



Haunted House

There's nothing scary about making this Halloween house! In fact, it's "spookily" easy for your little spirits to create. Use the pattern on page 98 to prepare oaktag tracers. To make one house, use white chalk to trace one of the patterns onto black construction paper; then cut along the resulting outlines. To embellish this house, glue on cotton-ball spirits and add some thumbprint ghosts using white paint. If desired, add die-cut pumpkins or pumpkin stickers. Arrange the completed houses together on a display to create a spooky neighborhood.

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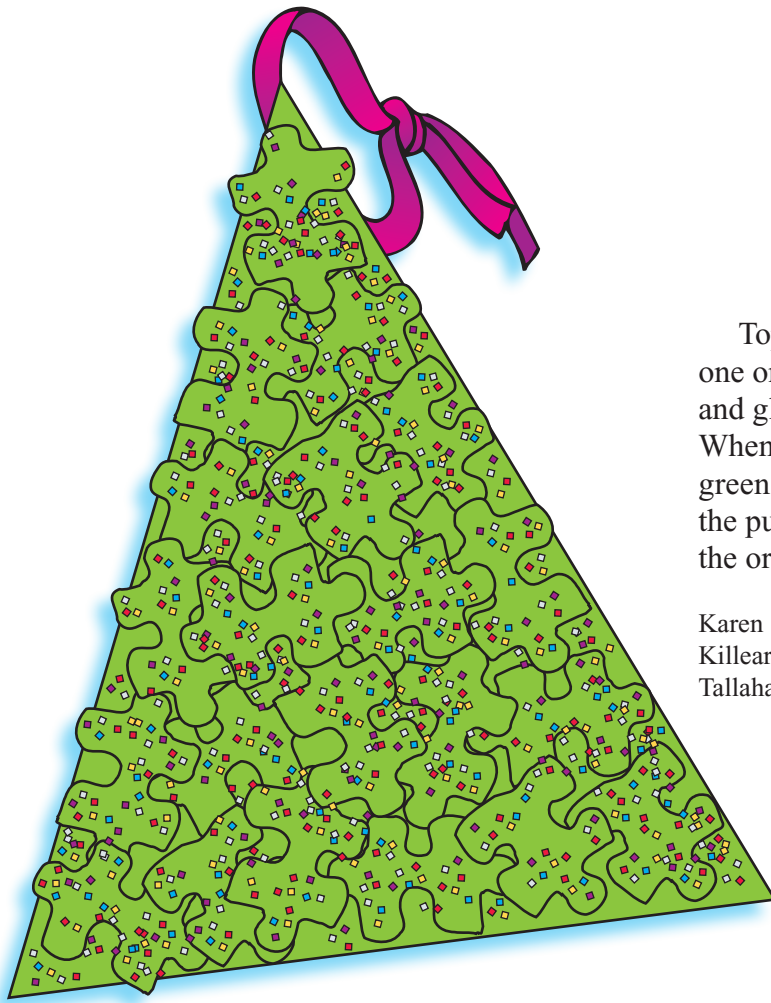
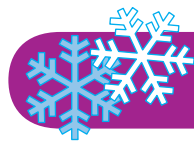


Glowing Ghosts

Ooooh...erie! These ghosts glow, my dearie! To make a treat bag, use glow-in-the-dark or fluorescent paint to paint handprints onto a handled paper gift bag. When the paint is dry, use a marker to add features. Fill these bags with ghostly goodies that will disappear quickly!

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Tree Topper

Top off your tree with these ornaments. To make one ornament, cut a triangle from poster board. Stack and glue cardboard puzzle pieces onto the triangle. When the glue is dry, paint both sides of the ornament green. While the paint is still wet, sprinkle glitter onto the puzzle pieces. Tape a loop of ribbon to the back of the ornament for hanging.

