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Halloween is so much more than trick-or-treating and candy eating, Halloween is a fun craft opportunity with the kids!

Have a green Halloween! Halloween can be eco-friendly by opting out of buying new decorations and costumes, which saves tons of plastic. In 2011 alone, 32 million tons of plastic waste was generated, with only 8% recovered for recycling!

Halloween Crafts for Kids

This Halloween there's no need to shop, just dig out your craft supplies, and grab some juice boxes, jars and plastic bottles from around the house! Here are three eco-friendly Halloween kids' craft ideas:

Juice Box Monsters



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A real treat for kids and easy to make!

What you need:

Old juice boxes (preferably larger ones)

Felt

PVA glue

What to do:

Take juice boxes and cover in glue.

Wrap felt around juice box, leaving an overhang at the top of the bottle.

When glue has dried, cut a scary or funny hair style onto the monster.

Cut out some face shapes out of different colored felts.

Let the kids create funny faces with glue and pre-cut felt pieces!

Glass Jar Jack-O-Lanterns



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Want to recycle old jars for crafts and give the kids a healthy treat?

What you need:

Empty glass jars

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Black tape

What to do:

Cut out triangles from black tape for the eyes, a triangle for the nose and a scary-shaped mouth.

Stick them on the jar to create your face.

Fill the jars with pumpkin seeds – nutritious and gives the jar an authentic pumpkin color!

Plastic Bottle Spiders



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A creative way to reuse your old plastic bottles!

What you need:

Plastic bottles (preferably clear)

Paint and glitter for decorating

What to do:

Cut off the top of the bottle.

Cut the circumference of the bottle into many vertical strips.

Fold these strips down and in your clear bottle your floating spider will appear!

Decorate spiders with glitter and paint.

Save the consumption and cost this Halloween, and reuse and recycle every day household products to create eco-friendly decorations, and have some fun with the family at the same time. Make eco-friendly costumes - funny or scary - and decorations to make yours the spookiest house in the neighbourhood this Halloween!



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