

October half-term crafting plan

Here's a **7-day October half-term crafting plan** that balances indoor, outdoor, and Halloween-themed activities. All are kid-friendly with simple materials you can find around the house or garden. (one activity per day, with easy materials list), so you don't have to think on the spot?

Day 1 – Autumn Leaf Collage 🍁

Materials: Leaves, paper/cardboard, glue, crayons/markers

Activity:

- Collect fallen leaves outside.
- Arrange them on cardboard and glue them down to make a picture.
- Optionally, add drawings or paint to fill gaps.

Tip: Use different leaf shapes and colours for extra texture.



Day 2 – Pumpkin Painting 🎃

Materials: Small pumpkins, acrylic paints, brushes, stickers

Activity:

- Paint pumpkins with fun faces, patterns, or Halloween designs.
- Stickers and googly eyes can make it easier for younger children.

Tip: Lay down newspaper or an old sheet—painting pumpkins can get messy but fun!



Day 3 – DIY Spooky Lanterns 🕯️

Materials: Jam jars, tissue paper, glue, scissors, tealight or LED candle

Activity:

- Tear tissue paper into pieces and glue onto jars.
- Draw spooky faces with markers or cut shapes from black paper to stick on.
- Light with LED candles and display around the house.



Day 4 – Nature Wreath 🌿

Materials: Cardboard ring, leaves, pinecones, acorns, glue, string

Activity:

- Glue collected leaves, pinecones, & acorns onto a cardboard ring to make a wreath.
- Hang on doors or walls.

Tip: Older kids can help make a pattern with colours and shapes for extra creativity.

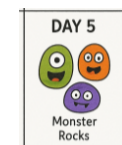


Day 5 – Monster Rocks / Story Stones 🪨

Materials: Smooth stones, paint, brushes, markers

Activity:

- Paint stones with fun monsters, pumpkins, or autumn symbols.
- Or... paint story stones with images (house, tree, sun, cat) & use for storytelling games.



Day 6 – Paper Plate Masks / Shadow Puppets 🦇

Materials: Paper plates, scissors, string, markers, sticks

Activity:

- Make Halloween masks: cats, bats, witches. Cut out holes for eyes and attach string.
- Or create shadow puppets for a spooky storytelling show.



Day 7 – Salt Dough Ornaments / Halloween Baking 🍪

Materials:

- *Salt dough:* 1 cup flour, 1/2 cup salt, 1/2 cup water
- *Baking option:* cookies or cupcakes + decorations

Activity:

- Make shapes like pumpkins, ghosts, leaves. Bake, then paint when cooled.
- Or decorate cookies/cupcakes with Halloween themes.



✅ Bonus Tips:

- Prep materials in advance to keep kids engaged.
- Mix indoor and outdoor activities so energy is balanced
- Keep a tray or newspaper for messy crafts—clean-up is faster and stress-free.



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