

Halloween Costume Planning Checklist

Family Name: _____ Year: _____

STEP 1: DECIDE ON YOUR APPROACH

- ☐ **Individual costumes** (everyone chooses their own)
- ☐ **Family theme** (coordinated group costume)
- ☐ **Sibling pairs/groups** (some coordinated, some individual)

Our Theme/Idea: _____

STEP 2: BRAINSTORM & RESEARCH

Costume Ideas for Each Family Member:

Name: _____ Costume Idea: _____

Inspiration Source: ☐ Pinterest ☐ YouTube ☐ Movie/Book ☐ Original Idea

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STEP 3: SHOP YOUR HOME FIRST

What We Already Have:

Item	Location	Can Use For (which costume?)
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Check these spots:

- ☐ Closets (old clothes, formal wear, unique pieces)
 - ☐ Dress-up box or toy chest
 - ☐ Craft supplies (fabric, ribbons, felt)
 - ☐ Garage/basement (cardboard boxes, paint, tools)
 - ☐ Makeup/hair accessories
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STEP 4: EXPLORE FREE/LOW-COST OPTIONS

Potential Resources:

☐ **Borrow from:**

Contact: _____ What we need: _____

☐ **Costume swap with:**

Contact: _____ What we're trading: _____

☐ **Thrift store trip planned for:** _____

☐ Community costume exchange:

STEP 5: WHAT WE NEED TO BUY OR MAKE

Costume #1: _____

Need to Get Buy or DIY? Where/How Est. Cost Got It?

_____ ☐ Buy ☐ DIY _____ \$ _____ ☐

_____ ☐ Buy ☐ DIY _____ \$ _____ ☐

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_____ ☐ Buy ☐ DIY _____ \$ _____ ☐

Costume #2: _____

Need to Get Buy or DIY? Where/How Est. Cost Got It?

_____ ☐ Buy ☐ DIY _____ \$ _____ ☐

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Costume #3: _____

Need to Get Buy or DIY? Where/How Est. Cost Got It?

_____ ☐ Buy ☐ DIY _____ \$ _____ ☐

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_____ ☐ Buy ☐ DIY _____ \$ _____ ☐

Additional Costumes: (use back of sheet if needed)

STEP 6: DIY PROJECT PLANNING

Costume Creation Schedule:

What Needs Made Who's Helping When (Date/Time) Completed?

_____ ☐

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_____	_____	_____	☐
_____	_____	_____	☐
_____	_____	_____	☐

Supplies Needed for DIY Projects:

STEP 7: ACCESSORIES & FINISHING TOUCHES

Don't Forget:

- ☐ Shoes/boots for each costume
- ☐ Wigs or hair accessories
- ☐ Face paint or makeup
- ☐ Props or handheld items
- ☐ Bags or buckets for trick-or-treating
- ☐ Warm layers (jacket, leggings) if the weather is cold
- ☐ Safety items (reflective tape, glow sticks, flashlights)

Special Notes:

STEP 8: TRIAL RUN

Trial Run Date: _____

For Each Costume, Check:

- ☐ Everything fits comfortably
- ☐ A person can move, sit, and use the bathroom easily
- ☐ Nothing is itchy or uncomfortable
- ☐ Shoes work for walking
- ☐ Costume is weather-appropriate

- ☐ All pieces are complete
- ☐ Backup plan if weather is bad:

Adjustments Needed:

STEP 9: FINAL PREP (Night Before Halloween)

- ☐ All costumes laid out in one place
- ☐ Accessories with each costume
- ☐ Shoes set out
- ☐ Warm layers ready if needed
- ☐ Face paint/makeup gathered
- ☐ Camera or phone charged for photos
- ☐ Trick-or-treat bags ready
- ☐ Safety gear (flashlights, glow sticks) ready

STEP 10: PHOTO TIME!

- ☐ Individual photos of each person
- ☐ Full family photo
- ☐ Action shots while trick-or-treating
- ☐ Photos with friends/neighbors

Best Photo Spot:

COSTUME SUCCESS NOTES**What worked really well:**

What we'll remember for next year:

Estimated total costume budget spent: \$ _____

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