



Halloween Candy Keepers

Draping the house in cobwebs and spiders, festooning the ceilings with orange and black streamers, filling the garden with glowing luminaria and freshly carved jack o' lanterns - that's the essence of Halloween in our house!

If the excitement gets too much in the run up to Halloween, set aside an afternoon to make these sweetie baskets. The cutting and sticking will help to develop your child's fine motor skills - and the baskets provide useful storage for all those goodies!

You need:

Card (orange, black, yellow)

Felt pens

Pencil

Glue

Ruler

Scissors

What to do:

Draw two pumpkins (or use the template). Draw a spooky face on the pumpkin with a felt pen.

Measure out and cut a 15cm X 15cm square from black card.

Draw a 2cm margin all the way round the square with a pencil. This will create small squares in each corner of the square. Cut a slit down one side of each small square. These will be the tabs that join the sides of the basket together.

Fold over the margins and press them down hard to make a crease.

To make a basket shape, glue the tabs inside the sides of the basket.

Cut a 15cm X 2cm strip of card. This will be the handle of the basket. Decorate the handle with pictures of bats, moons, cats – you decide! Glue each end of the strip to the sides of the basket.

Glue the two pumpkin shapes to the sides of the basket that do not have the handle glued on - and your candy keeper is complete!

More fun: Why not use the yellow card to make moons instead of pumpkins. You could draw witches flying across the moon...