

# **The Ultimate Pumpkin Party**

The Halloween experts at Dremel<sup>®</sup>, the maker of the Dremel Pumpkin Carving Kit, offer exciting ways to entertain guests this Halloween season. These tips can assist Halloween enthusiasts in preparing for and hosting the most "spooktacular" Halloween party in the neighborhood.

# **Deadly Decorations**

- Create distinctive place cards. Etch your guests' names on small gourds or pumpkins with the Dremel Pumpkin Carving Kit to create place cards that will be sure to impress your company. You can also create jack-o-lantern faces on the gourds and let guests choose their favorite design.
- **Decorate throughout the house.** In the kitchen, display Halloween themed soap, add cobwebs to dining room lamps and ceiling fans, and place spooky decals on windows and mirrors throughout the house.
- Create unique decorations. Use the Dremel Pumpkin Carving Kit to etch designs into real or artificial foam pumpkins. Designs can come from the included templates or you can design your own pattern. Place them around the house and at the front door to greet guests as they arrive.
- **Generate eerie lighting.** Replace the light bulb at your entrance with a blue or black light bulb. Use black lights throughout a hallway to add a ghostly illumination or string orange and white lights around the windows.

### Frightening Food and Beverages

- **Prepare frightening finger food.** Make favorite sandwiches as usual, but for a new variation of Halloween hors d'oeuvres, use your favorite Halloween cookie cutters to cut out different designs.
- Serve Jell-O<sup>®</sup> brand gelatin, a favorite snack food. Add a Halloween twist by making red Jell-O and adding blue food coloring. This will turn the Jell-O black, but will not sacrifice the great flavor. Then place the black Jell-O in insect-shaped molds. Guests will have fun eating insect Jigglers<sup>®</sup>!
- Serve spine-chilling snacks. "Miniature fingers" will be sure to be a scream. Spread a small dab of cream cheese on the tip of baby carrots. Gently press almond slices onto cream cheese to resemble fingernails. Finally, serve on a platter with a bowl of salsa for dipping.
- Create Halloween themed cupcakes. Use black licorice to make a spider, whipped cream to create a ghost and M&M<sup>®</sup>'s and candy corn to make a spooky face.
- **Munch on Mummy Dogs.** To create this fun Halloween snack, wrap individual hot dogs in dough and bake until golden brown. Use yellow mustard for eyes, and serve on a decorative Halloween platter.

# **Ghostly Activities**

- The ultimate pumpkin carving activity. Have a few Dremel Pumpkin Carving Kits on hand so guests can work together to create ghostly jack-o'-lantern designs with the included templates.
- The creepy guessing game. Use three shoeboxes with lids and cut out an area large enough to insert a hand without looking inside the box. Each guest will get a pen and paper and have to guess what is inside each shoebox. Fill one with skinned grapes (eyes), cooked cold spaghetti (brains) and cooked rice (maggots).
- Halloween costume contest. Create fun categories so that there are multiple winners. Categories can range from Scariest, Funniest, Most Original, Best Hand-Made Costume, Best Group or Duo and Best Overall.

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