

Rule 2 - Carry a flashlight (or glow stick) so drivers and friends can see you in the dark.

Rule 3 - Look both ways before crossing every street - twice!

Rule 4 - Don't eat ANY candy until a grown-up has checked it first. (Detectives wait for the all-clear!)

Rule 5 - Say thank you at every door, and be kind to everyone you meet.



Color this one! Color this friendly ghost - he follows all five golden rules!

I promise to follow the five golden rules!

Signed, Detective _____

My Halloween Night

Draw yourself in your costume - and your favorite part of the whole night!



Color this bat!

My costume was: _____

My favorite candy was: _____

The best part of the night was: _____

CASE CLOSED - GREAT DETECTIVE WORK!

Happy Halloween, Detectives!



Love, Mamaw & Pawpaw

... and Sassy, who promises to TRY to be good next year.



Color this one! One last one to color, detectives - this ghost is yours!