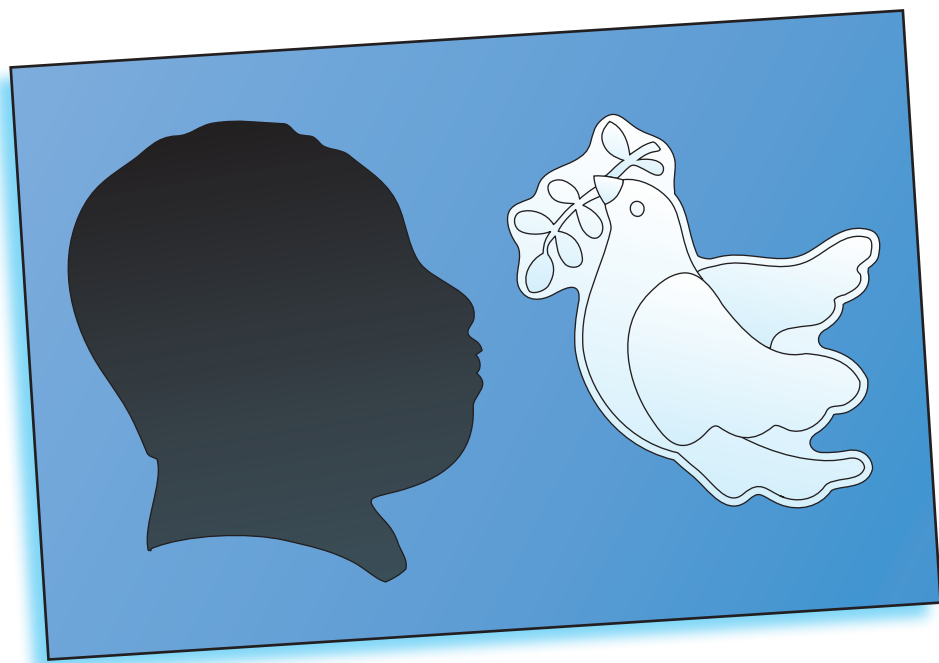
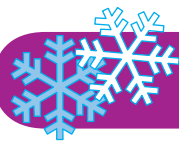
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Foil Christmas Tree

Each of these trees is unique when decorated by your crafty youngsters. For each child, cover one side of a cardboard triangle with green floral foil (used to wrap pots) or foil wrapping paper (used to decorate doors). To complete his tree, a child glues a paper trunk to the back of the triangle and a star to the top. He then embellishes the tree with various art supplies, such as paper scraps and stickers.

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A Peaceful Picture

This supersimple craft is ideal for little ones to complete as you study Martin Luther King Jr. Use the patterns on page 101 to make a class supply of Martin Luther King Jr. silhouettes from black construction paper, and a class supply of white doves. Have each child glue her cutout silhouette on one side of a half sheet of blue construction paper, and her dove on the other side. Easy!

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A Penguin Parade

How do penguins dress for a parade? Well, that's up to your preschoolers! To make a penguin, cut a 6" x 9" rectangle and a 3" x 12" strip from black construction paper, a five-inch square from white construction paper, and a 2" x 9" strip from black construction paper. Trim all four corners from each piece and then cut the black paper strips in half. Use crayons or markers to decorate the white tummy. Or spread glue over the cutout and decorate it with hole-punched dots, yarn, tissue paper, wallpaper, or cotton balls. Then assemble the bird, add two adhesive hole reinforcements for eyes, and attach an orange paper triangle for a beak. Glue a jumbo craft stick to the back of the project, and the parade is ready to begin!

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“Some-bunny” Loves You!

These valentine magnets are really “thumb-thing” special! To make one, cut two hearts from white card stock. Cut out the center of one heart, leaving a ½-inch border. (Use a die-cutting machine if available to save time.) Have a child make red thumbprints around the heart border; then have her make one pink thumbprint near the center of the solid heart. When the paint is dry, have the child use a permanent marker to add details to the pink thumbprint so that it resembles a bunny. Glue the border on top of the solid heart. Write the message shown, the child’s name, and the date. Finally, attach a strip of magnetic tape to the back of the heart.

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Hooray—A Bouquet!

Even a preschooler can afford a dozen of these sweet roses! To make a Valentine’s Day bouquet for someone special, have a child make 12 red or pink tempera paint handprints on a large sheet of white construction paper. Then have him dip one finger into green tempera paint and paint a green stem for each “rose.” When the paint is dry, glue the bouquet painting to a sheet of green floral paper. Then write a note for the recipient on a heart-shaped cutout and glue it to the bottom of the painting. Happy Valentine’s Day!

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