

Spooky Eyes

These are really cheap and easy to make, but super effective once you turn the lights out!

Equipment

Cardboard tubes (eg inners from kitchen towel, toilet roll, or wrapping paper)

Pencils

Scissors

Glow sticks or LED tea-lights

Parcel tape

Paint (optional)

Method

1. Get the children draw some spooky eyes, (and a mouth if they want), on the side of a cardboard tube. Discourage anything too complex, because cutting round lots of spikes is tricky!
2. Using scissors or a craft knife, make a hole in the tube to give the children a starting point, then let them cut out the eyes and mouth.
3. If you have time, paint the tubes a solid colour (we chose black and orange of course) and leave to dry.
4. Cover one end of the tube with parcel tape.
5. Light a glow stick (or LED tea light) and pop it inside the tube. Seal the other end with tape.
6. Turn out the lights to experience the spooky eyes!

NB: Toilet roll inners and wrapping paper inners work the best because they are thin enough to be cut with scissors by little hands.

Glow sticks are cheap, but the LED tea lights last longer and give a good flickery effect.

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