

# PUMPKIN CRAFTS

## PAPER PLATE PUMPKIN

**Supplies:** two paper plates; black paint; orange paint; tea light candle (battery operated); green pipe cleaner (you can omit it or switch it for green paper); some tape to secure the pipe cleaner; scissors; glue; pencil (or similar)

Paint the inside of the plate black and the back of the plate orange. Let the plates dry before moving on. Place the paper plates on top of each other - black parts facing each other. Cut a straight line. With a pencil (or marker), draw the pumpkin face on one of the paper plates. Cut it out. For easiest (and safest) cutting, have the kids punch a hole (with pencil or similar) through the mouth, eyes and nose if they made it and use the hole as the starting point for cutting. Curl up a pipe cleaner and stick it on the paper plate. Apply glue on the edge of the paper plate. Do not apply glue along the cut. Place the other paper plate on top and wait for the glue to dry. We use clothespins to secure the paper plates while the glue dries. Push the tea light candle inside the opening at the bottom. You can secure it with some tape too.



## PAPER PUMPKIN

**Supplies:** orange construction paper; green construction paper; brown construction paper; stapler with staples; string for hanging; scissors or paper cutter

Cut a piece of paper into 1 inch strips. Cut the one inch strips into the following lengths: 11 inches (x2), 9 inches (x2), 7 inches (x2) and 6 inches (x1). One piece of paper creates one pumpkin. Next it's time to put the pumpkin together. You want to have the 6 inch one in the middle and then sandwich out from smallest to largest. Make sure the top is flush and put in a staple. You now want to line up the other end flush and staple. Cut out some leaves and a stem. Curl the stem around a pencil. We stapled it all together.



## PAPER CUP JACK'O'LANTERN

**Supplies:** white paper cups; orange craft paint; paintbrush; flameless tea light candles; pencil; black marker; craft knife; craft stick; green pipe cleaner; scissors

Paint your cup with two coats of paint (or get orange cups to skip this step). Once dry, use the pencil to poke a hole in the center of the cup. Use a pencil to outline the eyes and mouth and then a black marker to draw the Jack'O'Lantern faces. Slide the "flame" of the tea light candle through the hole from the inside. If you want to add the stem and leaf, use a craft knife to make a little slit on top of the paper cups. (adult only step). Slide a craft stick through the slit and wrap a green pipe cleaner around the craft stick. Cut it at the desired length.

