

Transcript for **How to make Halloween cupcakes**

Whether you want to make Halloween cupcakes that are cute or creepy, these decorating tips will do the trick for your treats. You will need cupcakes in your choice of flavour, vanilla or cream cheese frosting, green doughnut-shaped hard candies, red and orange food colouring, piping tools, chocolate chips, regular and mini, chocolate frosting, chocolate sprinkles, small red candies, black shoestring liquorice, a craft knife, black liquorice nibs or chocolate bars, oval-shaped cookies and Graham crackers. Optional: mini marshmallows, red shoestring liquorice, chocolate coins and candied lime slices or fruit leather.

**Step 1 – make a bleeding eyeball cupcake.**

Put a green candy in the centre of a vanilla or cream cheese frosted cupcake and stick a chocolate chip into the middle. Then mix some red food colouring into a small batch of white frosting and use it to pipe wiggly lines outwards from the eyeball. Stick a chocolate chip stuffed mini marshmallow onto a piece of red shoestring liquorice to make a dangling eyeball cupcake topper.

**Step 2 – make a long-legged spider.**

Start with a chocolate frosted cupcake. Cover the top with chocolate sprinkles and add two red candies for eyes. Insert four three-inch pieces of black shoestring liquorice on either side of the eyes for legs.

**Step 3 – to make a ghost cupcake.**

Pipe vanilla frosting onto a cupcake in the shape of a soft-serve ice cream swirl, about one and a half inches high and use mini chocolate chips for eyes. Add an unwrapped chocolate coin to some of the cupcakes as a mouth.

**Step 4 – design jack-o'-lanterns.**

Make orange icing, then use a craft knife to carve black liquorice nibs or chocolate bars into eyes, mouths and stems. If you want green stems, cut candied lime slices or fruit roll-ups into the appropriate shape.

Step 5 – turn a chocolate frosted cupcake into a gravesite by piping RIP on an oval-shaped cookie and standing it up into one end of the cupcake. Spread crumbled Graham crackers in front of the headstone to represent a mound of freshly dug dirt.

Happy Halloween!

Did you know black cats are associated with Halloween because they were once believed to be witches' assistants or even witches in disguise?