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Recycling Tidbits

Halloween an ideal time to reuse

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Stump the Grump

What is vampire power or phantom load?



Answer:

According to the International Energy Agency, vampire power, also known as "phantom load," is the electricity that electronics and appliances use while they are turned off or in standby mode. They estimate that the United States spends about \$4 billion annually on vampire power.

Honestly, why purchase an entirely new costume to dress up for Halloween when there are so many reusable options available? Start by searching your local thrift store and go as an 80's workout star, a 90's child, a zombie bride, a hippie, preppy school kid, an ugly bridesmaid, the gang from Caddy

Shack, an old lady or man, or a tribute to ugly sweaters.

Martha Stewart!

My mom found a witch's hat and an old prom dress that will make the perfect witch costume. A few warts and spider rings will complete the look.

My favorite costume was an angel made from items already worn. I had beau-

tiful golden wings from a Christmas concert and a lovely white dress I'm pretty sure my mother wore years earlier as a flower girl. A little gold dust on my cheeks, red lipstick, and a halo made from pipe cleaners finished the ensemble.



The cast from Clueless would make a great costume too!



Pumpkin Butter

Ingredients

- * 2 (15 ounce) cans pumpkin puree (NOT pumpkin pie filling)
- * 1 cup apple juice, no sugar added
- * 1 cup honey
- * 1/4 cup pure maple syrup
- * 2 teaspoons molasses

* 2 tablespoons lemon juice

* 1 1/2 teaspoons pumpkin spice

* Pinch of salt (very small just to enhance the flavor a little)

Directions

1. Place all ingredients in a small slow cooker and cook on low for 5-6 hours.

2. Allow to cool for a while, pour into storage jars and keep it in the fridge overnight. Enjoy the next morning!

Makes about 5 cups.

www.thegraciouspantry.com



Amazing on muffins, toast, & biscuits!

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Feeling crafty?

Rocket Pack Turn two soda bottles upside down and add orange and yellow fabric, construction paper, or tissue paper for an astronaut that's out of this world.

<http://www.themomcreative.com/2012/11/tutorial-kids-soda-bottle-jet-pack.html>



Recycling Bin Paint a box blue and add a white recycle symbol; attach cans, bottles, and suspenders to the top. For extra embellishment create a hat out of a large soda bottle or box.



Monsters Main Dish or Picnic Table Secure an old table cloth on top of a large box, cut a hole in the middle to fit your head. Glue plates, silverware, cups and cloth napkins. Add spooky embellishments such as fake teeth, spiders, and eye balls.



Washing Machine and Dryer Paint boxes white and draw on doors and knobs or add small plastic containers; attach an empty detergent bottle or dryer sheet box and folded clothes to the top. Don't forget to add holes for your arms and head to pop through.



Laundry Basket Remove the bottom of an old laundry basket or create one using a box; add straps and a bunch of 'dirty' clothes to finish the look.

Lego Using a long box, cut holes for your head and arms. Attach pie pans or small paper bowls and paint it all one color. Coordinate sweatshirts to match the Lego for a finished look.



Ghost or Greek God Cut holes for eyes into an old sheet to make a ghost. Wrap a sheet or two around your body; add a golden belt and perhaps some green leaves or gold bangles to create a Greek God.

<http://www.wikihow.com/Make-a-Female-Toga>



Whether you make your own costume or create a spooky decor item, make sure to take a picture and send it to me. I'd love to highlight your amazing talents and finds. Have a safe and Happy Halloween!

Not into dressing up?

Try creating some adorable decorations with materials from your recycle bin.

Ghostly Ghouls Color in eyes and a mouth on a milk jug using a black marker or paint; fill jug with water or cut a hole in the bottom and add holiday lights to make them glow.



Skeleton Cut open and flatten a milk jug; either draw or trace bones onto the container. Cut and string together.

<http://www.thepartyanimal-blog.org/milk-jug-skeleton-fun-recycled-craft-decoration-halloween/>



Frankenstein Paint a tin can green. A black shirt or rag creates hair. Add old bolts, goggle eyes, and draw scars on with a marker to finish him off.



Glowing Eyes Cut 2 slits in paper towel or toilet paper rolls, add a glow stick for an illusion or night time eyes.



Pumpkin Tie together a bunch of canning jar rings; add a cinnamon stick to the top for a stem and make leaves from burlap or paper. Spray paint orange if you desire.

<http://www.yellowblissroad.com/canning-jar-lid-pumpkin/>



Candy Corn Wine bottles can be painted white, yellow and orange to create a festive look.



Bat Color 3 pieces of an egg carton black then add small eyes.

