

Pig E. Bank

Gazette



Fall 2011

Did You Know?

Halloween started a really long time ago! Almost 2,000 years ago in Ireland, people called the Celts would celebrate the end of the harvest season on October 31.

Today Halloween is celebrated all over the world. In Austria some people celebrate Halloween by leaving bread, water and a lamp on a table before going to bed. In China, Halloween is known as Teng Chieh. In America and Canada, we carve pumpkins, dress up and go trick-or-treating!

What's your favorite Halloween tradition?

Halloween Savings

Another special fall event is Halloween. We get to make fun costumes and dress up. What do you want to be this year? Farmer Pig E. Bank is always thinking about ways to help save money, and Halloween is a great time to practice your savings skills. By making your own costume, you can save a lot of money and have fun by being creative. Ask a parent to help you look around your home for things you could use as a costume. Do you have any big boxes around the house? Maybe you could be one of a pair of dice, a Lego block or a box of cereal. Making your own costume is fun

and you'll have a totally unique costume that no one else will have! You could even ask your friends to come over for a costume-making party. Go to <http://familyfun.go.com/halloween/halloween-kids-costumes/> for more ideas.

Lego Costume Directions:

Follow these instructions to turn a plain old cardboard box into a costume with all the right angles.

Step 1: Cut off the bottom flaps of a box (ours measured 16"W x 29"H x 11"D) with a utility knife. Tape down the top flaps.

Step 2: To create head and arm holes, trace a dinner plate on the top of the box and saucers on each of the box's sides, and cut out with the utility knife.

Step 3: Lay the box flat on its back. Using wood glue, affix eight round 2"H x 4"diam. craft boxes (\$1.19 each; bjcraftsupplies.com) — without their lids — in two vertical rows along the front, as shown. Make sure the bottoms of the craft boxes face out.

Step 4: Once the glue has dried, spray-paint the entire piece glossy red. If necessary, coat multiple times for a brighter color, then let dry.

Have fun!

Your Pal,

Farmer Pig E. Bank



Check out our kids club at <http://www.fmb4banking.com/fmb-kids-club!>

JOKE Corner

Q. Why didn't the skeleton dance at the party?

A. He had no body to dance with.

Q. What do goblins and ghosts drink when they are hot and thirsty?

A. Ghou-Aid.

Parents & Guardians Section

Tips to be safe before Halloween Trick-or-Treating

- Make costumes that are bright, reflective, and short enough to prevent tripping, entanglement, or contact with flames. Consider adding reflective tape to costumes and Trick-or-Treat bags for greater visibility.
- Make sure that shoes fit well.
- Secure emergency ID (name, address, phone number) discreetly within the Halloween costume or on a bracelet.
- Masks can limit or block eyesight, so consider using non-toxic makeup and decorative hats instead.
- When buying costumes, wigs, and accessories, purchase only those with labels clearly indicating they are flame resistant.
- Put fresh batteries in flashlights for all children and their escorts.

- Teach children how to call 911 (or their local emergency number) if they have an emergency or become lost. Remind them that 911 can be dialed free at any pay phone. If possible, give children a cell phone to carry.
- Review with your children the principle of "Stop-Drop-Roll" in case their clothes catch on fire.
- Consider purchasing alternatives for Trick-or-Treaters visiting your home. These include: low-fat crackers with cheese or peanut butter filling, single-serve boxes of cereal, packaged fruit rolls, mini-boxes of raisins, single-serve packets of low-fat popcorn that can be microwaved later. Non-food items that make nice treats include pencils, stickers, erasers, coins.
- Eliminate tripping hazards on your porch and around your property.
- Plan your entire route and make sure your family knows what it is.

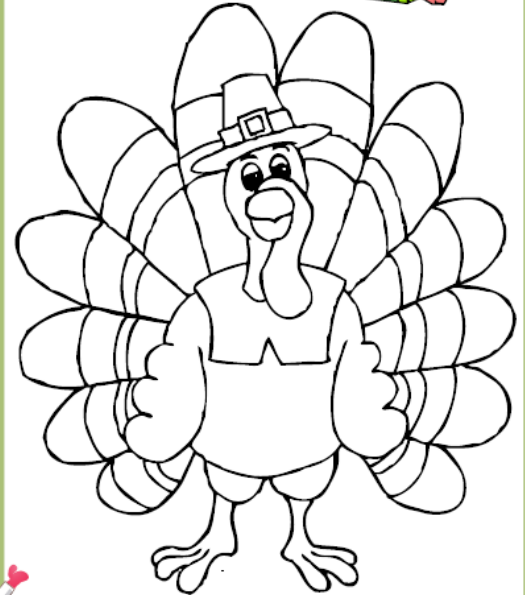


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Pig E. Bank's Color Section



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PUMPKIN ART!!!



Cut this pattern out and attach it to your pumpkin. Using a toothpick or pencil, outline the stencil by punching holes into your pumpkin. Then ask your parents to help you carve your pumpkin or if you don't want to carve it, use markers to color in the marked area.



Hand & Foot Turkey



Supplies:

- Brown, red, orange and yellow construction paper
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Glue
- Googly eyes (optional)

Instructions

1. Trace around the child's feet using brown construction paper. (turkey's body)
2. Trace around the child's hands using red, orange, and yellow construction paper. (turkey's feathers)
3. Glue the two footprints together to make the turkey's body. (The heels make the head area.)
4. Cut out a round wattle and an orange beak. Glue the wattle, beak, and googly eyes (or paper eyes) to the turkey's head. Make two legs from paper and glue them to the back of the body (or use pipe cleaners and tape them to the back).
5. Glue the handprint "feathers" to the back of the turkey.

Optional Poem: This isn't just a turkey as you can plainly see. I made it with my hands & feet which are a part of me. It comes with lots of love especially to say, I hope you have a very, Happy Thanksgiving Day!