

## Stuffed Paper Pumpkins and Ghosts

**Items you are given:** 4 pieces white cardstock, 4 pieces orange cardstock, length of string (that you will need to cut)

**Items you will need:** Pencil, scissors, black marker or crayon, white glue, several tissues, 4 paperclips, hole punch (optional-----you can also carefully use scissors to make holes)

**Step 1:** Using the patterns on the enclosed sheet (or draw your designs freehand) trace and cut out 4 pumpkins and 4 ghosts (on the orange and white paper respectfully).

**Step 2:** Put glue along the border of 2 pumpkins and 2 ghosts (**LEAVE ABOUT 2 INCHES WITHOUT GLUE, NEAR THE BOTTOM EDGE**), this unglued space is where you will add stuffing. Once you have your glue placed, put the matching shape on top and glue them securely together.

**Step 3:** Using your marker or crayon, add details to the pumpkins (both sides if you want) and ghosts. It is easier to decorate them now, before they are stuffed.

**Step 4: IMPORTANT!!!** Let the glue dry completely before stuffing. Otherwise they will pull apart when you stuff with the tissues.

**Step 5:** Once dry, stuff with tissues so your shapes puff out a bit. Use the eraser part of your pencil to help stuff them. Don't overstuff. You don't want to bust open any of the glued edges.

**Step 6:** Once stuffed to your liking, glue the openings together. Put on a paperclip to help keep them closed until the glue dries.

**Step 7:** Make a hole in the top of each one and thread a piece of string through. They are all set for hanging now. You can put them in a window, hang them from a plant, or tie them onto a stick and make a mobile. The possibilities are endless.

# Happy Halloween

