

CHILDREN'S MUSEUM FEATURE ACTIVITY

PAPER BAG PUMPKINS

This cute kids' paper bag pumpkin craft is perfect for table decorations or, if filled with candy, a great party treat bag. They are easy to make with simple supplies for a fun Halloween craft for kids.

SUPPLY LIST:

- Brown paper lunch bag (x1)
- Acrylic paint: orange & green
- Paintbrush
- Brown construction paper
- 6- 12" pieces of green raffia
- Scissors



INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Paint the outside of the lunch bag with orange paint. Paint the inside, top portion of the bag with green paint. Apply a second coat paint on the bag as needed.
2. When paint is completely dry, fringe the green section of the bag with your scissors into strips approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ " - 1" wide.
3. Fill bag with crumpled newspaper (if using as a decoration) or candy and treats.
4. Gather top of bag with your hand and tie a piece of raffia around it, just below the green section. Continue tying pieces of green raffia around the neck of the bag until all of it has been used.
5. Cut a 1.5" wide strip of brown construction paper and roll up into a tube. Insert the tube of paper into the center of the green portion of the bag as the stem. If these bags are used as decoration, you can glue the stem in place.

ADDITIONAL TIPS:

- To reuse these decorations at Halloween, add jack-o'-lantern faces by gluing on yellow construction paper facial features.



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