



# Turn your home into a Halloween treat

**H**alloween is a time for scares, chills, spooks and ghosts. This year, with a few simple tricks, you can turn your home into a haunted house.

The first thing you should do is to make a diagram of the floor plan. Then decide which way the kids will be coming in and how they will be going out. Start plotting where the scary spots will be. What are scary spots you ask?

They are the little nooks and crannies where you hide before the evil action takes place. The number of spots you have depends on the number of people you have helping you. Sometimes, if you have a really good helper, they can sneak from one spot to the next without being seen.

You can make scary spots by using old

sheets, fake spiderwebs, cornstalks or any other Halloween displays you might have lying around.

For around \$5 you can get a 10'x20' roll of black plastic. This is useful for making cheap capes, gargoyle wings and instant rooms and walls. You can also make a quick doorway by cutting strips down a plastic partition wall you have hung up. When anyone walks through it, the hanging strips will drag over them, giving them the illusion of someone touching them.

Another good, cheap all purpose prop is a dummy. All you need to make one are newspaper or leaves, old clothes (pants and a long-sleeved shirt), some shoes and gloves, clear nylon thread, a needle and an old pillowcase.

First you need to stuff the fingers of the gloves with the newspaper or leaves and then stuff the rest of the glove. Using the clear thread,

sew the gloves to the ends of the long-sleeved shirts. Stuff the arms next. To give the arms and legs more definition, form tubes out the newspaper and stuff those. When the arms are finished, stuff the chest. Don't stuff it all the way, though. Sew the shoes to the end of the pants and stuff the legs. When that's done, sew the shirt to them and stuff the waist and stomach area. Finish stuffing the chest and do any shaping of the dummy.

For the head, take a pillowcase and turn it inside out. With a marker, draw a simple outline of a head and neck shape on it. It should look like an upside-down vase with the open end of the pillowcase serving as that end. Sew along your marker lines. It doesn't have to be perfect; it just needs to look like a head. Turn the pillowcase right side out and stuff it.

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# 2005 HALLOWEEN Safety Tips

**Halloween Safety TIP #1**  
 Always dress for the weather & make sure costumes can fit over a coat.  
**Halton Hills Child Care Centre**  
 60 Park Ave., Georgetown  
 905-877-5004

**Halloween Safety TIP #2**  
 Trick or Treat at houses you know  
**Chalmers Fuels & Lubricants**  
 79 Mountainview Rd. N. Georgetown  
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**Halloween Safety TIP #3**  
 Wear Reflective tape or bright costumes  
**Acton Home Hardware**  
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**Halloween Safety TIP #4**  
 Take a grown-up trick or treating with you.  
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**Halloween Safety TIP #5**  
 Don't go into people's homes.  
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**Halloween Safety TIP #6**  
 Trick or Treat during daylight or dusk  
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**Halloween Safety TIP #7**  
 Don't zig-zag across the street. Do one side, then the other.  
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 Skills for Success, Lessons for Life.  
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**Halloween Safety TIP #8**  
 Be careful when backing your car up. Make sure the way is clear!  
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**Halloween Safety TIP #9**  
 Carry a flashlight to see where you are going.  
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