

HALLOWEEN HINTS!

Making Halloween A Treat

(NAPSA)—Experts say the trick to a great Halloween may be to treat you and your family to some unique costumes.

Fortunately, this year's crop of costumes offer families a variety of ways to strike friendly fear—or fun—in the hearts of others. New costumes range from the ghoulish (classic horror figures like Freddy Krueger and Michael Myers) to the foolish (movie character Austin Powers or a walking, talking cow).

In fact, costume creators say this year's Halloween collections include such a variety of costumes and characters that even last-minute shoppers have nothing to fear.

Children, for example, can quickly be transformed into:

- Child Evil Wizard—A ghoulish gown with a glow stick for casting evil spells.
- Child Drucilla—An adorable little witch with flowing blue hair.
- Tom Arma Infant and Toddler Animals—Exclusively licensed by photographer Tom Arma, the costumes include butterflies, elephants, spiders, piglets and more.

Adults can easily assume the identity of:

- Guardian of Evil—This men's costume raises hair with a black hood, deep red cape, and a skull and crossbones belt.
- Squirting Cow—This wacky costume includes a printed jumpsuit with a squirting udder, a hand pump and tube with horns.
- Cigarette Girl—This nostalgic costume includes halter top, skirt, collar with bow tie, black cuffs and goody box.



A unique Halloween costume can make the holiday more of a scream.

Spencer Gifts stores have a Halloween collection that features the above costumes, as well as get-ups ranging from the character Leatherface to Be Bop Girls.

Creating a spooky atmosphere can make Halloween horrifically horrifying. Try these items:

- Strobe Skull and Devil Heads—Place these little devils on a tabletop and watch guests dance in the strobe light that flickers from their eyes.
- Mini Flame Light—Bored of hanging the same old cobwebs from the ceiling? Suspend these lights and illuminate the “path to peril.”
- Cauldron Skeleton—A piece that is great for the haunted house effect and sure to send chills up guests' spines.

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