

# WORKSHOP EXTENSION ACTIVITY

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## October 2025: Haunted Candy Box

Ages 5-12

### CONNECT.

Haunted houses can be spooky and exciting! Have you ever been to a haunted house before...or seen one in a movie or on TV? Was there something that really gave you the chills?

### INVESTIGATE.

Let's take a closer look at what makes a haunted house so scary. What kinds of creatures, creepy symbols, or eerie sounds would make you jump or scream? How about ghosts, bats, creaky floors, or sudden flashes of light?

Take a moment to brainstorm, and jot down your ideas below!

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### INNOVATE.

Now, let's use your spooky ideas to decorate your Haunted Candy Box, making it even creepier for trick-or-treating this Halloween!

#### You'll need:

- Your Haunted Candy Box
- Acrylic paint & paint brush
- Glitter
- Glue stick
- Glow-in-the-dark hot glue and hot glue gun
- Glow-in-the-dark stars

1. First, pick some of your creepy ideas to paint on your Haunted Candy Box! Could you add a spider or two, for example? Carefully paint your designs on all sides of your Haunted Candy Box, and then wait for the paint to dry.
2. Next, think about how you could use the glow-in-the-dark hot glue to make your Haunted Candy Box even spookier. How about a glowing spider web? With an adult's help, use the hot glue gun to bring your ideas to life. Don't forget to let the glue dry before you move on!

3. Add some glow-in-the-dark stars around the roof of your Haunted Candy Box. After all, most spooky nights begin with the glow of the Moon and stars!
4. Finally, add glitter wherever you think your Haunted Candy Box could use a little extra sparkle. You might want to sprinkle some around the edges, on the spider webs, or even inside the box to give it an extra magical touch.
5. Once you're happy with the final design, allow everything to dry completely before filling it with your favorite treats or using it to trick-or-treat. Happy Halloween!

Share a photo of your extra-spooky Haunted Candy Box, which is all ready for Halloween night, using #kidsworkshopexplore.



What tools did you use to build your Haunted Candy Box?

**Carpenters** use a variety of tools and materials to build a real house, like hand tools, power tools, and lumber.

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