

## Witch Lanterns

Half-gallon plastic milk or juice jug (empty and clean)  
Mod Podge gloss finish (available at crafts stores; may be substituted by mixing a few teaspoons water with  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup craft glue)  
4 sheets lime-green tissue paper, cut into 2- and 3-inch squares and rectangles  
Black permanent marker  
7-inch black plastic dessert plate  
Black raffia ribbon  
Cellophane tape  
Black poster board  
Stapler  
Hot-glue gun and glue sticks  
Black ribbon  
Small flashlight or LED battery-powered tap light

### For the witch head:

1 Using a kitchen knife, cut a 3-inch square opening below the jug handle, just above the bottom.  
2 With the Mod Podge and tissue paper, decoupage the entire outside of the jug and let dry. No need for perfection! A little sloppy is good.  
3 Use the permanent marker to draw on the face.

### For the witch hat and hair:

1 Poke a hole in the center of the black plate and, using scissors, continue to cut an opening the size of the jug spout. This will be the brim.  
2 To make hair, loop the raffia into 12-inch sections, approximately 12 to 15 times. Turn the plate over, and tape the raffia bunch to the brim. Repeat until you have covered a little more than half of the plate.  
3 Place the brim over the spout and push until secure. Cut the loops and trim to even out.  
4 On the black poster board, draw a circle 14 inches in diameter. (You can trace around a large plate.) Cut out with scissors, and then cut in half.  
5 Fold one half to make into hat, and staple.  
6 Secure the top of the hat to the brim with hot glue.  
7 Cut a 14-inch piece of ribbon and glue around the base of the hat.  
8 Place light inside the jug, through the cutout.



These wands make perfect party favors for young witches and wizards.

## Abracadabra! Wand

Large twig (16 to 24 inches long)  
Black or lime-green craft paint  
Craft glue  
Black or green glitter  
4 or 5 pipe cleaners, any color  
Beads and/or jewels (optional)

1 Find a long, narrow twig in your yard or a park. If it's bent or knotty, all the better.  
2 Clean, then sand the ends if necessary. Paint twig.  
3 Once it's dry, brush on glue and sprinkle with glitter.  
4 Tightly wrap 3 to 4 inches of the thicker end with pipe cleaners. Tuck in the ends of the pipe cleaners so no sharp edges are exposed.  
5 Decorate the handle by gluing on your choice of beads or jewels, if desired.

## Hocus-Pocus Punch

Serves: 6 children  
6 cups lemonade  
2 cups lemon-lime soda  
Green, red, and blue food coloring  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  cup light corn syrup  
Gummy worms

1 Mix the lemonade and soda; add 6 drops green food coloring, stir, and set aside.  
2 Pour the corn syrup into a bowl; stir in two drops each of red and blue food coloring.  
3 Dip the rims of 6 glasses into the syrup mixture. Turn the glasses upright and watch the ooze drip down the sides.  
4 Fill each glass with punch; garnish with gummy worms.

## Eyes of Newt

Makes: 20 eyeballs  
20 mini-powdered doughnuts  
Red decorating gel  
20 green M&M's  
Black decorating icing

1 Put doughnuts on a platter.  
2 Drizzle each with red gel.  
3 Place a drop of gel on the back of each M&M, and put one in the center of each doughnut. Top with a drop of black icing to form the pupil. ✨

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